



2023 Business Meeting

Norfolk, November 20, 2023; 5 – 6 pm

Minutes compiled by current SEDAAG Secretary (2022-2024) Mark Sciuchetti

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Agenda - Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. B Graves provided an overview of the existing Executive Committee.
2. New Officers and State Reps
 - a. B Graves provided an overview of the new officers, including several state representatives (AL, FL, KY, SC, WV), Selima Sultana as President-Elect, and Sarah Praskievicz as Treasurer.
3. President's Updates (Full report in Steering Committee Reports)
 - a. B Graves thanked the local arrangements chair, Dr. Hutton, from Old Dominion and Old Dominion University. This included the Logistics Committee Members Jonathan Leib, Tom Allen, Jennifer Whytlaw, Ryley Harris, Tom Chapman, Timothy Kidd, Jessie Hobbs, and Vinicia Bunch of Old Dominion University for leading the Local Arrangements and several students from OD. The 2023 meeting sponsors were thanked, including ERSI, Virginia Tech, Open Seas, AAG, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, and Mississippi State University, who helped make a profitable meeting.
 - b. Initiatives this year:
 - i. Meeting support grant (\$1,500)
 1. Used for registration fee waivers for HCBU and CC programs (11 recipients).
 - ii. Organizational support grant (\$2,000)
 1. Used for Science Communication Fellow and other Communications
 - iii. Mini research grant program
 1. Winners Katrina Stack and Annie Elledge
 - iv. Young Professionals' lunch was very successful; thank you to the student representative, Riley Harris.
 - v. AAG Award for Program Excellence – BA degree (Samford University is a finalist, and the dossier is due to AAG by January 31).
 - c. UNC Press/Digital *Southeastern Geographer*
 - i. Improve journal experience
 - ii. Science Communication Fellow (M Walton)
 - iii. Project MUSE reports 1,827 downloads now.
 - iv. Impact factor coming 2024
4. Nominations: Honors Committee
 - a. B Graves provided an overview of the current Honors Committee and expressed the need for 2 new committee members for an upcoming 2-year term.
 - b. Gabe Schwartzman and Maegen Rochner were nominated, and all voted in favor. Both accepted the nomination for the nominations committee.
5. Nominations: Nominations Committee
 - a. B Graves provided an overview of the nominations committee and expressed the need for 1 member for this committee.
 - b. Joyce Clapp was nominated, and all voted in favor. Joyce Clapp accepted the nomination for the nominations committee.



6. Nominations: IDEAL Committee
 - a. B Graves - introduced the IDEAL geography committee that focuses on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Learning. She then introduced the current chair of the IDEAL committee, Dr. Heidi Lannon.
 - b. Timothy Mulrooney, Travis Bradsahaw, and Rafael Harun were nominated for the membership positions. All accepted the nomination, and all voted in favor.
7. Local Arrangements Update – N Hutton
 - a. N Hutton thanked the participants for attending SEDAAG. We had exactly 264 registrants with 155 presenters. Registration fees \$31,000, sponsorships \$8,000. We have made the hotel block. Stressed the importance of staying at the conference hotel in the future.
8. VP Report – A Potter
 - a. A Potter provided an overview of the submissions; see the Steering Committee report.
 - b. Encourage students to follow the directions.
 - c. 229 posters/papers in total.
9. Geography Bowl – D Drake
 - a. Great bowl this year. Dawn has led it for over 10 years.
10. Treasurer’s Report - P McDaniel
 - a. P McDaniel provided an overview of the financials, including \$180,000 currently. The cost of the Atlanta meeting had a different contract. Revenues this year (Dec. 1-Nov. 30) were \$68,000. Revenue included funding from AAG, Journal.
 - b. See the full report of finances in the Steering Committee Agenda.
 - c. Atlanta cost \$90,000 because of contract setup during the pandemic, and there were more attendees than anticipated, so higher costs.
 - d. Nov. 1 277 total membership (same as last year). Non-student members 151, Student 126.
 - e. Last year's meeting was unusual and we are not monitoring the contracts, we will go back to the usual room block rate model (B Graves)
11. Secretary’s Report and Communications Update
 - a. B Graves - highlighted the new website. M Sciuchetti updated the members on changes to email dissemination, including moving to a weekly digest.
 - b. Subscription to Constant Contact for emails
 - c. Use of Communication Fellow to disseminate research and material on social media.
12. Southeastern Geographer Editors – S Ambinakudige and B Williams
 - a. The first issue will be January 64/1 under the new editors.
 - b. Early-release articles were introduced to get more material posted online quickly until it is assigned to an issue.
 - c. Impact factor to come in 2024.
 - d. Special Issues, encouraging one special issue a year.
13. AAG – P Ehrkamp (AAG VP) H Lannon (SEDAAG Regional Councilor)
 - a. P Ehrkamp offered thanks for a successful meeting. AAG 3,500 registrants for Hawaii, lower for this time of year for conference registrants. High registration from Pacific Rim. AAG will offer a day for students at the conference (workshops, events, and Geo Bowl).
 - b. Revising the Ethics statement for the three-year revision. Email them with any suggestions.
 - c. Climate Action Task Force will become a standing committee for the AAG. Divest from fossil fuels and carbon emissions.
 - d. Call for editors for AAG review of books and the Annals. When calls are coming up, please come to serve!



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14. SEDAAG 2024

- a. Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC
- b. Nov. 23-25 Hyatt Regency Downtown
- c. Geoffrey Habron, Furman University

15. Other Comments

- a. B Graves – Meeting in 2025 Lexington, KY, and looking for pitches for the 2026 meeting.
- b. D Alderman – Request to thank Bill Graves for his service.
- c. B Graves - Thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as President of SEDAAG. B Graves called a close to the business meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:58 PM EST.