

Agenda for the Business Meeting
2007 AAG Meeting in San Francisco
Ethnic Geography Specialty Group

Session 3341, Union Square 18, 11:50-12:50pm Thursday April 19, 2007

Chair: Wei Li (Arizona State University)

Vice Chair: Emily Skop (University of Texas at Austin)

Secretary/Treasurer: James Smith (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

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John Frazier (University of Binghamton)

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Wei Li (Arizona State University)

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1. Introduction of new members of EGSG who are attending the business meeting.

Opening-1152- Wei Li; with rice crackers! 15th anniversary; introduction of board members; welcome for new members-Ramon Concepcion-SUNY Binghamton; Neil Jacobs, Faculty in Linguistics at Ohio State; Maduree Sharma;

2. Approval of Minutes for the business meeting of EGSG during the Chicago AAG meeting. (Emily Skop - University of Texas at Austin)

Minutes approved by voice vote.

3. EGSG has 29 sponsored sessions for the 2007 AAG meetings. This compares with 18 in 2006, 15 in 2005, and 12 in 2004.

Greater impact with > # of sessions;

4. Membership report – John Frazier: EGSG has 189 members as of 3/14/07, of which 116 are regular members and 73 are student members; compared to 218 members last year (167 regular and 51 students). **EGSG has 27 international members, including 1 each from Germany, Switzerland and Turkey; 2 each from Australia, Ireland, and Japan; 6 from UK, and 12 from Canada.** A membership committee is established, chaired by John Frazier with Ezra Zeitler.

51 fewer non-student members; thus a marketing initiative to address the issues. IS-suggestion to send via-email. Flyer available on website in PDF format. DK-concern due to the fact that AAG #'s are up, yet ours are not; JF-this drop on the heels of a gain. JF-idea to send out a periodic reminder; LE-online keyword searches. AA-possibility of offering

membership to EGSG but not AAG? JF-nearly 1300 at REP III in San Marcos. So this could be a great idea. IS-with listserv run by AAG, non-members are not on listserve. Create our own? LE-suggestion for scholars outside to attend and present.

5. Treasurer's Report – Jim Smith: the balance in EGSG's bank account was \$1,239.97 on January 31, 2007, up from \$859.97 on August 31, 2006. JMS-disbursement of award money, sharp drop in amount, but EGSG will recover through payment of dues. 2x \$250 and one award of \$150.
6. Report on the EGSG Newsletter – Ira brought hard copies of newsletter to the meeting on behalf of Tom.
IS-One of the best of all the specialty groups. Suggestion to have members respond to Tom in reference to latest publications, research awards, grants etc. WL-strong approval of this suggestion. Susan H and Jim Allen as well. AA-suggestion to have student award winners send their info.
7. Report on EGSG's Web Site – Ezra Zeitler-URL modified in front part of newsletter (unl.edu/geography/ethnic)
8. Report on EGSG's Student Paper Competition – Stavros Constantinou; Jim Smith will represent EGSG to AAG award luncheon, along with awardees. Stavros-eight submissions, strong topics from varied regions of world; agreed on common criteria and one winner-Brian Dunbar; Stavros efforts to secure color certificates; Micheline van Riemsdijk, second place award;
9. Report on the Best Dissertation Proposal award – Dave Kaplan, on behalf of Heather Smith)
Wei expressed pride in Heather Smith's efforts; DK-committee decide on a clear winner; Ipsita Chaterjee; topic was ethnic but international in focus with a rich set of methods.
10. Report on EGSG's Distinguished Scholar Award – Carlos Teixeira
CT-for last five years on committee; challenge to committee; great nominations, award goes to Ceri Peach, School of Geography at Oxford; his specialties are ethnicity in Britain, race and ethnic geography in cities; person needs to be there to get award! Motion was discussed and approved. To possibly replace with an alternate, if the awardee decides s/he can't come, say, one month before annual meeting...DK and ES-do not agree; IS-can be changed, JF-award can be withheld for one year; LE-can be postponed one year; JAllen-strong agreement to not get second person in at last minute; LE-make this a motion-SH seconded-motion passed to reject second.
11. Report on EGSG's 15-year history: 'From San Diego to San Francisco: 15 years of Ethnic Geography Specialty Group' – Emily Skop-display of MS Excel spreadsheet that keeps historical record of our group; LE-a generation of change that makes us proud and a cause for celebration that strengthens our group-Wei-thank you for being one of our

founders; Jim Allen-a specialty group whose time had and has come-applause for Lawrence

12. Report on Specialty Group chair meeting – Wei Li: issues-

- 1) AAG Council decided to expand AAG-affiliated membership for Developing Country geographers by having a \$20 annual membership for current members to sponsor geographers in the developing countries. This special membership ONLY provides online access of AAG materials, such as journals and newsletters, not hard copy. Wei-this is especially important
- 2) AAG has 53 SG and 23 committees; one example-International Collaboration Committee will include all areal study SG chairs as ex-officios.
- 3) SF AAG-largest number of attendees ever-6500 attendees with 65 concurrent sessions; about 15% non-geogs and 23% overseas attendees; Boston thus becomes a challenge due to hotel capacity-can only hold 50 concurrent sessions.
- 4) Incoming President, Tom Baerwald-make the field more interdisciplinary. Discuss in SGs; Wei-circulated suggestions.

13. EGSG's Distinguished Service Award – 2007 recipient: Carlos Teixeira

Supported unanimously!! Wei-Board wants to thank Carlos for his superb and continuous service; 2003-motion passed to give award every other year-this has not been the pattern. Suggest to give board the discretion to award service award as they see fit.

DK-move to support motion, Wei also-voice vote-passed

14. Election of new Distinguished Scholar Award Committee: the term of the current committee, Carlos Teixeira (chair), Jennifer Helzer and Wei Li (who was replaced by David Kaplan this year), expires this year.

Wei-bylaws require new committee members; how many should serve? Any new volunteers?

Carlos-suggests having 4 or 5 rather than 3; DK-4 would be OK; LE 2nds; Voice vote approval of 4 members; LE-nominates Eugene Tetty-Fio - passed by voice vote; Jim A nominates Susan Hume-passed by voice; voice vote for DK to remain on Committee and Heather Smith to serve on the committee.

15. Election of board members: the term expires for four current board members, Dave Kaplan and Monica Stodolska (elected 2004); Heather Smith and John Frazier (elected 2005).

Currently five regular Board members; Board suggests retaining Dave Kaplan and John Frazier; Heather volunteers to stay if approved; Emily-nominates Joy Adams of Humboldt State-approved by voice.

consensus; motion to approve current members-passed by voice vote.

16. Suggestions for EGSG paper sessions, field trips, and a dinner for the 2008 AAG meeting in Boston

Suggestions (Joy Adams) to link with Harvard Sociology Department, among others; linguistics suggested as a topic area; Susan Hardwick -increase connections with CAG-organize this in Boston.

John Frazier-REP IV in Miami-all royalties from book supports conferences; LE deserves applause for superb work on REP III in TX; Eugene, JF, Mark, Ira and Tom Boswell.

17. Other business?

Informational Items:

- Congratulations to Kay Anderson (Western Sydney University, Australia) for receiving the Ethnic Geography Distinguished Scholar award for 2007. Her major contributions to the field of geography were made in cultural geography; critical race studies; multiculturalism; urban enclaves; urban Aboriginality; the cultural politics of nation-building; culture/nature/colonialism; human-animal relations; colonial discourses of 'the human'. Her seminal book *Vancouver's Chinatown: Racial Discourse in Canada 1875-1980* was chosen as an "outstanding book" by The Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the US and awarded the John Porter Prize of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. In 2004, she became an Elected Academician, Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences of the UK.
- **EGSG's former chair and long-time member** Carlos Teixeira received the "Order of Portugal" (Commander - Ordem do Infante D. Henrique) at the University of British Columbia-Okanagan, Canada, October 2005. **The Portuguese Ambassador to Canada presented the honour to Dr. Teixeira in an official ceremony.** Carlos also received tenure and promotion this year. Congratulations to Carlos!
- EGSG's website is: <http://www.unl.edu/ag/geography/ethnic/>. Thanks to Ezra Zeitler (University of Nebraska at Lincoln) for serving as our webmaster.
- If you are not on the Listserv for EGSG, or you have changed your e-mail address please contact the AAG at www.AAG.org. The AAG is now maintaining EGSG's e-mail list. Be sure to let them know that you want your correct e-mail address added to the listserv and mailing lists for EGSG.