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 Avwundiiogba; 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 site  
   Membership 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) on 4/10/2013  
   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

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**Financial Report**

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