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**2024 Steering Committee Minutes**  
**Sunday, November 24. 8:30am-11:00am**

**Teal Ballroom**

**(Breakfast will be provided)**

**Paper Free Meeting:**

**Reports available here: <https://sedaag.org/meeting-reports/>**

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Thanks to outgoing officers and representatives.
3. Update on SEDAAG meetings
  - a. SEDAAG 2024 Greenville Meeting
  - b. General guidelines on meeting pricing discussion
  - c. 2025 meeting Update: Lexington, KY (Room: \$139/Night in Hilton Lexington Downtown) (Contact person: Matt Willson, UKY)
    - i. Links on the website for SEDAAG currently, look out for updates
  - d. 2026 meeting Update: Tuscaloosa, AL
  - e. 2027 meeting Update: Possibly in Nashville (main organizers at Tennessee State University—in communications)
4. Finances
  - a. Since last year
    - i. Report on the current state of finances with income from the conference. Looking at a profiting meeting this year.
  - b. Registration price
    - i. Discussion of raising the registration prices and future cost of the meeting.
    - ii. We had no sponsors for the lunches and there is a need for sponsorships to keep cost low.
    - iii. Question about registration



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- iv. Heidi Lannon moves to increase student registration to \$95 and Faculty to \$200. Seconded by Clay Tucker.
    - 1. Motion withdrawn
  - v. Question about a sliding cost for registration for faculty.
  - vi. Question on why registration moved to \$95?
  - vii. Change registration process to have members pay for the banquet and the YP lunch separate and keep registration costs low.
- c. A/V equipment
- i. Purchase A/V equipment for SEDAAAG at around the cost of \$2,250 for eight sets.
  - ii. Motion from Biran Williams to authorize the purchase of A/V equipment to be maintained and curated by the SEDAAAG Steering Committee.
  - iii. Second by Amy Potter
  - iv. Motion passes unanimous
- d. Membership prices
- i. No discussion for change.
- e. AAG Support Grants
- i. Membership grant (\$1,500) 20 individuals award from HBCU.
5. Future of Young professionals' lunch
- a. 60% of membership is students, we need to consider continuing this but think about the financial cost.
6. Future of State rep position responsibility
- a. Can we make SEDAAAG State Representative to organize Geo Bowl?
    - i. State Representatives to be engaged with departments and organization of possible teams for Geo Bowl.



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7. We are a globally visible organization
  - a. Notes from the October Project MUSE activity report
8. Formalize the Geo Bowl and Education Committees
9. Endowment Committee (New Initiative?)
  - a. SEDAAG Travel Grant/Registration offer for Students?
10. State Report Highlights (State Representatives)
  - a. No report from AL
  - b. GA report increase in enrollment, have been declines in Human Geography course offerings.
  - c. Kentucky – only three responses from Universities, possibly issues with connection to SEDAAG. “All those who answered were connected to growth and more GISciences. UKY worried about geography and the state, moving toward the interdisciplinary nature of geography. Kentucky does not have a good fit with SEDAAG, how can we create more of a connection?
  - d. Mississippi – Two of eight responses, stability in the departments. Large cuts in departments that may come across the state.
  - e. North Carolina – 14 programs in the state, four responses. The storm created issues for the state that caused issues in report responses.
  - f. South Carolina – 7 institutions with major and minors. Divisions between Human and Physical, but healthy. Some transition in faculty and lines, but stable. Concern about the meeting of when it is held (week before Thanksgiving).
  - g. Tennessee – 9 universities with 6 responses. Geography is doing well and coming back. Some decline in undergraduate courses, but increase in graduate courses. General growth in majors across the state.



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- h. Virginia – 11 universities in VA, received responses from 8, all in stable or growing condition.
- i. West Virginia – 5 of 8 responses. Marshall is the only department with Geography fully in the department.
- j. Florida in good standing for the four universities that responded to the survey. Mostly Geosciences/Physical programs. Suggesting growth with AI and physical geography. Need more interaction with SEDAAG
- k. Useful if State Representatives can get contact for all students from that state as first time attendees at the end of the conference.

## 11. Vice President and Program Chair Report (Potter)

- a. 400 registrants for this SEDAAG, paper sessions up 25, papers up 40. A general increase from last year.
- b. Updates to submission process (see reports).
- c. Try and be careful on submissions, having multiple submissions from one person makes it difficult to schedule, so just be mindful of submissions.
- d. Bring Undergraduate submission in line with other submissions?

## 12. Treasurer's Report (Praskievicz)

- a. See attached report.

## 13. Secretary/Webmaster's Report and Communications (Sciuchetti)

- a. See attached report

## 14. Student Representative Update (Flach)

- a. Young professionals lunch, needs more transparency for the event, more social media. Marketing!

**Break... Resume at 10am**



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## 15. Geography Bowl Report (Drake)

- a. Thank you for all support.
- b. Create a standing World Geography Bowl Committee
  - i. Jamison Conely, Leeann Nolen, Mark Sciuchetti, Joshua Hodge, Ethan Bottone, Paul McDaniel, Dawn Bowen,
  - ii. Motion to approve the committee, Mark Sciuchetti
  - iii. Seconded by Clay Tucker
  - iv. Approved by the Steering Committee

## 16. *Southeastern Geographer* Report (Ambinakudige and Williams)

- a. Increased number of book reviews
- b. Slight decline in number of manuscript submissions, Nov-Oct 19 scholarly submissions (12 accepted).
- c. Operating surplus each year, but down from usual, but this is from a decreased download and click rate.
- d. Journal impact factor is 0.7 (middle of the road with Geography journals, most high impact regional journal in the United States. Determined by number of citations in the first year of publication.
- e. Updated guidelines on the website to allow for a five-day turnaround.  
Citations are no longer included in the length of an article.

## 17. AAG Southeastern Div. Regional Councilor update (Lannon)

- a. Financial issues with AAG, can not keep conference as main source of funding.
- b. Hawaii meeting made money, but the virtual part did not.
- c. Detroit 2025, San Francisco 2026, New York 2027, possible hybrid meeting in 2028
- d. Reduced staff at AAG by 8 people



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- e. GenA initiative to engage undergraduates – Bill Mosley.
18. IDEAL Committee (Clay Tucker)
    - a. Support IDEAL support see the stickers for pronouns.
    - b. Representing underrepresented populations
    - c. Be sure we look at connections to the Grants and those represent/receiving.
  19. Honors Committee (Michael Ewers)
  20. Nominations Committee (Jordan Cissell)
  21. Education Committee Report (Jennifer Rhan)
  22. SEDAAG 2024, Greenville, SC (Geoffrey)
  23. SEDAAG 2025, Lexington, KY
  24. SEDAAG 2026, Tuscaloosa, AL
  25. SEDAAG 2027, Nashville, TN?
  26. New business?

**Meeting Adjourned 11:20am**