**2024 Business Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, November 25. 5:15pm-6:00pm**

**Teal Ballroom**

**Paper Free Meeting:**

**Reports available here:** [**https://sedaag.org/meeting-reports/**](https://sedaag.org/meeting-reports/)

**Agenda – Minutes**

1. Welcome and Introductions
   1. Thanks to outgoing officers as reported on the sedaag.org website.
2. Outgoing New Officers and State Reps
   1. Outgoing Student Representative: Jessica Flach, University of South Carolina
   2. Outgoing Treasurer: Sarah Praskievicz, UNC Greensboro
   3. Outgoing Secretary: Mark Sciuchetti, Jacksonville State University
   4. Outgoing Vice President: Amy Potter, Georgia Southern
   5. Incoming Vice President: Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University (2024-2026)
   6. Incoming Secretary: Caroline H McClure, Georgia State University (2024-2026)
   7. Incoming Treasurer: Mark Sciuchetti, Jacksonville State University (2025)
   8. Incoming Student Representative: Katrina Ward, University of Kentucky (2024-2025)
   9. Thank you to our outgoing Science Communication Fellow, Margaret Walton (2023-2024)
   10. Thank you to our incoming Digital Curation Fellow, Shelia Jebiwott (2024-2025)
3. President’s Updates (Full report in Steering Committee Reports)
   1. SEDAAG 2024 Greenville Meeting
      1. 425 registrants attending, membership has also increased higher than before COVID and 60% are students in the region.
   2. General guidelines on meeting pricing discussion
      1. No increase in membership prices
      2. Sponsorship helps to keep down the cost of registration. We need to continue sponsorship.
   3. SEDAAG Membership prices
   4. AAG Grants
      1. Received $1,500 for student registration and AAG an additional $500 to offer free membership to those receiving the registration waivers.
      2. Received by two HBCU and MSSI Faculty members and 18 students!
      3. $2,500 for the Digital Curation Fellow awarded by AAG.
   5. Initiatives this year – Meet and Greet, Stickers
      1. So well attended we ran out of the 100 first time stickers to hand out! Great initiative.
      2. Formalization of the Keynote before the reception which was well attended (200+)
   6. *Southeastern Geographer* Update
      1. Journal and digital subscription is doing well. Very few people opted in for the print copy.
   7. Organizational transparency
      1. Streamline communication with members
      2. Re-establishment of the Endowment Committee
   8. Approved A/V equipment purchase
      1. Sponsorship of Furman to cover $15,000 of A/V cost this year.
      2. In future we realized that we need to move to a new model for A/V so we will be purchasing equipment.
   9. State Representatives Reports:
      1. State of the filed is consistent with growth in some states/areas and sustainability in others.
   10. 2025 meeting Update: Lexington, KY (Room: $139/Night in Hilton Lexington Downtown) (Contact person: Matt Willson, UKY)
   11. Links on the website for SEDAAG currently, look out for updates
   12. 2026 meeting Update: Tuscaloosa, AL
   13. 2027 meeting Update: Possibly in Nashville (main organizers at Tennessee State University—in communications)
4. Nominations: **Honors Committee**:
   1. Outgoing Members: Michael Ewers, Saeideh Gharehchahi, Jonathan Kozar, Ingrid Luffman
   2. Paul Knapp, UNC Greensboro
   3. Helen Rosko, Georgia Southern
   4. Sandy Marshall, Elon University
   5. Amber Ignatius, University of North Georgia
   6. Heidi Lannon moves to approve the slate of candidates, Amy Potter seconds, voted unanimously
5. Nominations: **Nominations Committee:**
   1. Outgoing Members: Jordan Cissell, Madhuri Sharma
   2. Michael Ewers, UNC-Charlotte
   3. Cara Robinson, Tennessee State University
   4. Dawn Drake moves to approve the slate of candidates, Amy Potter seconds, voted unanimously.
6. Nominations: **IDEAL Committee:**
   1. Outgoing Members: Michele Abee, Zainab Ali
   2. Gaby Hammerlink, University of Florida
   3. Jessie Laing, Northwest Missouri State
   4. Dawn Drake moves to approve the slate of candidates, Heidi Lannon seconds, voted unanimously.
7. Formalize Undergraduate Education Committee:
   1. Jennifer Rahn and Phillip Schmutz (co-chair)
   2. Members: Heidi Lannon, Matt Cook, Jacqueline Gallagher
   3. Dawn Drake moves to approve the slate of candidates, Caleb seconds, voted unanimously.
8. Formalize GeoBowl Committee:
   1. Dawn Drake (Director)
   2. Members: Jamison Conley, LeeAnn Nolan, Paul McDaniel, Joshua Hodge, Mark Sciuchetti, Ethan Bottone, Dawn Bowen.
   3. Tyler moves to approve the slate of candidates, Dawn Drake seconds, voted unanimously.
9. Geography Bowl – D Drake
   1. KY played TN-GA team in the playoffs then Student Allstars vs. Faculty Dream Team
10. VP Report – A Potter
    1. Growth over last year. 2023-25 papers sessions 2024 – 28; 2023 papers 138 2024 papers 174
    2. Overall numbers found in the VP report in the steering committee reports.
    3. Changes in process of submissions with focus on use of Google Forms
    4. Live updates to the program to make easy access to changes as they come in to the VP.
    5. Submissions moved up by a week to help facilitate the construction of the program and the A/V needs.
11. Treasurer’s Report – S. Praskievicz
    1. Given by Mark Sciuchetti – Reports found in Steering committee reports
12. Secretary’s Report and Communications Update – M. Sciuchetti
    1. Full report found in Steering committee reports
13. Southeastern Geographer Editors – S Ambinakudige and B Williams
    1. Book review editor and new editorial assistant for the journal.
    2. Early release section of the journal ahs been successful. Articles appear 3-4 days after thay have been accepted.
    3. Increase in expenses and the production expenses from Duke University Press.
    4. Slight decline in revenue because of a decrease in subscriptions but looking to reverse in the near future.
    5. Have a hard hit on digital clicks on the journal and the articles. We need to encourage more clicks on the journal articles in ProjectMuse and JSTOR. Link directly to ProjectMuse, EBSCO, etc in our classes to increase the clicks to help revenue.
    6. Impact Factor of 0.7 which his helped by the clicks and citations of articles in SEG.
14. AAG – H Lannon (SEDAAG Regional Councilor)
    1. Largest region in AAG, doing well for the group.
    2. AAG will be in Detroit, San Franscico, and then New York
    3. Send all feedback to AAG for the Council to Heidi
15. SEDAAG 2025
    1. Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY
    2. Matthew Wilson, University of Kentucky
    3. Hilton Lexington Downtown ($139 per night conference rate)
16. Other Comments

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:10 PM EST.