

Latin America Specialty Group  
Annual Business Meeting  
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Wednesday, 4/10/2013,  
San Fernando, Westin, Lobby Level

LASG Officers in Attendance:

David S. Salisbury, Chair

Betty Smith, Vice-Chair

Steven Rainey, Secretary-Treasurer arrived late due to delayed flight.

1. David Salisbury, Chair, called the meeting to order and presented the agenda.
2. 2012 minutes approved
3. Chair's report
  - a. The chair shared that LASG Paper Award received no submissions. Recognized preparedness of existing committee:
    - i. Committee: David Cochran, Chair; Austin Avwundiogba; Elvin Delgado
    - ii. Also asked membership to encourage graduate students to submit to future competitions.
    - iii. Noted CLAG paper committee also had no submissions.
    - iv. Some discussion about whether students should have to attend and present at conference if they submit a paper.
  - b. Chair asked if membership thought LASG website should be moved from Utah State site to AAG site. Arguments included
    - i. relieve Claudia Radel of burden
    - ii. more sustainable over the long term at AAG siteMembership voted for move... Chair volunteered to oversee this move.
  - c. Chair announces LASG membership at 427 members (according to LASG specialty group interface on [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)) on 4/10/2013
    - i. Recent years: 2012: 403, 2011: 432, 2010: 404, 2009: 416, 2008: 403
  - d. Chair announces CLAG/LASG party at Bonaventure Brewing Company right after the meeting from 9:30-11:00 pm on the fourth floor of the Westin
  - e. Update from AAG Specialty Chairs' meeting:
    - i. 7300 people registered\*
    - ii. 1438 sessions
    - iii. 5411 abstracts submitted
    - iv. 4311 sessions with sponsorship
      1. LASG had 19 sessions sponsored
    - v. Existing abstract is the motivational deadline, 80% make this deadline, which is always extended in recent history.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Chair, in the absence of Secretary Treasurer, went over the report. Report is attached to these minutes

5. Field Study Awards Committee Report
  - a. Johnny Finn, Member of Field Study Awards Committee, presents awards and check for Committee Chair, Curt Holder, and members: Chris Gaffney, Johnny Finn, and Santiago López.
    - i. PhD Award, Nicholas Crane: Between Repression and Heroism in Mexico City: Young People's Politics after Tlatelolco
    - ii. Master's award, Margaret Hollman: Mediating transborder geographies: Indigenous development, social justice activism, and faith-based motivations in Oaxaca, Mexico (not present, so check already mailed, certificate to be mailed).
6. Discussion of remaining business from 2012 meeting: no discussion
7. Meeting adjourned and floor turned to CLAG business meeting

### Financial Report

2013				
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8/31/12	Balance forward			4,916.48
9/30/12	Dues collected for Sept 2012	204.00		5,120.48
10/31/12	Dues collected for Oct. 2012	730.00		5,850.48
11/30/12	Dues collected for Nov. 2012	172.00		6,022.48
12/31/12	Dues collected for Dec. 2012	164.00		6,186.48
1/31/13	Dues collected for Jan 2013	152.00		6,338.48
2/28/13	Dues collected for Feb 2013	146.00		6,484.48
3/12/13	Brannstrom - Reimb. for LASG/CLAG business mtg		(421.45)	6,063.03
3/12/13	Holleman - 2013 Field Study Award		(300.00)	5,763.03
3/25/13	Crane - Field Study 2013 Award		(600.00)	5,163.03
3/29/13	Erickson - sponsorship of Denevan session		(150.00)	5,013.03
3/29/13	Padoch - sponsorship of Denevan session		(150.00)	4,863.03
3/31/13	Dues collected for March 2013	148.00		5,011.03
3/31/13	Balance			<b>5,011.03</b>

