

LATIN AMERICA SPECIALTY GROUP
Business Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2012
7:00-8:00 pm
Liberty 5, Sheraton Hotel, 3rd Floor
NY, NY, USA

LASG Officers in Attendance:

Craig S. Revels, Central Washington University, Chair
David S. Salisbury, University of Richmond, Vice-Chair

1. Craig Revels, LASG chair, called the meeting to order and presented the agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

Craig Revels, Chair, in the absence of the Secretary Treasurer, went over the report. The report is attached to these minutes.

3. 2011 LASG Student Awards

The chair announced the student winner (Martha Bell) of the Best Paper Award, at the PhD level, and presented the check. No award was made this year for best student paper at the masters level.

The chair, Craig Revels, announced the student winners (Christine Bonthius, Mireya Bravo, Gary Lavanchy) of the Field Study Awards and presented the check to Bravo who was present. The checks for Bonthius and Lavanchy will be mailed following the AAG meetings, as they were not present at the LASG business meeting.

Certificates for all winners will be mailed once in hand.

Best Paper (Ph.D. level) Martha Bell, Penn State, *The Consolidation of Colonial Hydraulics: Cycles, Flows, and Processions in Municipal Water Management in 17th Century Lima*
Christine Bonthius (Master's level, UT-Austin): *Avulsive rivers and alluvial mega-fan adjustment in the Chaco Plain: a historical analysis of channel migration and flooding in the Pilcomayo River Basin*

Mireya Bravo (Ph.D., Clark): *Multi-stakeholder action, sustainability development and biodiversity conservation: The Oxapampa-Ashaninka-Yanesha Biosphere Reserve in Peru as a new environmental institution*

Gary Lavanchy (Ph.D., University of Denver): *The Political Ecology of Water in Tourism Development (Playa Gigante, Nicaragua)*

4. Officer Elections: Chair and Vice-Chair

The two-year term of office for Chair and Vice-Chair has ended. The chair, Craig Revels, sought nominations for incoming officers over several months leading up to the business meeting. No nominations have been received. The chair, Craig Revels, asked for nominations from the floor. None were immediately forthcoming. The chair nominated the vice-chair, David Salisbury, for the chair. David Salisbury was unanimously elected by voice vote of the membership. The chair, Craig Revels, asked for nominations from the floor again for vice-chair. Betty Smith was nominated. Betty Smith was unanimously elected by voice vote of the membership.

5. Discussion of Remaining Business from 2011 Meeting

None

6. New Business from the Chair

The chair, Craig Revels, reported news from the meeting of AAG specialty group chairs as follows.

- 6100 abstracts and 8700+ papers at the meeting, the largest ever.
- Increasingly interactive AAG website useful for information and for controlling flow of information to member inboxes.
- AAG considering rotating specialty group meetings with regional meetings to lower numbers at national AAG meeting. Idea just being considered at this point.

No new business was raised by the officers or the membership, and the meeting was adjourned.

Association of American Geographers
Specialty Groups Financial Report
December 31, 2011
Latin America Specialty Group

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
08/31/10	Balance Forward			<i>\$4,091.48</i>
	Dues, Sept. 2010-Mar. 2011	\$1422.00		5,513.48
	Dues, April 2011-Aug. 2011	\$ 471.00		5,984.48
04/12/11	Bellante—Field Study Award			
	-MA Level		\$ 300.00	5,684.48
	Richards—Best Paper Award		\$ 500.00	5,184.48
	-Doctoral Level			
	Schnakenberg—Field Study Award		\$ 600.00	4,584.48
	-Doctoral Level			
08/31/11	Balance Forward			<i>\$4,584.48</i>
	Dues, Sept. 2011-Dec. 2011		\$1,024.00	5,608.48

Current LASG Membership
(Feb. 17, 2012)

526 total