

LASG Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 4/6/2017, 7:10-7:40 pm
Marriot, Boston
LASG Officers in Attendance:
Johnny Finn, Chair
Federica Bono, Vice Chair
Denielle Perry, Secretary-Treasurer

1. Chair's Report (Radel)

a. Minutes from the 2016 San Francisco meeting were approved by the floor - Claudia Radel motioned to approve and John XXX second. Vote to approve

b. Johnny discussed size of this year's AAG and future size.

c. Updates re LASG at AAG 2017

- Sponsoring or co-sponsoring 19 sessions
- Organized 2 special sessions:
 - Implications of a Trump Administration on Latin America Geography
 - Critical Geography in Latin America
- Contributed funding to bring Rogerio da Costa from Brazil
- Co-sponsoring party event with CLAG

d. Graduate Student Directors - Three grad student directors– postpone elections until after an editor can be found. Historically involved with CLAG newsletter. However, CLAG would like to hire an editor for the newsletter and no longer utilize the grad student directors. Question remains whether we should bring on student directors in the future and if so, how many? We are not beholden to 3 – number can change.

2. Vice-Chair's Report on Student Awards (Federica Bono)

a. Federica thanked award committees. There were 13 proposals for the field study award this year, an increase due to the increased amount of the award.

b. 2017 Award Winners

i. Field Study Awards: Phd award: Jared Von Ramshorst (\$1,000) and MA award: Leila Donn (\$500).

ii. Paper Awards: Phd award: Mara Noguiera (\$200); There were no submissions for the MA/MS.

c. Discussion possible changes to award structure because of category change. Revisited last year's discussion of co-author paper award and then choice to funnel more money toward field study award by cutting money of paper awards which resulted in our current model – 1

PhD \$1000 and 1MA/MS \$500 for field study 1PhD \$200/1MA \$100 paper with fast track to Journal of Latin American Geographer.

d. Finn reviewed award submissions for this year and the previous year and recommended future elimination of the multi-authored paper award due to lack of submissions and lack of funds. LASG membership voted to continue the award one more year to collect a third year of data and to revisit the issue at the next business meeting. Submissions on this new model have gone down. Wondering whether we should keep the awards with no submissions.
Commentary:

1. Student mentioned word limit for paper was a deterrent given it's supposed to be published. She felt need to cut and rearrange detracted from purpose.
2. Suggestion to change communication method to grad students. Focus on members we already have – officers create a forum at AAG – use social media to promote.
3. Finn says we use listserves and other social media platforms
4. Student suggests awards are important and perhaps a word limit change would facilitate more submissions.
5. Faculty encouragement would be helpful
6. Discussion of co-authored paper submission category
7. Finn asks whether we should increase dues to \$5/\$10
 - a. Several people backed this suggestion
 - b. Former chair says in previous years they decided to bump up faculty dues and keep student rates at \$2.00
 - c. AAG membership costs \$50 hard for international members.

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- a. Membership: Current membership is **448**, down 69 from Fall's 517. Of those members **212** are students, 236 are faculty or research scientists.

LASG balance as of February 28 was **5668.49**. Taking into account the \$500 for the party tonight, this year's three student awards totaling 1700-no MA paper, and the \$250 contribution for Rogerio da Costa's travel, that leaves a balance of \$3218.49.

212 Students/ 448 members

Academic Year	Dues	Balance
2013-2014	\$1,792	\$4,794.78
2014-2015	\$2,012	\$4,067.49
2015-2016	\$1,864	\$4,131.49
2016-2017	\$729	\$4860.49
2017		

b. Budget

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>8/31/15</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 4,067.49</i>
9/30/15	Dues Collected for Sept 2015	114.00		4,181.49
10/31/15	Dues Collected for Oct 2015	632.00		4,813.49
11/30/15	Dues collected for Nov. 2015	78.00		4,891.49
12/31/15	Dues collected for Dec. 2015	166.00		5,057.49
1/31/16	Dues collected for Jan. 2016	174.00		5,231.49
2/29/16	Dues collected for Feb. 2016	230.00		5,461.49
3/29/16	Tubbeh - MA/MS Field Study Award		(500.00)	4,961.49
3/29/16	Sauls - Field Study Award-PhD		(1,000.00)	3,961.49
3/29/16	Sauls - Best Paper Co-authored		(100.00)	3,861.49
3/29/16	Millington - Best Paper- PhD		(200.00)	3,661.49
3/31/16	Dues collected for March	108.00		3,769.49
4/30/16	Dues collected for April	20.00		3,789.49
5/31/16	Dues collected for May	96.00		3,885.49
6/30/16	Dues collected for June	74.00		3,959.49
7/31/16	Dues collected for July	60.00		4,019.49
8/31/16	Dues collected for Aug	112.00		4,131.49
8/31/16	Balance			4,131.49
<i>8/31/16</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 4,131.49</i>

9/30/16	Dues Collected for Sept 2016	125.00		4,256.49
10/31/16	Dues Collected for Oct 2016	604.00		4,860.49
11/17/16	Conf. of Latin Am Geographers SG event at AM17	250.00		5,110.49
11/30/16	Dues collected for Nov 2016	236.00		5,346.49
12/31/16	Dues collected for Dec 2016	80.00		5,426.49
1/31/17	Dues collected for Jan 2017	158.00		5,584.49
2/28/17	Dues collected for Feb 2017	84.00		5,668.49
2/28/17	Balance			5,668.49