

Minutes for the Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG) Business Meeting at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. San Francisco, CA

Session 4738, Union Square 11, 4th Floor, 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM, Friday, 4/1/2016

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG)

Past Chair: Heike Alberts (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh)

Chair: Madhuri Sharma (University of Tennessee)

Vice Chair: Edris Montalvo (Cameron University)

Secretary/Treasurer: Elizabeth Chacko, (George Washington University)

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Dave Kaplan

Michael Webb

Holly Barcus

1. Call to order at 7:12PM by Chair Alberts:
 - a. Welcome to all.
2. Chairs' Comments
 - a. Chair Alberts recognized Susan Hardwick and spoke about the session in her honor at the AAG meeting. It was noted that many individuals spoke on her behalf and Alberts noted that Dr. Hardwick was posthumously awarded the EGSG Career Award. Alberts said that the award would also be announced at the AAG luncheon.
 - b. Alberts announced that Lawrence Estaville received the AAG Diversity Award for this year and that the award will be announced at the AAG luncheon.
3. Approval of minutes for the 2015 EGSG business meeting in Chicago, IL.
 - a. Motion to approve by Ira Sheskin, seconded by John Frazier. Motion passed.
4. Chair Alberts reports from the AAG Chair's Meeting
 - a. This year's AAG featured 1731 sessions and over 9000 registered participants.
 - b. The AAG announced that AAG dues will be reduced for students and that student paper competition award winners at regional meetings will receive support to attend the annual meeting.
 - c. Subheadings in the Annals will be eliminated.
5. Vote about revised bylaws.

- a. An update to the bylaws was sent via email March 18. Alberts explained that some updates, corrections, and additions were necessary. A motion was made to approve the bylaws by Susan Hume, second by Ana Sanchez. Motion Passed.
6. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - a. Montalvo reported that at the time of the meeting, the ESGS balance was \$1,283.48. This included deductions for the 2016 EGSG student awards and reimbursements for plaques. It was noted that the current financial status of the EGSG was healthy especially considering the EGSG's \$1,000 contribution to the forthcoming REP in Kent, Ohio.
7. EGSG Newsletter Report
 - a. Ira Sheskin mentioned that due to a family emergency, Tom Boswell was unable to attend. The EGSG asked Sheskin to relay to Tom that the EGSG wished him and his family well.
 - b. As a result, the newsletter would be delayed by several weeks. Alberts explained that Boswell is stepping down from formal newsletter duties but would still support the new editors. Submissions to the newsletter were encouraged.
8. EGSG Student Paper Competition and Dissertation Proposal Awards
 - a. Michael Webb announced the winner of the EGSG Student Paper Competition as Scott Markley from the University of Tennessee. His paper was titled "Examining the Geographies of Infill New Urbanism in Atlanta's Suburbs."
 - b. Paul McDaniel announced the winner of the Dissertation Proposal Award. The winner was Emily Mitchell-Eaton from the Syracuse University for her proposal, "Negotiating 'Free Association' in the U.S. Colonial Present: Intra-Empire Migration from the Marshall Islands to Arkansas."
9. Carlos Teixeira provided an overview of the EGSG Awards.
 - a. Teixeira thanked Alberts and the Awards Committee.
 - b. There was no Distinguished Scholar Award recipient this year.
 - c. There was no Service Award recipient this year.
 - d. The 2017 Distinguished Career Award winner is Derek Alderman from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.
 - e. John Frazier mentioned Alderman's support for REP and his election as Vice President of the AAG.
 - f. The 2016 Distinguished Scholar and Career awards were awarded to John Frazier and Dave Kaplan, respectively. Their plaques were awarded during special sessions at the AAG meeting.
10. Chair Alberts discussed the EGSG website.
 - a. Ezra Zeitler wants to step down as website coordinator. He expressed concerns with a university hosting the EGSG website as this creates a dependency on the webmaster at that university. A discussion was held as to how to move forward.

Sheskin mentioned that AAG should provide website space for an EGSG website. Alderman mentioned that he would mention it to the AAG, but that a formal proposal would also be helpful.

- b. Matt Cook and Michael Webb were declared by acclamation to be co-webmasters.

11. Report about REP VIII

- a. Frazier introduced Kaplan who gave an update on REP VIII.

12. Other Business

- a. Chair Alberts encouraged ideas for special sessions to be organized for the 2017 AAG meeting in Boston and to email the EGSG program committee with suggestions. She also encouraged ideas for any EGSG fieldtrips.
- b. Alberts mentioned that next year is the 25th anniversary of the EGSG. Ideas for sessions recognizing the 25th anniversary of the EGSG in Boston were encouraged.

13. Items from the floor

- a. Chair Alberts thanked everyone who contributed to the EGSG and Frazier moved that the EGSG recognize Alberts' excellent leadership..
- b. Ira Sheskin spoke about REP VIII being the last REP and efforts to find it a home. Sheskin asked if hosting the conference within the EGSG would be a possibility. Kaplan mentioned that for the conference to continue it may need to shrink in size.
- c. Kaplan mentioned that he is the editor of the Geographical Review and solicited papers. He emphasized the quick turnaround and feedback.
- d. Alderman mentioned that the University of Tennessee is hosting an AAG leadership workshop and taking over Early Career Workshop.

14. EGSG Elections:

- a. Ballots for EGSG positions were passed out and Edris Montalvo counted the ballots later. The current committee roster is as follows:

Current Members: Ethnic Geography Specialty Group [2016-2017]

Past Chair, Heike Alberts, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, 2016-2018 [alberts@uwosh.edu]

Chair, Madhuri Sharma, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2016-2018 [msharma3@utk.edu]

Vice Chair: Edris Montalvo, Cameron University, 2016-2018 [emontalv@cameron.edu]

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Board of Directors (8 members, including 1 student member)

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Dave Kaplan, Kent State Univ., OH, 2016-2018 [dkaplan@kent.edu]

Michael Webb, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 2016-2018 [webbmd@email.unc.edu]

Holly Barcus, Macalester College, MN, 2016-2018 [barcus@macalester.edu]

Standing Committees: EGSG Awards Committee (5 members) (Responsible for Distinguished Ethnic Geography Scholar; Outstanding Ethnic Geography Service; and Outstanding Ethnic Geography Career Awards)

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Elizabeth Chacko, George Washington University, 2015-2017 [echacko@gwu.edu]

Kanika Verma, Texas Christian University, 2015-2017 [kanika.verma@tcu.edu]

Student Awards Committee

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Dissertation Proposal (3 Members)

Susan Hume, Southern Illinois University, 2016-2018 [shume@siue.edu]

Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, 2016-2018 [carlos.teixeira@ubc.ca]

Paul McDaniel, Kennesaw State University, 2015-2017 [pmcdan11@kennesaw.edu]

Outstanding Ethnic Geography Student Paper (3 Members)

David Kaplan, Kent State University, 2016-2018 [dkaplan@kent.edu]

Reuben Allen, Ball State University, 2015-2017 [rjallen@bsu.edu]

Michael Webb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2015-2017 [webbmd@email.unc.edu]

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14. Adjourned