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Letter from the President

The 1999 meeting in Tampa generated a lot of news worth recapping here. Busy Steering Committee and Business meeting agendas led to the approval of policy and procedural changes, particularly in the schedule and work of the Nominating Committee. Accordingly, my comments open by asking you to please note the April 15 deadline for responding to this year's call for nominations.

The amended nominations schedule replaces a long-standing time frame that forced the most critical part of the Committee's work into the summer, when the availability of both committee members and nominees was uncertain. In that environment, the Nominating Committee had the unenviable task of trying to contact nominees to confirm their willingness to stand for election, obtain candidates' biographical information, and compile slates for ballots mailed in the September Newsletter. Changes also were approved for Committee's structure and nominating policies. The first of these creates the office of chair-elect, who will serve for two years and provide continuity for successive committees. Second, the nominations process was revamped for the office of State Representatives in states with small membership pools, such as South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. In those places, creating a slate of two nominees was difficult. Although no negative campaign ads or other smear tactics have been reported, the previous process sometimes awkwardly placed two members of the same department against each other in an election largely determined by their own colleagues. In the future, if only one nomination for State Representative is received, a slate comprising a single nominee will be approved. This policy applies only to elections for that office. Our thanks go to David Weaver and last year's committee for calling attention to these problems, to past committees who had to deal with them, and to Kavita Pandit for addressing them. Applaud their efforts by responding right away to the call for nominations.

Tampa was a wonderful meeting site. Tracy Newsome and her colleagues were gracious hosts who had everything in place for a smoothly run, productive meeting. In that regard, I must point out that Kavita probably set a SEDAAG record in leading us through three agenda-heavy meetings in under the scheduled

time limits. Things didn't begin that smoothly. Hurricane Floyd brought record flooding to eastern North Carolina exactly one week before paper and poster submissions were due at East Carolina University. Even with the campus closed and delivery disrupted, neither rain nor flood kept Ron Mitchelson and the Program Committee from their appointed rounds of putting together an excellent program. The Tampa meeting was well attended, with a final count close to that of the Memphis meeting. I mention the two together because historically, attendance at border sites has lagged behind that of more central locations. These participation levels are a healthy vital statistic for our Division.

One of the meeting's most interesting news items came as Jim Wheeler broadened our view of SEDAAG's boundaries by highlighting Jody Traylor Guy's recent *Southeastern Geographer* article which maps the journal's institutional subscriptions. Roughly two-thirds of the subscribing institutions are located *outside* of our ten state divisional region; the details on national and international distributions are well worth reading. Quite a "regional" journal, isn't it? We can all be justifiably proud.

Turning to SEDAAG 2000, the news for students entered in the Student Honors Competition is all good. The ten-paper, two-session competition format continues with higher rewards. The first *John Fraser Hart Award* of \$1,000 will be presented for the best paper at the doctoral level. Thanks to this generous gift, the Steering Committee was able to raise the Master's level award to \$400. John Florin promises Carolina Blue skies for the Chapel Hill meeting. Special sessions on SEDAAG's future and on Southern studies already are being organized. Contact Ron with your plans to focus interest and scholarship via special sessions. I look forward to seeing more of them on this year's program.

Tyrel G. Moore, President, SEDAAG

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NEWS AND NOTES

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION, AAG

November 1999

The spring 1999 meeting of the Council was held in conjunction with the March AAG meeting in Honolulu. Betsy Pyle attended the meeting as our regional councilor. My term as SEDAAG regional councilor began in July. I attended the fall meeting in San Marcos, Texas on October 23 and 24. The council meeting was held at the end of the annual meeting of the Southwestern Division of the AAG. Thanks should be extended to the Department of Geography, Southwest Texas State University for their gracious hospitality.

Changes in AAG Publications. Changes in the *Annals* and *PG* have been widely discussed and debated over the past 12 months. A sample of AAG membership was surveyed earlier this year to obtain their views regarding proposed changes. Following the March AAG Council meeting in Honolulu, the Council voted in early April to do the following: 1) not to merge the *PG* into the *Annals*, but to continue the former as a separate journal; 2) to modify the *Annals* to contain four sections in each issue with each section having its own editor; 3) to prepare a new mission statement for the *PG*. Nominations were solicited for the editors of the four sections of the *Annals* and a book review editor who will serve both the *Annals* and *PG*. The new mission statement for the *PG* was circulated with the call for nominations. The deadline for applications was December 31, 1999. The Council will interview candidates at the Pittsburgh AAG meeting and will select the new editors at that time. SEDAAG members were given the opportunity to nominate candidates. The changes in AAG publications will be implemented with the new editorial terms commencing in the calendar year 2001.

There was considerable debate over the summer and fall concerning the titles to be used for the four sections of the new *Annals*. The titles initially circulated in the AAG newsletter were the following: Environmental Sciences; Geomatics and Visualization; People, Places, and Societies; and Synthesis and Synergy. The titles receiving final approval by the Council were the following: Environmental Sciences; Methods, Models, and Geographic Information Sciences; Nature and Society; and People, Place, and Region.

Membership. AAG membership continues to drop from its peak level in 1995. Membership is projected to be approximately 6,500 for 1999. A similar trend is occurring in other professional organizations. The retention of existing members and the recruitment of new members need to be top priorities for the Association. Regional councilors have been asked to help in increasing AAG membership from within their respective regions.

Financial Status. A small deficit was projected for 1999. A small surplus existed in 1998. Membership expansion is important in achieving a healthy financial status for the Association.

Pittsburgh AAG Meeting. The Pittsburgh meeting is projected to be second only to Boston in the number of presentations. Approximately 2,400 presentations will be made at the meeting.

GIS Certification. Council voted at its Fall meeting in San Marcos to appoint a task force for the purpose of investigating GIS certification. Legislation has already appeared in some states regarding this matter. It is important for geographers and the AAG to be aware of what is happening in this arena and be prepared to seize opportunities that may arise. Nancy Kemp (kemp@gisc.berkeley.Edu) or Nancy Obermeyer (nancyo@indstate.edu) Can be contacted if you have questions or comments.

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SEDAAG '00 IN CHAPEL HILL

The Department of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to invite the Division to Chapel Hill in November, 2000! If you have not visited Chapel Hill recently, you will discover that, while it has grown, the *Southern Part of Heaven* remains one of the most attractive and enjoyable university towns in the country.

Our meeting will be held at the Carolina Inn, located immediately adjacent to the university campus. The Inn was opened in 1924 with 52 guest rooms. A series of major expansions and renovations (the most recent completed in 1996) has created an exceptionally attractive and relatively intimate facility of 184 guest rooms

and a suite of meeting rooms and public spaces that should nicely meet the Division's needs while insuring that we are the "only game in town." A pleasant walk of less than ten minutes from the Inn would take you across one of the most attractive university campuses in the country to the department of geography, our outstanding university library, or the campus bookstore. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill's commercial core (although only a few blocks long) dotted with shops and restaurants that range from simple to exceptional, is only a block away. While as always, the conference will run from Sunday through Tuesday (November 19-21), we encourage you to come early and visit some of our nearby attractions. The famous Jugtown folk pottery area or High Point's collection of outstanding discount furniture houses are both little more than an hour away.

See you in Chapel Hill in November!
John Florin, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

FUTURE SEDAAG MEETINGS:
2000 - Chapel Hill, NC
2001 - Lexington, KY

FROM THE TREASURER

First, I wish to thank you for electing me to a second term as SEDAAG Treasurer. I am deeply honored by your support and have enjoyed serving the Division in this capacity during the previous two years. I look forward with much excitement to the next two years as we make decisions about the SEDAAG endowment and implement the *John Fraser Hart Award*.

Second, I wish to thank the USC Geography Dept. and Dr. Susan Cutter, Chair, for the support they have provided, especially in absorbing the Treasurer's mailing charges for normal correspondence and during the period of dues renewal.

Third, I want to remind you that I am now sending out dues-renewal notices for the calendar year 2000. The overwhelming majority of the membership is paid up through 1999 and is in good standing, but there remain a few who did not renew in 1999 and are in arrears according to our records (Please let me know immediately of any error on our part). Dues notices are payable on arrival, and your cancelled check is your receipt. Thank you for attending to them without delay.

Fourth, if you have any problem with or question about membership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fifth, I want to acknowledge and thank those who have donated to the SEDAAG Endowment Fund since the last newsletter; their names are listed below:

Up to \$10: Doug Gamble, Harlan Hawkins, Patrick Mangou

Up to \$25: Greg Elmes, Clif Pannell, Wayne Walcott

Up to \$100: Douglas Carroll, Howard Johnson./Michal LeVasseur

Thank you!! John Winberry, Treasurer

In Memoriam

Geography lost one of its ambassadors on Nov. 5th, 1999 when Edgar Bingham passed away. Ed was at Emory and Henry College, VA, from the early 1950s until he retired in 1986, and was Professor emeritus at the time of his death. He regularly attended SEDAAG meetings until his retirement and was known for his "pen and ink" physiographic maps. He had an M.S. from Tennessee and the PhD from Ohio State. His expertise was in environmental geography, planning, and Appalachia. Ed was described by former students as an inspiring teacher who challenged students to seek the truth and improve the world in which they live. - Neal Lineback

John Ball. We are sad to learn of the death of John Ball, Georgia State University. John died on Christmas day from a rare form of meningitis while visiting his daughter in Oregon; he became sick and died within 12 hours of the first symptoms. John retired from GSU a number of years ago but had remained active and involved in social and political issues to the end. An obituary can be seen at:

<http://monarch.gsu.edu/faculty/jball.htm>.

Ron Stevens, adjunct faculty member in the Environmental Studies Dept., Univ. West Florida, passed away July 30. Stevens taught courses in cultural geography at UWF's Pensacola and Ft. Walton Beach campuses

since 1992. Between military postings as an Air Force pilot, he received a B.A. in Geography from Oklahoma and took graduate courses in Geography at Arizona St. Univ. Retired from the Air Force, Ron completed his M.A. degree in Humanities Interdisciplinary (with concentration in Geography) at UWF in 1990. At the time of his death, he was an Ed.D. student in UWF's College of Education. Having taught since the latter 1970s, Stevens was adjunct at both UWF and Okaloosa-Walton Comm. College, where he taught philosophy and religion. He will be greatly missed.

- Klaus J. Meyer-Arendt

Robert E. Reiman, Professor Emeritus at Appalachian State, passed away Feb. 20 at age 78. Bob received his B.S. and M.S. in Geography and his PhD in Higher Ed. from Florida State. He had three careers: (1) Air Force photo interpreter and pilot, 1939-59, (2) geography/planning faculty-administrator at Appalachian, 1963-89, and (3) full-time planner and part-time instructor at Pembroke State and St. Andrews Presbyterian College (1989-2000). He taught undergraduate and graduate courses in geography and planning and was never happier than when in the classroom. He had an incredible ability to simplify complex issues for students.

Bob served in numerous offices: long-range planning coordinator, Director of Institutional Research, and Dean of Research Services at ASU; founding member, president, and honorary life member of the NC Assn. Institutional Research; member and secretary, Town of Boone Planning Comm.; director of summer planning institutes; Asst. Dir. Appalachian Regional Bureau of Govt.; co-editor of the Undergraduate Guide to Urban and Regional Ed.; and newsletter editor of the NC Chapter American Planning Assn. for 18 years until his retirement.

Bob was a long-time supporter and participant at SEDAAG. As two examples, he provided computer-mapping workshops at SEDAAG-Blacksburg in 1978 and recently served 10 years on the SEDAAG World Geography Bowl Committee as a founder. He participated in the 1999 SEDAAG-Tampa meeting as a judge and scorekeeper. He will be missed by all.

- Neal Lineback

If you know of any of our members who have passed away, please report this information to me and I will include it in the summer newsletter.

Allan James, Editor, Ajames@sc.edu.

1999 ELECTION RESULTS

The new SEDAAG officers were introduced at the 1999 Business meeting. Their affiliations and addresses are listed on page 10 with the full roster of SEDAAG officers.

Our new President is Tyrel Moore.

John Winberry was elected Treasurer for another term.

The new State Representatives are:

Alabama: Luoheng Han

Florida: Jackie Gallagher

So.Carolina: Richard Matthews

Kentucky: Richard Schein

West Virginia: Todd Nesbitt

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Officers & State Representatives

SEDAAG is soliciting nominations for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and State Representatives for Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. A self-addressed return postcard is included in this Newsletter for making nominations.

ONLY SEDAAG MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE AAG MAY MAKE NOMINATIONS AND HOLD OFFICE. ONLY MEMBERS FROM THE STATE SHOULD MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR THAT STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Nominations should be returned no later than April 15 to Dr. Thomas Bell, Chair, SEDAAG Nominations Committee, Geography Dept., Univ. Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-1420. (423) 974-2418; tbell@utk.edu.

Special Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award: Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) An extensive record of research and publication in scholarly journals, books, and other appropriate forms; (2) A record of excellence in teaching and advising as evidenced by teaching awards, students advised, and other appropriate

measures; (3) A record of service contributions to the individual's educational institution in the form of administrative positions, committee work, and community contact; (4) A record of support to the geography profession whether through formal services to international, national, or regional organizations or informal work in the public domain.

Research Honors Award: Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) A significant record of quality research and publication in scholarly journals, books, and other appropriate formats. This record may reflect the cumulative work of several years or the publication of important contributions in a shorter period of time; (2) Evidence of research leadership at both an institutional (college, university, industry) and organizational level (professional associations) where scholarly papers are presented and students and colleagues are advised.

Outstanding Service Award: Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) Evidence of exceptional professional commitment to geography at any level, including service to professional organizations; colleges and universities; primary and secondary education; local, state, or national government; private business and industry; (2) Examples of worthy contributions include but are not limited to appointed or elected professional offices, journal editorships, professional organization committees, speaking or otherwise providing leadership in a variety of public forums, and publication in the popular press.

Send nominations with FULL CV of candidate and 3 letters of support by September 23, 2000, to: Dr. Susan Walcott, Chair, Honors Committee, Dept. of Anthropology and Geography, Georgia State Univ., 33 Gilmer St., University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083; swalcott@gsu.edu.

Merle C. Prunty Student Scholarship

The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers annually awards the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate student from our region with the objective of encouraging talented undergraduate students to pursue professional careers in geography.

Eligibility: Applicants must currently be juniors or seniors and enrolled as geography majors (or geography minors) in a college or university located within the Southeastern Division. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a professional career or the clear potential to pursue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree. Applicants are evaluated by the SEDAAG Honors Committee on the basis of scholastic record and professional promise.

Notification: Award recipients will be named at the Honors Luncheon at the 2000 Division meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by mail.

Application Materials: Materials submitted in the application must include: (1) A cover letter that includes a summary of educational background and academic honors; (2) A statement of professional goals, not to exceed two typewritten pages; (3) One copy of each undergraduate transcript inclusive of college course work through summer, 2000; (4) Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the academic work and professional aspirations of the applicant. The letters should include an evaluation of the applicant's potential for development as a professional geographer.

Send nominations by September 23, to Dr. Susan Walcott, Chair, Honors Committee, Dept. of Anthropology and Geography, Georgia State Univ., 33 Gilmer St., University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083; swalcott@gsu.edu.

First Call For Papers and Posters: 55th SEDAAG Meeting in Chapel Hill, NC

The 2000 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Chapel Hill, November 19-21. I invite you to attend the meeting, participate in the program, and submit a paper or a poster. Given the success of the first SEDAAG poster session last year, we will offer a poster format at the Tampa meetings.

The **deadline** for receipt of papers, abstracts, and poster descriptions is **September 15**. Guidelines for papers, poster descriptions, and abstracts are listed in this section. Paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG.

We especially encourage students to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers for the Student Honors Competition and the Gamma Theta Upsilon undergraduate paper sessions. Included with this call for papers are the guidelines for this year's competitions. The **Honors Committee** is chaired by Dr. **Susan Walcott**, Dept. of Anthropology and Geography, Georgia State University, 33 Gilmer St., University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083; swalcott@gsu.edu.

Those who wish to arrange thematic paper sessions, conduct workshops, or schedule meetings should contact me as soon as possible. Specially organized sessions are particularly welcome: their focus on common interests often makes them the most successful sessions. To facilitate organization of the program, final details of special events are due by Sept. 1, 2000.

On the back of this Newsletter is a form for volunteering to chair a session or discuss a paper. Many more people are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions.

Planning for the Chapel Hill meeting is underway. Field trips and thematic sessions are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the hotel. To reserve display space, contact John Florin, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Geography Dept., UNC-Chapel Hill. Our policy is to create a smoke free environment at our annual meetings.

Please contact me if you have any questions, and don't forget to volunteer to be a discussant and/or session chair.

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GUIDELINES FOR 2000 PAPERS, ABSTRACTS, & SPECIAL SESSIONS

Nov. 19-21, 2000, Chapel Hill, NC

The **deadline** for receipt of papers and abstracts by the Program Chair is **Sept. 15**. **All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Assn. of American Geographers. A membership application is included on the back of this Newsletter.** Papers received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee.

Participation Form

- (1) Each paper should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: (a) title of the paper; (b) author's (or authors') name(s) and titles; (c) affiliation; (d) complete address; and (e) electronic mail address, if available.
- (2) Carousel slide projectors and overhead projectors will be provided. Please indicate if you need audio-visual equipment OTHER than these.
- (3) If applicable, please indicate that the paper is being submitted for the Student Honors competition, and whether it is for the masters or doctoral level competition. See "*Guidelines for Student Honors Competition*" below.

Papers

- (1) **Five (5) copies of the text of each paper must be submitted.** Maps, graphs, and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form. Papers submitted for the Student Honors competition should include ten (10) copies.
- (2) **Papers must not exceed eight (8) double-spaced typed pages, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. To comply with the eight-page limit, full double spacing and the use of no type font smaller than size 12 are required.** Papers must be presented in 15 minutes or less. Additional time will be allotted for discussion and questions. If an author plans to discuss illustrations during the presentation, the text of the paper should be shorter than the eight-page maximum. Please time your paper before it is submitted.
- (3) **The title of the paper should appear at the top of page 1.** The author's name must not appear on this page or on pages in the body of the paper. Pages of the text must have at least one-inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides.
- (4) Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.
- (5) **Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered.** References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.
- (6) **Final versions of illustrations must be of high quality and designed for presentation to a large audience.** Be certain that graphics projected on a screen can be read at 25 feet. Maps, tables, and graphics may be duplicated and distributed to the audience. Overhead and carousel slide projectors will be available for paper presentations.

Abstracts

- (1) An abstract must accompany all papers submitted. The abstract should be no longer than 200 words.

- (2) Abstracts should be submitted on 3.5 inch diskettes. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII formats for either IBM or Macintosh are acceptable. Indicate your name and the title of your paper on your disk, along with the software type and version, and whether it is in MAC or DOS environment.
- (3) Since the abstracts will be reformatted for publication purposes, a strict format will not be imposed. However, **paper titles, authors' names, and authors' institutional affiliations must be clearly identified** preceding the body of the abstract.
- (4) The **body of the abstract** must be single spaced and without paragraph indentations. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, two spaces are to be left between paragraphs.
- (5) Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts they submit. Although reformatted, they will be printed as submitted.

Special Session Guidelines

Special Sessions are a valuable contribution to SEDAAG meetings, providing a topical or thematic focus for paper presentations. Organizers of special sessions should adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process.
- (2) Organizers should provide a special session plan to the program chair by **Sept. 1** which should include intended participants, paper titles, session chair, and discussant(s).
- (3) Organizers should identify discussants for the papers. It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide commentary on each paper.
- (4) Time and space constraints dictate that a Special Session should have a minimum of four papers. The Program Chair reserves the right to merge papers into other sessions if three or fewer papers are submitted, or if three or fewer papers survive the review process.

Send papers and abstracts to - Dr. Ron Mitchelson, Program Chair, Geography Dept.; East Carolina Univ.; 227A Brewster Bldg.; Greenville, NC 27858; (919)328-6230; Fax: (919)328-6054; mitchelsonr@mail.ecu.edu.

GUIDELINES FOR 2000 POSTERS AND POSTER DESCRIPTIONS

The **deadline** for the receipt of poster descriptions and abstracts is **Sept. 15**. **All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Assn. of American Geographers. Please see membership application in this Newsletter.** Poster submissions received after the deadline will be returned to authors. Papers describing posters received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee.

Participation Form

- (1) Each poster submission should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: (a) the word "POSTER" at the top of the page; (b) title of the poster; (c) author(s)' name(s) and titles; (d) affiliation; (e) complete address; and, (f) electronic mail address, if available.
- (2) Poster boards and easels will be provided.
- (3) Please note that posters may not be submitted for the Student Honors competition.

Poster Descriptions

- (1) **For review by the Program Committee, poster submissions must be accompanied by a two-page description, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. Full double spacing and the use of no type font smaller than size 12 are required.** The poster description is necessary for the review process and should detail the purpose statement, research design, related literature, and research findings. For the review process, **five (5) copies of the text of the poster description must be submitted.** Maps, graphs, and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form.
- (2) **The title of the poster description should appear at the top of page 1.** The author's name must not appear on this page or on pages in the body of the description. Pages of the text must have at least one-inch margins at the top and bottom and on the right and left sides.
- (3) Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.
- (4) **Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered.** References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.
- (5) Research conveyed in posters will be displayed in a single session and should not exceed 36" by 44". Poster boards will be supplied by SEDAAG. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of 3 feet. Text should be confined to brief statements.

Abstracts

An abstract must be submitted with the poster description. Guidelines for poster abstracts are identical to those for paper abstracts. Please see the requirements for abstracts indicated above.

GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDENT HONORS COMPETITION

Objectives: The Student Honors competition at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers is designed to (1) encourage graduate student research and publication; (2) stimulate graduate student attendance and active participation at the annual meeting; (3) provide a training ground for the oral presentation of research findings at professional meetings; and, (4) recognize outstanding research by individual students and reflect credit upon the graduate programs of their sponsoring departments.

Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in the Student Honors competition, **the graduate student must have been enrolled in a geography program and in residence at the sponsoring department at the time his or her research was done.** Ph.D. students must still be enrolled as a student at the time his or her paper is presented. Master's students who have graduated since doing their research may present their papers at the first SEDAAG meeting following graduation. Papers should represent original research. Maps, illustrations, and other audiovisual materials should be designed or constructed by the author. No multiple-authored papers will be accepted.

Departmental Responsibilities: Sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of graduate students submitting papers for the Honors competition and conduct preliminary screening of such papers to ensure that those submitted are quality products. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that authors of papers accepted in the Honors competition will be able to attend the 2000 meeting in Chapel Hill, NC, and be present at the awards ceremony.

Awards: Normally one master's-level and one Ph.D.-level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. For the first time, the PhD award will be for \$1000 thanks to John Fraser Hart's generous gift, and the Masters award has been doubled to \$400. Each award includes a year's paid membership in the Association of American Geographers (AAG), and a plaque. Presentation of awards will be made at the Honors luncheon. All students who have papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration fee and Honors luncheon fees waived.

Topics: Papers on any geographic topic may be entered into the Honors competition. Every paper and oral presentation will receive a critical and impartial evaluation.

Evaluation Procedures: Papers submitted for the Honors competition will undergo preliminary screening by the Honors Committee. Those accepted for the competition will be referred back to the Program Committee. Papers not included in the competition but accepted for the program will be placed in appropriate sessions elsewhere in the program. Each paper submitted to the Honors competition will be evaluated for its quality as a written report on original research undertaken by the author, and for its oral presentation and defense. The written and oral evaluations will be weighted 60 percent and 40 percent, respectively. Content will be the primary general criterion in the written evaluation, but the author should use good English as well as appropriate illustrations and documentation. The paper should be prepared as if it were to be published, although draft copies of maps and figures for the written review will be accepted.

A primary criterion will be a well-defined research objective and a research procedure appropriate to achieving it. The paper should focus on one or more research questions and present at least a tentative answer. Papers without such a focus will be scored lower.

The evaluation of the oral presentation will be independent of the evaluation of the written paper, and will focus on the professional quality of the presentation and the adequacy with which questions are answered. The oral presentations must be lively and well illustrated. Appropriate modifications of the written paper should be incorporated into the oral presentation wherever suitable, although major alterations of the written paper are discouraged. The quality, appropriateness, and visual appeal of any maps, figures, and illustrations will be an important part of the evaluation. All visual aids should be intelligible from the back of the room. In order to leave adequate time for questions, each oral presentation should adhere strictly to the time limits for delivery specified by the person chairing the session.

Voting: No Honors Committee member shall vote on a paper by a student from his or her institution or to whom they are related, although this restriction shall not discourage or prevent that member's participation in

the discussion preceding the formal committee vote.

Submission of Papers: A paper submitted for Honors competition must be accompanied by a letter from the student's advisor or head of the sponsoring department verifying the status and eligibility of the student and indicating whether it is for the M.A. or Ph.D. competition. Papers submitted for the Honors competition must conform to guidelines for papers and abstracts, with the following additions: (1) **TEN** (not 6) copies of the paper must be submitted, and (2) **a letter from the student's department must accompany the submission** verifying the student's status and eligibility and the level of competition (MA or PhD). Copies of papers with abstracts should be sent **by Sept. 15** to Dr. Susan Walcott, Chair, Honors Committee, Dept. Anthropology and Geography, Georgia State University, 33 Gilmer St., University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083; swalcott@gsu.edu.

GUIDELINES FOR GAMMA THETA UPSILON UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS

Undergraduate students are urged to present papers in a special GTU paper session. These papers will not be reviewed by the Program Committee, and no Honors competition will be held. Initial screening should be the responsibility of faculty advisors; but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as for the regular and Honors papers, except that only three (3) copies are needed. Please encourage your undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

Send papers and abstracts to Ron Mitchelson, Program Chair: See addresses in previous sections.

SEDAAG AWARDS FOR 1999 *World Geography Bowl*

All ten states in the Southeast fielded teams for the 1999 SEDAAG-Tampa World Geography Bowl (WGB). Participants included 84 undergraduate and graduate students from 17 institutions and 34 faculty members who helped arrange the event. After the round robin competition on Sunday afternoon, teams from Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and South Carolina were tied with the best win-loss records (6-3). Kentucky and Tennessee were selected to compete in the Championship round on Monday evening on the basis of total points.



The Championship round was preceded by a round by *Dream Teams* composed of student all-stars from the round robin events and the professional geographers Dream Team composed of Ron Abler (AAG), Stephen Birdsall (UNC-CH), Susan Brooker-Gross (VPI), Susan Cutter (USC), Reginald Golledge (UC-Santa Barbara and AAG President), and Kavita Pandit (UGA and SEDAAG President). The Student All-Star Dream Team defeated the professional Dream Team, thus redeeming themselves for the previous year's loss in Memphis.

Kentucky won the Championship round against Tennessee decisively (cf. Figures below and on p.19). Kyle Oden (USC) won most valuable player averaging 32.2 points per round and Joe Guttman (Marshall U) was runner-up with 30.9 points.

The WGB has become an institution at SEDAAG meetings and enjoys the support of both students and faculty. The 1999 event represented the 10th SEDAAG WGB. The WGB Committee congratulates all of the students and faculty who participated in the 1999 event in Tampa and expresses appreciation for helping to create the camaraderie shown throughout the competition.

See you at 2000 SEDAAG-Chapel Hill.

Neal Lineback, WGB Committee Chair



Photographs of Tampa Award winners (from Neal Lineback) Top: The Kentucky Regional Champion

team. Members (in no particular order): Bilal Igram (EKU), Mary Curram (UK), Vincent Del Casino (UK), Anthony Halcomb (EDU), Maureen McDorman (UK), Tobie Saad (UK), Owen Dwyer (UK), and Lisa Rainey (UK). Team coordinators were Dr Wilma Walker (EKU) and Susan Mains (UK).

Bottom: Neal Lineback congratulates Kyle Oden (USC), MVP.

Student Awards

The SEDAAG 1999 Merle C. Prunty Scholarship Award to Tamara Johnson, UNC, Chapel Hill

Read and presented by *Luoheng Han, Chair, Honors Committee*

The Prunty Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate student from our region with the objective of encouraging talented undergraduate students to pursue professional careers in geography. Tamara Johnson, a Senior at the UNC, Chapel Hill, has pursued an environmental concentration in her Geography and International Studies double major. A Dean's List student in each of her semesters at North Carolina, Tamara's undergraduate career is one of distinction and recognized academic achievement. She carries a 3.86 overall GPA and 3.95 in Geography. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Tamara's research in Kenya reflects her extraordinary commitment to international research and to the incorporation of her geographic skills and perspectives in such work. The geography faculty at UNC praised her as an outstanding, brilliant, talented, focused, and hard working student who is immersing herself in many aspects of geography, from the geographic information sciences to the social-cultural international realms. We are proud to award this year's Merle Prunty Scholarship to one the most impressive young geography scholars in the region.

Student Honors Competition: Student Paper Awards

One of the most important things we can do as professional geographers is to develop and convey new knowledge through research and paper presentations at professional meetings. Thus, student paper awards are the acid test of the success of our teaching at the graduate level. The best student paper at the Masters level went to Adam Grodek for his paper: "*Historic Channel Bed Elevations in the Flint River Basin, Georgia*" (see Figure p.19). At the PhD level, the best paper award was split between Thomas Crawford (UNC) for "*Use of an Integrated GIS to Analyze the Impact of Population Change on Forest Biomass Change in Northeast Thailand*", and Ross K. Meentemeyer for "*Automated Mapping of Alignment between Topography and Geologic Bedding Planes.*" Congratulations to all three winners - we look forward to seeing much more of this high quality work in the future!

Special Awards

Special awards were read and presented by Luoheng Han, Chair, 1999 SEDAAG Honors Committee.

The SEDAAG 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award to Ronald F. Abler, Assn. American Geographers

The 1999 Honors Committee is proud to present its 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award to Ronald F. Abler. The Lifetime Achievement Award embodies much of the spirit and criteria of the other faculty honors, but goes beyond to include specific support of the geography profession through formal service to national organizations or work in the public domain. Although not affiliated with an institution within the Southeast

Division, Ron has long been a supporter of the Division – rarely missing an annual meeting during the past decade. Perhaps Ron’s greatest impact has been through his service and leadership to the discipline at national and international levels. Ron is executive director of the AAG, and a vice president of the International Geographical Union (IGU). He serves the AAG as an influential and extremely valuable liaison with such groups as the National Geographic Society (NGS) and the Consortium of Social Science Associations. He also serves on the boards of directors of Project Varenius, GIS/LIS, Inc., and the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation. Ron has moved the discipline into playing a major role on the federal scene in both scientific research and in education as we move toward the new century.

Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of the AAG, Ron had a long and distinguished career as Professor and Chair in the Department of Geography at the Pennsylvania State University. He has written numerous research articles and is co-author or editor of several books, including the well-known text, *Spatial Organization: A Geographer’s View of the World*.

Ron served as Vice President, President, and Past President of the AAG between 1984 and 1987. He was elected a Fellow of the AAAS in 1985, and was awarded the Centenary Medal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in 1990. He received Honors from the AAG in 1995, and was awarded the Victoria Medal by the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers in 1996. Ron enthusiastically embraced the idea for the World Geography Bowl, a “homegrown” product of SEDAAG, when it was presented to him. He not only serves as judge for the events, but also has committed AAG funds for the national competition held at the AAG Annual Meeting.

Ron Abler has distinguished himself as a teacher, a scholar, and tireless servant of the discipline. We are proud to honor Ronald F. Abler with the Southeastern Division’s 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award.

The SEDAAG 1999 Research Honors Award to Stephen J. Walsh, UNC, Chapel Hill

The criteria of the Research Honors Award include a significant record of quality research and publication in scholarly journals and books, as well as evidence of leadership in research. These attributes define the contributions of Stephen J. Walsh of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who we honor this year. Steve’s research centers upon the application of GIS and remote sensing technologies to a range of environments, primarily physical and resource-based in nature, but recently demography and land use in developing countries. He is nationally and internationally recognized for his research that demonstrates an understanding by geographers of the interconnections of the human and physical environments. Steve’s publication record is exemplary. He has authored and co-authored nearly ninety publications since 1990 alone. His publications have appeared in a wide range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary venues with at least one publication (often more) in the *Annals of the AAG*, *Professional Geographer*, *Physical Geography*, *Journal of Geography*, and *Southeastern Geographer*. He has also published at least once (and often several times) in virtually all the major journals focused on geographic information techniques and the physical environment, from *GeoCarto International* and *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing* to *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms* and *Journal of Vegetation Science*.

Steve’s high level of grantsmanship has been another major attribute. He has been the P.I. or co-P.I. of over 30 grants since 1990, totaling over \$8.5 million from funding agencies including NASA, NSF, EPA, the U.S. Forest Service, National Institute for Child Health and Development, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, U.S. Dept. Housing and Urban Development, and others.

Steve’s service and contributions to the AAG and SEDAAG are also worth noting. He has served as the Chair of the GIS and Remote Sensing Specialty groups, was recognized for his research with the Remote Sensing Specialty Group’s *Outstanding Contribution Award and Medal*, and was the Secretary and Newsletter Editor of SEDAAG in 1993.

The Southeastern Division is pleased to add to that recognition by citing the substantial scholarly accomplishments of Steve Walsh with our presentation of the 1999 Research Honors Award.

Photos (from left; by Neal Lineback)

1. Luoheng Han reads Merle Prunty Scholarship citation to Tamara Johnson of UNC, Chapel Hill.
2. Steve Walsh and Tamara Johnson of UNC, Chapel Hill.
3. Ron Abler, Kavita Pandit, and Howard Johnson (L to R).





Outstanding Service Award to Howard G. Johnson, Jacksonville State University

The Outstanding Service Award is given to those who have displayed exceptional service to the Division, the AAG, and the discipline. Those who might meet such criteria can be identified as capable, reliable, unselfish, and above all, as tireless workers. It is with great pleasure that we present the SEDAAG 1999 *Outstanding Service Award* to Howard G. Johnson of Jacksonville State University for his exceptional service record.

Howard's contributions to the discipline began as an influential geographer, long before there were Geographic Alliances. Early on in Alabama he began attempts to get coordinated action between various geography departments on a variety of issues of concern and interest. By the time the Alabama Geographic Alliance was formed in 1986, he had built a broad base of support for geography among teachers and state education officials. He has contributed greatly to the successful functioning of various activities of the *Alliance* by directing summer geography institutes for teachers, delivering in-service presentations, and consulting with the State Department of Education. In addition, Howard maintained the Alliance newsletter and other Alliance administrative duties at JSU.

Howard also serves as Chair of his department, building a growing faculty base, taking students on extended field trips, coordinating with other departments, and increasing his department's service load and majors. He was nominated and received distinguished teaching awards, served as one of six members on the Geography Education National Implementation Committee (GENIP), and was appointed to several Alabama education committees and task forces.

Howard has served SEDAAG in numerous capacities. In particular, he began the SEDAAG undergraduate paper sessions, which bring some of the top undergraduates to the annual meeting each year. He has served as the Alabama state representative, Chair of Honors Committee, and is presently Chair of Geography in Education Committee.

In sum, Howard Johnson has compiled an exceptional record of service. We are pleased to highlight it and, in recognition of his unusual dedication to the Division and to geography, present him with the 1999 SEDAAG Outstanding Service Award.

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STATE REPORTS

ALABAMA

LARY M. DILSAVER, University of Alabama

Geography is healthy in the state of Alabama. The processes of program articulation and conversion to semesters are nearly complete. Auburn Univ., the last public university on quarters, will begin the semester system in the 2000-2001 academic year. The lower division articulation between the universities and community colleges is in place and faculty are busily adapting old courses and designing new ones. Several departments have had noteworthy success with GIS/Remote Sensing programs including Alabama, North Alabama, Samford, and Jacksonville State. Auburn and South Alabama are developing similar programs.

Geography at Auburn Univ. narrowly avoided elimination by merging with Geology in a new department in the College of Science and Math. This and a university commitment to build a large GIS facility are promising developments for what was the most threatened geography program. An issue of continuing concern is the requirement by the state committee on higher education that each major produce 7.5 graduates. Jacksonville State and Univ. South Alabama are struggling to meet this level. In the case of USA, the creation of a separate major in meteorology has split the pool of majors, leaving geography uncomfortably close to the minimum. On the plus side, physical geography was established as a natural science lab sequence and is beginning to draw numerous students.

Alabama faculty are quite active in teaching and the very successful *Alabama Geographic Alliance*, in university and public service, and in research, grants activity, and publishing.

FLORIDA

RUSSELL L. IVY, Florida Atlantic University

The best news from Florida is that the geography program at Jacksonville Univ. has survived a down-sizing trend. JU is one of 7 Florida institutions offering an undergraduate degree in geography, along with the Univ. Florida, Florida State Univ., Florida Atlantic Univ., Univ. South Florida, Univ. Miami, and Stetson Univ. Geography is also a strong component of a rapidly growing undergraduate environmental studies program at the Univ. of West Florida, where reinstatement of the geography major may occur in the future.

Undergraduate geography enrollments totaled 8,932 in 292 course offerings during 1998-99. UF, FSU, FAU and SFU all boasted enrollments of over 1000 each, with the highest (2900) at FSU. Undergraduate

majors totaled 418, up about 50% from the previous year, with the most at USF (135). Masters degrees are offered at UF, FSU, FAU, and USF, and PhD programs at UF and FSU. These graduate programs had 137 students in 1998-99, up 6 from the previous year. USF had the largest number of masters students (45), and UF claimed 28 of the 40 PhD students in the state. Graduate course offerings rose slightly to 59 in 1998-99, with 316 graduate course enrollments.

Full-time faculty at institutions offering geography degrees total 52, up 1 from last year. New hires include Joshua Comenets (UF), Eric Perramond (Stetson), Jayajit Chakraborty (USF), John Harlin (FAU), Richard Grant (Miami), Jim Elsner (FSU) and Dan Jacobson (FSU). FSU hopes to hire 2 new faculty during 1999-2000, while USF and UWF each hope to fill one faculty line.

Florida faculty grants include an NSF project on World Cities and an Emma Lazarus Fnd. project on immigration at U.Miami, and a native Florida landscape project at Stetson. Bob Walker (FSU) received a *Fulbright* for Brazil and a fellowship from *Resources for the Future*. Mort Winsberg (FSU) continues as editor of *The Florida Geographer*, while Jon Leib (FSU) serves as editor for *Journal of Geography*. Klaus Meyer-Arendt received the *Roy Wolfe Award* for Outstanding Contributions to the Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group, AAG. The status of geography in Florida community colleges was reported by Mort Winsberg (FSU) in *The Florida Geographer* (29:1).

Enrollment in geography courses is on the rise, and the variety of geography courses taught has grown dramatically. Unfortunately, most geography instructors in community colleges are not geography majors and some have never taken a course in geography. There is an effort to connect these instructors with the *Florida Geographic Alliance* and *Florida Society of Geographers*. The Alliance is strong and active; Ed Fernald reports a series of ongoing projects, workshops, and conferences including the 1998 *Advanced Summer Geography Inst.* in Russia directed by Bruce Bradford (Stetson). The Florida Soc. of Geographers had their Feb., 1999 meeting in Gainesville, and this year's meeting will be in Stuart.

GEORGIA

DAVID LEIGH, University of Georgia

There was little change in student enrollments or the number of geography faculty for 1998-99. Highlights of the year include two new hires in geography in the Dept. Geosciences State U. West Georgia with a new geomorphology and soils lab. Statewide there were more than 10,000 undergraduate enrollments with most (5400) at the UG, Athens, and most of the remainder at Valdosta State, Univ. Western Georgia, Georgia Southern Univ., Georgia State Univ., and Kennewas State Univ. There were 190 graduate enrollments with 101 at UG, Athens and 59 at Georgia State. At Armstrong Atlantic, Tom Howard's book, Sierra Crossing: First Roads to California, was named *outstanding academic book of the year* by Choice Magazine. Undergraduate majors at Georgia State are growing and a GIS Certificate Program which began in 1998 is providing good job placement for its graduates. At UG, Athens an M.S. degree program has received preliminary approval and new hires in climatology now provide the required number of faculty for an AMS certified program. Several large grants were awarded faculty and James Wheeler retired.

KENTUCKY

DENNIS L. SPETZ, University of Louisville

Geography in Kentucky experienced growth in the number of faculty from 96 in 1996 to 105 in 1998 and a 6% decline in the total number of undergraduate student enrollments. The total number of undergraduate majors shows a decrease to 383, the lowest number since 1994. The number of undergraduate and graduate degrees awarded increased from 75 to 85 during 1998-1999. The number of Masters students also decreased from 52 in 1997 to 45 in 1998, although the number of Doctoral students remained steady at 31.

Geographers in Kentucky mourn the loss of Wayne Hoffman (cf. *In Memoria* in the summer '99 newsletter). At Western KY, Conrad Moore reports increased enrollments at both graduate and undergraduate levels. At Lexington Community College 1050 students were enrolled in geography courses last year. The Kentucky Geography Alliance held a summer institute at Murray. The greatest challenges for the coming year appears to be improving communication within the state and providing professional support for colleagues at two-year institutions and K-12 teachers.

MISSISSIPPI

DOUGLAS W. GAMBLE, Mississippi State University

Two universities offer geography degrees in the state of Mississippi. Mississippi State Univ. through the Geosciences Dept. offers a B.S. and M.S. in Geosciences with an emphasis in Geography. The University of

Southern Mississippi, Dept. Geography offers a B.A. and M.A. in Geography. In 1998-99 MSU offered 26 undergraduate and 10 graduate geography courses with a total of 1326 undergraduate and 38 graduate students enrolled in the courses. These courses served 68 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate majors. Graduates from MSU went on to graduate school or got jobs in broadcast meteorology, environmental consulting, agricultural extension, and geophysical exploration.

At USM, 41 undergraduate and 5 graduate geography sections were taught with 2120 undergraduate and 50 graduate students enrolled. Majors included 39 undergraduate and 40 masters students who found jobs in GIS, planning, or environmental fields. USM has 8 full time and 1 part time faculty. They expect 2 faculty positions to be filled in 1999-2000.

There are 11 full-time and 2 part-time geography faculty in the Geosciences Dept., MSU. New faculty include Asst. Professors Mike Brown and Taylor Mack and Instructors Amy Cade, Doug Gilham, Jeff Haby, and Wayne Verno. Major accomplishments for the Dept. of Geosciences include the continued growth of Off Campus Programs in Operational Meteorology and Broadcast Meteorology, and the addition of the Off Campus Teachers in Geosciences Program. Enrollment in off campus programs has increased 20% each year for the past 5 years with a total of 400 students currently enrolled. The Dept. houses the *State Climatologist Office* and the *Mississippi Geographic Alliance*. In Sept., 1999 an MSU research team surveyed Hurricane Floyd damage to San Salvador Island, Bahamas, and 20 students took part in the MSU *Great Plains Storm Chase 1999*. In August 2000, the Dept. will move back into Hilbun Hall that is undergoing a \$6M renovation. In short, geography at MSU is growing.

NORTH CAROLINA

KEITH G. DEBBAGE, UNC - Greensboro

The overall health of higher-education geography in North Carolina continues to mirror the state's economy - prosperity and growth. In 1998-1999, 71 full-time and 25 part-time professors taught 395 undergraduate sections and 77 graduate course sections with 13,803 undergraduates and 656 graduate student enrollments. Geography majors included 543 undergraduates, 120 masters, and 26 PhD students. Most geography departments reported a healthy job market for their students in planning, GIS, cartography, and environmental sciences (especially water resources and pollution).

Geography continued to effectively lobby for new and replacement faculty positions. New faculty were hired at Appalachian State (Shannon Mann, GIS Lab Director and Jana Carp, adjunct), East Carolina U. (Ron Mitchelson, dept. head), UNC Charlotte (Heather Smith), UNC Greensboro (Elisabeth Nelson and Jim Nelson, GIS Lab Director), and UNC Wilmington (Joanne Halls and Jeff Martin). Three depts. are seeking new faculty this year including UNC Charlotte, UNC Wilmington (two: climatology and geomorphology), and UNC Chapel Hill (two new tenure-track positions).

The five geography graduate programs - ASU, ECU, UNC Chapel Hill (which offers the only PhD program), UNC Charlotte, and UNC Greensboro - remain highly productive. Other undergraduate geography programs include NC Central Univ., UNC Wilmington, and Western Carolina Univ. Geography faculty are also active at Barton College, Duke, Elon College, and Isothermal Community College.

Last year's report indicated concerns at both UNC Pembroke and Western Carolina Univ. about possible declines through attrition or the outright elimination of programs. The news has been somewhat mixed. At UNC-P, the Geology and Geography Dept. was merged into the Dept. of Chemistry and Physics (effective August 1999), although Tom Ross indicates the restructuring was a friendly merger with no loss of faculty or resources. At WCU, requirements of graduating 20 majors every two years threatens small academic programs like geography (which has only two full-time faculty). According to Jeff Neff, phased retirements have also hurt geography although things have picked up with an increase in new majors and full enrollments in all courses.

Highlights of 1998-99 included Neal Lineback's (ASU) receipt of the *Geography in Media Award* from the National Council for Geographic Education. At ECU, Ron Mitchelson was appointed chair of the geography program (welcome back to the South, Ron!) while Deborah Dixon was named Book Review Editor of the *Annals of the AAG*. At UNC Chapel Hill the faculty have acquired several million dollars worth of research grants (Larry Band, Altha Cravey, Wil Gesler, Aaron Moody, and Steve Walsh). Kudos also to the students at Chapel Hill who won best paper awards for the remote sensing, political geography, and GIS specialty groups at the AAG Honolulu meetings, and the *Merle Prunty Undergraduate Award* and the best MA student paper award at the SEDAAG Memphis meeting.

At UNC Charlotte, Wayne Walcott was named Associate Provost while Owen Furuseth stepped into Wayne's shoes as department chair. Owen also received the *Nations Bank Teaching Excellence Award* and the *SEDAAG Research Honors Award* - clearly, a man for all seasons! At UNC Pembroke, Thomas Ross

received the *Adolph Dial Award* for scholarly creative works. Finally, faculty have published over one hundred scholarly works and taught hundreds of geography course sections that provide the essential foundations upon which the continued intellectual growth of geography in North Carolina is based.

SOUTH CAROLINA

MICHAEL E. HODGSON, University of South Carolina

Although 26 institutions of higher education offer geography courses in SC, only USC-Columbia and Francis Marion offer degree programs. Francis Marion offers a major through a 4th-year cooperative program with USC. At USC, undergraduate majors are up to 59, compared to 49 last year, and 1/3 of them are on the Dean's list. USC-Columbia, Clemson, and Converse College offer graduate courses in geography. USC-Columbia offers the only geography graduate degree and experienced the second highest graduation rates in 20 years at the masters and PhD level: 13 MA/MS and 4 PhD degrees. The number of geography courses increased appreciably from last year as 30 full-time faculty and 33 part-time faculty taught 178 undergraduate and 45 graduate courses. Enrollments of 5,277 (UG) and 498 (grad) were approximately unchanged.

The *South Carolina Geographic Alliance* presented 24 workshops with 737 K-12 educators participating. Another 250 teachers took part in two *Geofests*, and 32 teachers participated in two 1998 Alliance *Summer Geography Institutes*. The Alliance sponsored 13 teachers to attend summer institutes in other states and travel to the *NCGE* annual meeting. The *SC Interactive Geography* CD now provides learning material for K-12 geography classes using interactive maps and animations based on SC examples. Some 2000 free copies will be distributed to Alliance workshop participants.

At USC-Columbia, the Geography Dept. now has 19 full-time faculty with the hiring of two new climatologists, Cary Mock (Oregon) and Helen Powers (Delaware). Retirements of Professors Stanley (1999) and Minghi (up-coming in 2000) prompted the Dept. to begin searching for a new human geographer (rank open). Geography at USC will take over their entire building next year (displacing Sociology) which will be renovated during 2001-02. The Dept. received \$825k in funding, and Susan Cutter was elected Vice-President of the AAG.

At Clemson Univ., Terry Young resigned in August and they are interviewing for a replacement. A new course in physical geography, *Geography of the Environment*, is being created, and Hardin Hall is being remodeled including a new GIS lab. At Francis Marion the new University president will allow History to split off from the Political Sci./Geography Dept. Scott Brown (cultural/Latin America; LSU) replaced Ould-Mey and is taking students to Costa Rica in the spring as part of a Geography of Central America course. At Bob Jones Univ. four faculty teach geography courses part time. At the College of Charleston, one full-time geographer (Jeremy Browning) is in the Political Science Dept. They hired a part-time instructor, Maxwell Shaw, and a geography minor is proposed with plans for another hire in 1-2 years.

The State of South Carolina is considering legislation restricting who may collect geographic positions using satellite positioning techniques (i.e., GPS) for land parcels and terrain mapping. Under this legislation (similar to laws passed in Florida and North Carolina), the definition of "*land surveying*" is likely to include the use of GPS for collecting primary reference data. This could restrict the collection of geopositioning data to registered land surveyors. Other scientists (e.g., geographers) would be *grand-fathered in* for 3 years until they became registered land surveyors.

TENNESSEE

JOHN A. KUPFER, Univ. Memphis (now at Univ. Arizona)

submitted by CRAIG LAING, UT Chattanooga

Geography is a viable, and in some cases growing, part of the nearly 20 universities, colleges and community colleges in Tennessee where geography courses are taught, despite low levels of funding. Over the year, >10,000 students enrolled in geography courses, with ~350 students majoring or concentrating in geography. There are 60 geography masters students (35 at Univ. Memphis, 25 at UT-Knoxville) and 18 PhD students (UT-K). The Dept. of Geology and Geography at Austin Peay is prospering with 65 geography majors and more than 800 students enrolled in geography courses. Phil Kemmerly reports that theirs is one of only 11 degrees in Environmental Geography in the country. They are hiring a new faculty member to complement the four full-time faculty currently teaching geography courses.

At UT-Knoxville, the new Burchfiel Geography Building is taking shape (see photos: <http://web.utk.edu/~utkgeog/>). Several faculty are serving on journal editorial boards and AAG specialty group executive boards, and research funding is at an all-time high. Charles Aiken received the *J.B. Jackson Prize* for his book, *The Cotton Plantation South Since the Civil War*, and Bruce Ralston received the *Ullman Award* from the Transportation Specialty Group. They are searching for a new tenure-track assistant

professor in physical geography.

The Univ. Memphis hired two new tenure-track faculty in 1999, Benjamin Liu (GIS, remote sensing) and Thad Wasklewicz (fluvial geomorphology, techniques). Despite heavy teaching demands, the quality of geographic education is high as three geographers (Scott Kirsch, Skeeter Dixon and John Kupfer) won *Distinguished Teaching Awards* during the 1990's. Hsiang-te Kung spent Fall, 1999 teaching in southeast Asia for the *Semester at Sea* program.

At Middle Tenn. State, Doug Heffington served as co-coordinator of the *Tenn. Geographic Alliance* and chair of the AAG's American Indian Specialty Group while Hari Garbharran conducted field courses to South Africa and India. East Tenn. State's resurgent Geography, Geology and Geomatics program is hiring a new faculty member.

Geography is also present in a number of schools despite the absence of a major. The Dept. of Earth Science at Tenn. Tech hired Peter Li (Iowa). The Dept. of History, Geography and Political Science at Tenn. St. U. hired David Padgett, and intends to implement a geography major in the near future. At UT-Chattanooga, the number of minors has grown from 4 in 1993 to 23 in 1999. Two full-time (Craig Laing and Alice Tym) and eight part-time faculty offer 30 sections of geography to nearly 800 students per year. Three full-time geography faculty at the UT-Martin Dept. of Geology, Geography, and Physics offer geography as a concentration within a Geosciences major. Helmut C. Wenz was recently recognized for 30 years of service. Geography courses are also being offered at Union Univ. and Carson Newman College. Geography courses are also taught at Shelby State community college, Columbia St. CC, Jackson St. CC, Motlow St. CC, Roane St. CC, and Volunteer State CC who hired Keith Bell, their first full-time geography faculty member, in Fall, 1998. Keith was nominated for the *VSCC Challenge Club Outstanding Faculty Award* in 1999. State Tech in Memphis started a GIS program concentrating in business and engineering.

VIRGINIA

DAWN S. BOWEN, Mary Washington College

Emory & Henry, the only private institution with a Geography Major, is run by two full-time faculty. At the remaining private schools, only one or two Geography courses are offered and enrollments are low. At most two-year institutions, the few geography courses offered are designed to meet Social Science elective requirements. Relatively few students take Geography despite classes satisfying General Education requirements. Most courses at community colleges are staffed by adjuncts who do not hold Geography degrees.

Geography is strongest at four-year public institutions where six schools offer a major, and two, Longwood and VCU, offer minors. Enrollments are high in these programs, and most four-year institutions had respectable enrollment growth over the past two years. The three largest programs in the state (GMU, JMU, & MWC) each teach 1500 or more students per semester. Geography at Christopher Newport Univ. has declined since their only full-time geographer departed. At Emory and Henry College, John Morgan reports that geography classes are among the largest on campus, the geography major is one of the most popular, and 15 majors graduated last spring. At George Mason Univ., the applied orientation of the Bachelor's and Master's Programs attracts many students who find employment in GIS, remote-sensing, and environmental fields. The program has over 300 students in graduate courses and is the largest in the state. At James Madison Univ., Joe Eney reports that geography is thriving with full classes and a need for two new faculty positions. The overwhelming majority of graduates find positions in applied areas such as GIS, cartography, and environmental monitoring.

Three new hires at Mary Washington College have helped to revitalize the geography program. The Department revised its curriculum and classes are consistently full. Marshall Bowen's "*Critters, Crops, and Calamity: The Failure of Dry Farming in Utah's Escalante Desert, 1913-1918*," was awarded the Western History Assn. *Billington Prize* for best article in western history, 1998-99.

At Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Robert Rugg reports the proposed geography major has been put on hold pending new faculty lines. The only full-time geographer at VCU, Helen Ruth Aspaas, has published three articles in the past year from her research in Africa. At Virginia Tech, Larry Grossman was awarded the *Xcaliber Certificate of Excellence* in 1999 for his efforts to integrate technology in teaching. Robert Morrill was elected a Fellow of the Gilbert Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education in recognition of his dedication to quality geographic education. Longwood College received a *Virginia Environmental Endowment* of \$25,000 to evaluate the health and quality of the Appomattox River. The grant funds a multi-disciplinary team of chemists, biologists, and hydrologists including Joe Garcia. The Dept. hired a 3rd member, John Strait (urban U. Georgia).

WEST VIRGINIA

GEORGE TOWERS, Concord College

Geography is well represented at West Virginia's two research universities and is offered at almost all of the state's undergraduate colleges. West Virginia Univ. and Marshall Univ. Both offer the Masters Degree in Geography and WVU recently added a PhD program in Geography. Concord College also offers a Geography major. There are 25 full-time and 14 part-time Geography faculty in West Virginia. A common theme expressed by geographers in the state is a growing demand for GIS research and course offerings.

At WVU, faculty secured research funding from the U.S. Dept. of Education, the European Union, and American Electric Power Co., as well as 3 NSF grants. Tim Warner received the *Eberly College Teaching Award*, and the University added a new research professor who will work with the Geography Dept. and WVU's *Regional Research Institute*.

Marshall Univ. is adding a Medical Geography / Agromedicine specialty within the Geography program. Peggy Gripshover is developing the medical geography specialty in cooperation with colleagues from the Marshall Medical School and the WV Dept. of Agriculture. The program will offer training in rural medicine delivery, rural health risk assessment, and health issues in the Appalachian region. Jim Rogers retired and has been replaced by Ray Rappold. Mack Gillenwater will retire at the end of the year.

Concord College's Geography program added a concentration in Cartography and GIS to its existing concentrations in Pre-environmental Law and Appalachian Studies. Monica Vint-Fleming joined the Concord faculty as an adjunct to help teach the Cartography and GIS curriculum. The *WV Geographic Alliance*, coordinated by Joe Manzo, completed its 7th year at Concord in 1999. The Glenville State College Div. Social Sciences created a Global Studies minor based on Geography courses and Todd Nesbitt (PhD WVU) was appointed Coordinator. West Liberty State College will soon offer a Concentration Area in Geography within the Social Sciences Program. The Geography faculty has also completed a new 8-station GIS lab. Rollie Williams retired and was replaced by Brian Crawford this year.

MINUTES OF THE 1999 SEDAAG BUSINESS MEETING

Fifty-Fourth Meeting, Tampa, Florida, Nov. 23rd, 1999

The annual business meeting was called to order by SEDAAG President, Kavita Pandit, at 10:15 am in Ballroom II of the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, Florida. In addition to President Pandit, Past President Susan Brooker-Gross, Regional Councillor Dennis Lord, Vice President Ron Mitchelson, Treasurer John Winberry, and Secretary Allan James were in attendance. AAG President Reg Golledge and Executive Director Ron Abler and approximately 40 SEDAAG members were also present.

(1) Preliminaries

(A) Approval of the Agenda. The business meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

(B) Approval of 1998 Business Meeting Minutes. The 1998 business meeting minutes from the Memphis, TN, SEDAAG meeting were approved unanimously.

(C) Necrology. Eulogies were presented for Wayne Hoffman, Ron Stevens, and Ed Bingham. A moment of silence in their memory was led by President Pandit. (Hoffman was remembered in the Summer, 1999 newsletter. Stevens and Bingham are remembered in this issue, p.3.)

(D) Announcement of New Officers. Pandit welcomed and congratulated our new elected officers including Tink Moore, President, John Winberry, re-elected Treasurer, and State Representatives: Luoheng Han (AL), Jackie Gallagher (FL), Richard Matthews (SC), Todd Nesbitt (WV), and Richard Schein (KY). Pandit thanked the outgoing officers for their efforts and service on behalf of SEDAAG. These officers included Lary Dilsaver, Mike Hodgson, Russell Ivy, Dennis Spetz, and George Towers. President Pandit also thanked members of the Nominations and Tellers Committees for service on elections as well as Susan Booker-Gross, Past President. [Let us also thank Kavita Pandit for her exemplary performance as President! -Ed]

(2) President's Report

President Pandit reported on events of the past year and on matters discussed at the Executive Committee and Steering Committee meetings.

(A) Student Honors Papers. Thanks to John Fraser Hart's generous gift of \$10,000 it is now possible to offer a \$1000 award for the best PhD paper. This also allows SEDAAG to increase the Masters paper

award to \$400. Both changes will be initiated at the Chapel Hill meeting.

(B) Nominations Committee. The Steering Committee recommended several changes to procedures for nominating officers, some of which require changes to the bylaws.

1. To allow the Nominating Committee more time before potential nominees leave for summer, calls for nominations will henceforth be sent out in a separate mailing in late January with a late February deadline.
2. The Steering Committee also recommended that a *chair-elect* system be initiated for the Nominations Committee similar to the system that operates for the Honors Committee; that is, candidates for the Nominations and Honors Committees receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as *chairs-elect* during their first year and as *chairs* during their second year. It was moved and seconded that the SEDAAG Bylaws be changed accordingly. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The Steering Committee recommended that the slate of candidates for the Nominations Committee be reduced from five to four. The chair-elect change results in one member of the Nominations Committee being carried forward each year so that only two new members need to be elected instead of three. Thus, the bylaw requirement that five Nominees be put upon the slate for the Nominations Committee each year is excessive. It was so moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
4. SEDAAG bylaws currently require a minimum of two candidates for every vacant position. The Steering Committee proposed an amendment that would allow the possibility of having just one candidate on the slate *in the case of state representative elections only*. This change would (a) prevent situations such as two persons from the same department standing for election in states with just one or two large programs, (b) make it easier for persons from smaller programs to serve as state representatives and (c) ease the work of the Nominating Committee when the number of eligible members in a state is very small. It was moved and seconded to strike "at least two" from the bylaws line requiring the Nominations Committee "to prepare a slate of at least two candidates." The motion passed with a few dissenting votes.

(C) President Pandit called for more nominations to be submitted to the Honors Committee for the *Merle Prunty Award*.

(D) Pandit noted that the Nominations Committee had indicated substantial variations in the nature of applications making nominations for Special Awards. The level of detail in letters and supporting materials can vary from rudimentary to comprehensive. She asked the Nominations Committee to investigate standardizing the nomination procedures and providing guidelines.

(3) 2000 Honors and Nominating Committee Elections.

Nominations for the Nominations and Honors Committees were taken from a slate of candidates prepared by the Steering Committee. No further nominations were made from the floor. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that nominations be closed. Ballots were passed out and collected by Steve Wash, Teller. Nominees and results:

(A) Nominating Committee (elect 3). Nominees: Tom Bell, Ed Davis, Kathy Parker, David Shankman, and Steve Walsh. The candidate with the highest vote is chair of the 2000 Committee; second-highest is chair-elect. *Results:* Tom Bell (Chair for 2000), Kathy Parker (Chair-elect), and David Shankman.

(B) Honors Committee (elect 4). Nominees: Bill Carstensen, Altha Cravey, Kirstin Dow, Paul Knapp, Ary Lamme, Scott Lecce. The candidate with the highest vote is chair-elect of the 2000 Committee. *Results:* Susan Walcott, Chair (from the 1999 Committee). New members: Bill Carstensen (chair-elect for 2000), Altha Cravey, Kirstin Dow, and Paul Knapp.

(4) Annual Meetings

(A) Vice President's Report on the 1999 Meeting. Vice President and Program Committee Chair, Ron Mitchelson reported that the Memphis meeting - with record participation - was a tough act to follow; particularly when Hurricane Floyd attempted to drown paper submissions in Eastern Carolina. That being said, the Tampa program went quite well. About 200 people participated in the meeting, of which ~30% were students. Ten student honors papers were selected and presented in two sessions; but only 2 GTU papers. There were 97 submissions: 12 posters and 85 papers which represent an ~25% decrease in paper submissions from the previous year. Mitchelson lauded the World Geography Bowl, which had more than 70 student and 30 faculty participants, and the many physical geography sessions and panel discussion. He thanked Tracy Newsome and the Local Arrangements Committee for a highly successful meeting. He also thanked Reg Gollodge, our featured speaker at the banquet.

(B) Local Arrangements Committee Report. Tracy Newsome, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, reported that the meeting had done well financially and was comfortably in the black.

Registration at the meeting was similar to previous years with 354 registrants including 203 pre-registered, 108 faculty, 84 students, and non-paying student volunteers. Three field trips were offered; although one was cancelled, the other two went well. The World Geography Bowl was very successful and elicited a newspaper article in the Saint Petersburg Times and local television coverage of a Neal Lineback interview.

Newsome thanked all the meeting participants, Reg Gollidge, and Ron Abler for their support and participation. She thanked Ron Mitchelson and Kavita Pandit for their advice and patience and the other Committee members: Bob Aageenbrug, Kevin Archer, Bob Brinkmann, Tom Gillespie, Rebecca Johns, Arlene Laing, Scott Place, Steven Reader, Graham Tobin, and student committee members. Finally, she noted the effectiveness of the web page for the meeting and recommended this practice be continued for future meetings.

(C) **Future Meeting Sites.** The 2000 SEDAAG Meeting will be held in Chapel Hill, NC. The 2001 SEDAAG meeting will be held in Lexington, KY. At present, we are open for the 2002 meeting, so give Tink Moore your ideas.

(5) *Fiscal Affairs*

(A) **Treasurer's Financial Report.** Treasurer John Winberry reported that receipts during the past year totaled \$19,752 with the largest source of revenue coming from membership dues (\$10,168). Receipts from subscriptions to the *Southeastern Geographer* totaled \$5,342. The Memphis meeting also netted \$3302, and the AAG's allocation to the Division was \$623.

Disbursements over the past year totaled \$17,353 with most expenditures supporting the Division's publications. In addition to \$10,344 spent on the *Southeastern Geographer*, special outlays were made for student (\$1800) and Councillor (\$650) travel to Hawaii. The third largest outlay was \$1401, for the SEDAAG *Newsletter*, down from \$3,016 last year.

Receipts over disbursements totaled \$2,398.60 with the Division's balance of operating funds being \$14,426. The SEDAAG reserve account now totals \$8,698, and the Division's endowment account increased by \$2275 due to contributions (\$932) and interest (\$1344) to a balance of \$25,940. As of October 31, 1999, SEDAAG's total assets stood at \$59,064.89.

(B) **Treasurer's Membership Report.** Winberry presented tables of membership from 1991 to 1999 broken down by categories. He noted that membership stood at 526 with over 87% in good standing. Regular membership has been steady but student membership has varied substantially and is now down. He pointed out that the number of retired members (41) in the Division has almost doubled since 1991 (23).

(6) *Publications*

(A) **Report of Secretary and Newsletter Editor.** Allan James reported that his duties as secretary in the preceding year had primary been correspondence and the publication and distribution of two issues of the SEDAAG *Newsletter*. The Spring *Newsletter* was 20 pages in length and included a nominations card for President, Treasurer, and five state representatives with a return address to David Weaver, Chair of the Nominations Committee. The Summer issue was 12 pages and included a ballot for the election of new SEDAAG officers with a return address to Steve Walsh, Chair of the Tellers Committee. A total of 650 copies of the spring issue was printed but only 600 of the fall issue. Approximately 530 copies were distributed to SEDAAG members, and copies were sent to the SEDAAG historian, the AAG National Office, and the AAG President.

Total costs to SEDAAG for the production and mailing of two issues of the *Newsletter* were \$1,400.73. Costs of typesetting were avoided by using PC-based desktop publishing. James thanked Susan Cutter and the USC Geography Dept. for ~\$100 of printing and mailing costs as well as xeroxing and staff support. He acknowledged Trip and Patricia Bolius for their assistance in stapling and mailing the newsletters.

B) **Report of the Editor of the Southeastern Geographer.** Jim Wheeler, Editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*, reported that the journal published 228 pages last year; 100 in the November issue and 128 in May. Of 35 manuscripts submitted, 14 were accepted and four are under review. Wheeler pointed out that approximately half of the \$10,000 cost of the journal is paid by subscriptions and that he keeps costs down by maintaining his own mailing labels. Tom Hodler was appointed as cartographic editor. Dennis Lord is SE archivist for issues before 1991 while Wheeler is archivist for after 1991. He thanked the Editorial Board, Vern Meentemeyer, and Kavita Pandit.

7) *Other Committee Reports*

A) **SEDAAG Web Site.** Bill Carstensen continues to monitor the SEDAAG web page and welcomes contributions of materials and links to other sites. The page is linked to the AAG site and he is looking for URLs to all schools that teach geography. He asked us to inform him of inoperative links so he can repair or

remove them. The summer newsletter is listed and this issue will be added. Please link to the site: <http://www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/>

- B) World Geography Bowl.** Neal Lineback recapped the competition in Tampa announcing that Kentucky had won the regional championship and that the Student All-stars had defeated the ever omniscient *Dream Team* composed of AAG and SEDAAG senior faculty. He thanked all involved, especially this year's Dream Team participants who had risked their reputations in order to provide the heretofore flailing student team a much-needed boost in confidence. (Cf. detailed report under "1999 Awards".)

(8) Liaison with AAG

- (A) Regional Councillor's Report.** Dennis Lord presented his report as the new SEDAAG Regional Councillor based on the Fall, 1999 Council meeting in San Marcos, Texas. He summarized the issues concerning changes in AAG journals and emphasized the Dec. 31 deadline for nominations of new editors who will take office in January of 2001. There was a slight decline in AAG membership and a small deficit in 1999. (See full report, pg 2.)

- (B) Remarks by the President of the AAG.** President Reginald G. Golledge was happy to be able to confirm what he had heard about the support for and quality of SEDAAG meetings. He encouraged us to submit suggestions for the four editor positions of the Annals, the PG editor, or the book review editor to the committee. In regards to membership, he entreated us to encourage geographers to join the AAG and to work with geographers in business and government to join. He noted that Ron Abler's goal to increase membership to 10,000 will require cooperation with the Divisions and finding ways to get students to join. To take full advantage of our human resources, he recommended that we utilize the expertise of retired geographers.

In order to improve the national image of geography, Reg suggested that geographers maintain contact with influential people in Washington to find out in advance when things are going to happen. He cited a special fund to pay some expenses of retired geographers who get involved with the AAG. He also mentioned a Presidential initiative to establish a National Learning Center which has received start-up money and initial support. He expects between one and five million dollars to set up the Center by the end of his term. Reg closed with an invitation to meet in Pittsburgh and received an enthusiastic round of applause.

- (C) Remarks by the Executive Director of the AAG.** Ron Abler, Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers, thanked SEDAAG for its hospitality. He encouraged us to visit the AAG web site to explore the increasing wealth of resources there. For example, Jobs in Geography and career materials can bolster information on the employment potential for geographers.

Abler thanked SEDAAG for providing to the AAG through the years with a vast reservoir of talented geographers for editors, officers, etc. He extended a special thanks to John Paul Jones of Kentucky as editor of the Annals. As a long-term participant in Council, Abler spoke with assurance that Council had been consistently confident in the AAG journal editors. Structural problems with the journals had to be addressed. John Paul had made it clear from the start what his editorial policies were and Council had accepted them. Abler stressed that John Paul was a perfect gentleman throughout the transition process and agreed to serve another year until new editors are selected and take office.

Ron also looks forward to seeing us in Pittsburgh(!) and the audience showed their appreciation for his on-going efforts with a hearty applause.

(9) Concluding Items

- (A) Announcement of the 2000 Nominating and Honors Committee members** (see results in item 3A and 3B).

- (B) Resolutions Committee.** Paul Knapp delivered the following from the Resolutions Committee:

- 1) Be it resolved that by this action, the Division thanks *all* participants, *especially* student participants and new members, for their time, commitment, and efforts in making this a successful conference; whereas the 54th meeting of SEDAAG has provided opportunities to share research and ideas, and build and renew collegial relationships,
- 2) Be it resolved that by this action, the Division wishes to thank members of the SEDAAG Executive Committee, Steering Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, and Program Committee for their hard work and commitment in making this a successful and enjoyable conference. Special thanks are extended to the chair of the Local Arrangements Committee (Tracy Newsome), the Program Chair (Ron Mitchelson), and to SEDAAG President Kavita Pandit for their efforts.
- 3) In addition we would like to thank the authors, panelists, discussants, session chairs, and field trip leaders for their contributions to the conference program.
- 4) Be it resolved that the Secretary of the Southeastern Division sends special thanks to the following

persons:

A) Luoheng Han, Chair of the Honors Committee, and members of the Honors Committee for their work in evaluating graduate student papers in the Honors Competition and their work in selecting recipients of our special SEDAAG Awards;

B) Neal Lineback and Thomas Deaton for their continued coordination and participation in this year's World Geography Bowl competition;

C) Michael English for giving the keynote address;

D) Reginald Golledge, current President of the Association of American Geographers, for his participation in our regional meeting, including his forthcoming honors luncheon address.

E) And Ron Abler, Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers, for his participation in these regional meetings.

s show our appreciation with a big round of applause.

Respectfully submitted, SEDAAG Resolutions Committee, Paul A. Knapp, Dawn Bowen, and Tom Howard.

(C) Invitation to the 2000 Meeting in Chapel Hill. John Florin officially invited the membership of SEDAAG to the 2000 meeting in the Carolina Inn (on campus) of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He predicted greater student participation this year in response to John Fraser Hart's generous contribution.

They will establish a web site early on, so please consult it.

(D) Adjournment. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan James, Univ. South Carolina, Secretary,

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WRITE ON

Misc. Announcements

The Southern Studies Committee is soliciting papers for a special session on the South as part of the program for the 2000 SEDAAG Annual Meeting in Chapel Hill. Papers on any topic pertaining to the region will be considered for inclusion in the session. Interested scholars are encouraged to send research proposals or abstracts by June 1, 2000 to John Morgan, Dept. of Geography, Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA 24327 (fax 540-944-6223; jtmorgan@ehc.edu)

SEDAAG Web Page

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Visit the SEDAAG web site to see a number of interesting features and links including state reports, past newsletters, officers and addresses, a membership application, links to other sites, etc. Make suggestions to our webmaster Bill Carstensen (carstens@vt.edu) about additional items you'd like to see there.

Notes from the Editor

It has been an honor to be able to act as editor of the Year 2000 issue of this Newsletter! It's amazing how quickly procedures are evolving and the need to stay abreast of changes. We should anticipate a growing importance of digital technology in our dissemination of SEDAAG information. It's time for us to begin compiling a list of email addresses for the membership. As a first step toward this end, please fill in the "Email Address" blank on the membership renewal forms when you send them in (see back page). Also, please submit announcements and information for the Newsletter. The target date for submission of materials for the Summer Issue is July 25, 2000 to be assured consideration, but late submissions may also be considered. If possible, send submissions by email or on floppy disk so they'll be in digital form. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or simple ASCII (DOS) files are all ok.

I thank all the contributors and advisors including Kavita Pandit, Tink Moore, Neal Lineback, John Florin, Susan Walcott, John Winberry, and the State Reps. I also thank Susan Cutter and the USC Geography Dept. for xeroxing of nomination cards, etc.

Sincerely, Allan James, Newsletter Editor, Ajames@sc.edu

Photographs from 1999 Tampa Meeting:

Exaltations of the Kentucky Team with the WGB Regional Championship trophy.

Luoheng Han congratulating Adam Grodek for best Masters paper award.

Leon Zonn moderating WGB.

Howard Johnson with Outstanding Service Award;

Howard congratulating Ron Abler for his Lifetime Achievement Award.

SEDAAG Executives (LtoR): Luoheng Han, Kavita Pandit, Ron Mitchelson, Tracy Newsome, Ron Abler, & Reg Golledge.

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The SEEDAAG Chapel Hill Meeting

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