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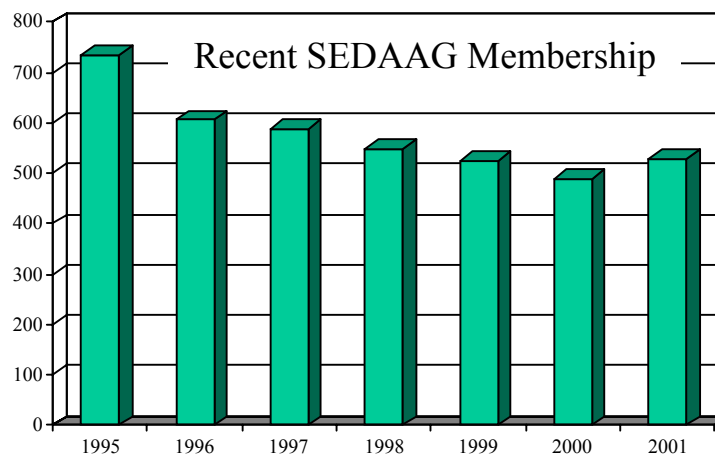
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Back in the Newsletter of Summer, 1998, President Kavita Pandit reminded us of this Division's mission as stated in its bylaws. We are supposed to promote acquaintance and discussion. We are supposed to stimulate research and encourage publication. We are supposed to perform services, which aid the advancement of the field. That was a very useful statement and I will be employing it to focus my upcoming four letters on the basic vehicles that we use to accomplish each element of the mission. However, I feel compelled to underscore the highest purpose for the existence of this professional organization. The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers exists to serve its members. In a world that probably provides too many opportunities to join, this organization, any organization, including a national organization, must remain true to its most fundamental directive or it will wither away. Member benefits and costs really do matter. As mentioned above, I'll be summarizing some thoughts about each of this organization's methods for achieving its stated mission while suggesting how we might expand member benefits while holding the line on costs. So, we will be exploring the current status of our annual meetings, our journal, our endowment fund, and our organizational communications (newsletter and web-site). Please understand that I enter this series of reviews and previews largely in response to the following graphic. By the way, the modest upswing in total membership between 2000 and 2001 is fully accounted for by a net increase of 46 student members. Regular membership continued its negative trajectory.



SEDAAG is supposed to promote acquaintance and discussion. The annual meeting is the basic vehicle by which this organization facilitates acquaintance and discussion for the benefit of its members. If the size and quality of annual meetings is any indication, then SEDAAG is as healthy an organization as it has ever been in its half century of existence. I am, along with the membership, indebted to J.P. Jones and Karl Raitz for their effective leadership in hosting the record-setting 2001 meeting held in Lexington, Kentucky. Steve Walsh and his Program Committee certainly had their collective hands full in scheduling so many papers and posters. Quite clearly, the Division is doing something very right in its design and execution of these annual events. I express deep gratitude to SEDAAG's previous leadership for this legacy. I believe that a number of elements add up to this successful chemistry. First, we have successfully included students at the very core of participation. The graduate paper competitions, the undergraduate GTU sessions, and the World Geography Bowl provide effective platforms for the early performances of the next generation of disciplinary leaders. Second, the formality of paper and poster sessions, including peer review, and discussants in the case of paper sessions, contributes significantly to the quality of scholarly exchange. Third, the visibility at these annual events of the southeast's premiere departments substantially elevates the level of exchange and distinguishes this regional meeting from those of the other regions. Fourth, we take time to honor the accomplishments of our members. These recognitions include service and research awards, lifetime achievement awards, and a new outstanding article award for the *Southeastern Geographer*. The Steering Committee has asked us to examine the possibility of recognizing an outstanding newcomer to the region and I will be appointing an ad hoc committee to have a look at this possibility. Fifth, we have purposely held the line on meeting costs, and registration fees. So, the meetings might be characterized as largely inclusive, high quality, and low cost. That's all quite good. We are probably doing a pretty good job of promoting acquaintance and discussion. However, ...

I remember my first SEDAAG meeting in November of 1979. I was in my first of 13 years in the Department at the University of Georgia, which fully encouraged and expected participation in the regional meeting. I remember feeling like an outsider at that first meeting and I fully remember that my research was questioned as perhaps being something other than geography because it did not include a map. New folks and new ideas need to be welcomed to our region. Although SEDAAG seems like home to me now, it certainly did not in 1979. I think that we can do a better job of being more hospitable, especially to new faculty arriving from outside the region. I will be bringing a few ideas in this regard to the Steering Committee in our next meeting at Richmond for their reaction. I must admit to you that I believe any new faculty member hired at one of our regional institutions should get a first year's free membership. They would be our guests for a year. It would be an easy matter to track the effectiveness of this form of hospitality as a recruiting device.

Although it might be easy to assist newcomers in assimilating, we seem to have greater difficulty accepting new ideas, whether they are intended for the organization or for the field. Innovative thoughts often seem to come at some social cost. I often have heard those feelings that I felt 22 years ago echoed in the more recent experiences of a few who felt that their ideas, or their type of geography, were not particularly welcomed within our region. Whether grounded or not, these exclusive feelings are quite damaging and this organization, if it is to err, should err on the side of inclusiveness. Those of us who have important evaluative roles to play within the structure of our annual meeting, such as the Program Committee or the Honors Committee, must be vigilant in this regard and judge on the basis of quality alone. As a division, we must embrace a culture of change and innovation. We should be interested in good work. I'm not quite sure that there is an obvious structural response to this issue so I respectfully call on individual members to be receptive.

Part of the innovativeness that will rapidly transform some of the traditions associated with the annual meeting and its supporting infrastructure involve our uses of information technology. You should all anticipate that certain types of paper products that have supported our meetings will disappear quite soon. The call for papers does not need to occupy three full pages in each of the division's printed newsletters. A significantly reduced hard copy or e-copy of the newsletter can refer to the needed call for papers, which then can be located within (or linked to) the Division's greatly improved web-site. Similarly, the booklet of paper abstracts distributed at each annual meeting will be placed on the web and the printing costs normally associated with the annual meeting easily will be halved. We should expect to witness substantial savings as traditional forms of communication are replaced with far less expensive electronic formats. These savings will assist us in facilitating the rapidly growing demand for electronic capacity for "paper" presentation that we have seen at the meetings, especially over the past few years. We will avoid a technology fee, which has been necessitated at the national level. We will continue an ad-hoc approach, which does place pressure on local arrangements to assemble donated equipment. We are all hoping that the costs of presentation equipment will decline, that conference center fees associated with this equipment will decline proportionately, and that this cost can be absorbed without increases in registration fees. Until then, I beg your indulgence and ask that you do not assume that a projector and a lap-top await your use at the annual meeting. When the local arrangements folks in Richmond ask your presentation needs, please respond thoughtfully.

Finally, I hope that some recent events do not indicate departure from some of the elements of past meeting success. Two years ago there was no GTU session. Two years ago, several of our key doctoral granting

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programs were noticeably absent from our annual meeting. We have a keen interest in encouraging student participation at all levels during our annual meeting. Please, invite your undergraduates to give a paper at next year's meeting in Richmond, Virginia. We also have a keen interest in the enthusiastic participation of all programs within the region. We should expect that a significant share of this division's intellectual leadership will come with the presence of our doctoral programs at the annual meeting. Let's hope that those centers of new ideas and innovative thought do not avoid acquaintance and discussion with their colleagues from across the southeast.

These are just a few thoughts about our annual meeting. You probably have additional concerns or suggestions. If you have comments or concerns that you would like to share please feel free to contact me at mitchelsonr@mail.ecu.edu. My next letter will place focus on the division's journal, the *Southeastern Geographer*. Thanks for listening.

Ron Mitchelson, SEDAAG President
East Carolina University

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO THE SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION, AAG

The Spring 2001 meeting of the AAG Council was held in New York February 25-27 prior to the start of the AAG annual meeting. The Council held its Fall 2001 meeting in Lexington prior to the start of the annual SEDAAG meeting.

AAG Membership: There is some good news regarding AAG membership trends. After several consecutive years of decline, membership stabilized in the year 2000. Preliminary numbers for 2001 indicate a continuation of this stability in membership. However, the AAG needs to grow its membership and return it to the level during the mid 1990s when it peaked at over 7,000 members. Part of the efforts to increase membership has been a competition between regional divisions for the largest absolute and percentage increases in AAG members, with the winners announced at the Los Angeles annual meeting in March, 2002. Regional councillors have been asked to serve as coordinators for this membership drive. If you have colleagues or students who are not members of the AAG, please encourage them to join and receive the benefits of this organization. Membership application forms can be obtained from the AAG web site (www.aag.org).

Annual Meetings: The annual meeting in New York was the largest ever with an attendance of over 4,700, surpassing the previous record set by the Boston meeting in 1998. This record attendance was due in large part to a huge turnout of attendees from outside the U.S. and Canada. Normally this foreign contingent accounts for 16 percent of registrants. However, the group accounted for 24 percent of the attendees in New York. Paper submissions for the Los Angeles meeting indicate another large attendance figure.

Annals and PG: You have now seen several issues of the new format for the *Annals*. The co-editors and central office staff indicate that the transition has run smoothly. The co-editors would welcome any comments or suggestions. The *Annals* has about twice as many library subscriptions as the *PG*. Therefore, there appears to be some potential to increase *PG* subscriptions. If your library does not subscribe, please have them add *PG* to their collections.

Book and Article Awards: You are reminded that the AAG has established book awards and awards for the best articles in the *Annals* and *PG*. Committees have been appointed for the book awards. Journal editors will use their editorial boards to make the selections for article awards.

Financial Status: The Council has been concerned now for a couple of years with annual deficits in the AAG budget. The New York meeting was especially costly and contributed to the current deficit. This problem points to the need to grow AAG membership and increase subscriptions to the association's two journals. The Long Range Planning Committee is investigating means by which the AAG can work toward a sustainable budget.

J. Dennis Lord, SEDAAG Regional Councillor

2001 SEDAAG AWARDS

Faculty Awards

The SEDAAG 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award
Risa Palm
University of North Carolina

The SEDAAG 2001 Research Honors Award
Graham Tobin
University of South Florida

The SEDAAG 2001 Outstanding Service Award
John Winberry
University of South Carolina

Award for the best article published in the Southeastern Geographer in 2000
Susan Walcott
Georgia State University

Student Awards

Merle C. Prunty Award
Anthony Foisy
Virginia Tech

Student Honors Competition

Ph. D. Level (*John Fraser Hart Award*):
Keiron Bailey
University of Kentucky

Master's Level:
Amanda Henley
University of North Carolina

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Membership Dues

At the Lexington meeting, two changes were made in SEDAAG membership structure.

First, in order to provide clarification to the issue of which calendar year those who apply for (or renew their) SEDAAG membership in mid-year are members for, a cut off date of June 15 was decided upon for full-year membership. To receive the full benefits of your SEDAAG membership and receive a full year of issues of both the Newsletter and our scholarly journal, *The Southeastern Geographer*, membership renewals must be received by **June 15**.

Second, in recognition of the growing number of retired couples who belong to SEDAAG, a new membership category is being initiated. The one-year membership cost for Retired Couples is \$13.50. As in the case of the Couples membership, Retired Couples will receive one copy of each publication.

SEDAAG Endowments

In addition, when completing your membership renewal, our two Endowment funds – the regular fund and the John Fraser Hart Fund (doctoral student paper and presentation competition) -- deserve your consideration for contributions, as they continue to grow and nourish the next generation of geographers.

Thank you for your timely attention; I look forward to receiving your membership renewal either in response to the recent mailing or via the membership form found in the back of this newsletter.

Susan Walcott, SEDAAG Treasurer

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN GEOGRAPHY

Helen Ruth Aspaas, Chair of SEDAAG's Committee on the Status of Women in Geography (CSWG), encourages anyone who is interested in receiving information on CSWG activities and initiatives to send her their current email address. Helen Ruth's email is hraspaas@vcu.edu

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.

Nominations should be returned by the date listed on the nominations card. Please send your nominations to: Dr. Altha Cravey, Chair, SEDAAG Nominations Committee, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220.

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 24, 2002 to: Dr. Derek Alderman, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353; E-mail: aldermand@mail.ecu.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 2002 Division meeting in Richmond, Virginia. 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 2002; (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 24, 2002 to: Dr. Derek Alderman, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353; E-mail: aldermand@mail.ecu.edu

INVITATION TO THE 57TH SEDAAG MEETING

The Departments of Geography at Virginia Tech and Mary Washington College invite you to Richmond, Virginia for the 57th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 23-26, 2002.

We will convene at the Omni Hotel in historic downtown Richmond, conveniently located on Shockoe Slip, a revitalized 19th century warehouse district that is now home to shopping, dining, and entertainment venues.

The conference will formally begin with field trips on Sunday, November 24th. Tentative field trips include Mass Wasting of the Stratford Cliffs, Stratford Hall Plantation; Jackson Ward, a historic African-American neighborhood; and a walking tour of the historic canal. Registration for the Geography Bowl begins at noon on Sunday, with the competition beginning at 1 p.m. The conference's opening session will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m., with a reception following.

Richmond offers geographers a great variety of attractions. The meeting site provides access to the downtown area, a restored shopping district, and the city's new Canal Walk. Longer excursions can be taken along the James River plantations route. Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement are little more than an hour away.

Important Dates to Remember:

Deadline for notification of specially organized sessions:
September 6, 2002

Deadline for paper and poster submissions: September 13, 2002

Notification of participation: Approximately October 18, 2002

Deadline for Omni reservations: November 1, 2002

For complete information, including hotel and program participation information, check out the SEDAAG webpage: www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/

The Local Arrangements Co-Chairs, Susan Brooker-Gross (Virginia Tech) and Dawn Bowen (Mary Washington College), welcome SEDAAG to Richmond in November.

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS: 57TH SEDAAG MEETING RICHMOND, VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 23-26, 2002

The 2002 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Richmond, Virginia, November 23-26. I invite you to attend the meeting, participate in the program, and submit a paper or a poster. The deadline for receipt of papers, abstracts, and poster descriptions is **September 13**. 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 competition. The Honors Committee is Chaired by Dr. Derek Alderman, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353; (252) 328-4013 (voice); (252) 328-6054 (fax); aldermand@mail.ecu.edu (email).

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 **September 6, 2002**.

In 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 Richmond 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 Dr. Dawn Bowen, Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA 22401; (540) 654-1491 (voice); (540) 654-1074 (fax); dbowen@mwc.edu (email).

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

Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, SEDAAG Vice President and Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; (919) 962-3867 (voice); (919) 962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

Guidelines for 2002 Papers, Abstracts, and Special Sessions

The deadline for receipt of papers and abstracts by the Program Chair is **September 13**. All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. A membership application is included in 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 title; (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. Please be advised, because of costs, that it is unlikely that computer projectors for powerpoint presentations will be available in each room. Please only request one if your presentation absolutely requires it.

(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

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.

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 8-page limit, full double spacing and the use of no type front smaller than 12-point 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 8-page maximum. Please time your paper before it is submitted.

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 1 inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides of each page.

Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered. References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts they submit. Although reformatted, they will be printed as submitted.

Send papers, abstracts and participation forms to Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, SEDAAG Vice President and Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; (919) 962-3867 (voice); (919) 962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

Special Sessions

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:

All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process, and the due date of September 13th for all material applies. Organizers of special sessions should have all material sent to the chair of the program committee as one self-contained packet. Included in the packet should be: abstracts, disks, paper submissions, and participation forms of all participants, the name and affiliation of the session chair, and the name and affiliation of the session or individual paper discussants (note that it is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide commentary on each paper). It is the responsibility of the session organizer to see that all material is submitted on time and in its complete form.

Organizers should provide a special session plan to the program Chair by **September 6** which should include intended participants, paper titles, session chairs, and discussant(s).

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 special session plans to Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, SEDAAG Vice President and Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; (919) 962-3867 (voice); (919) 962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

Guidelines for 2002 Posters and Poster Descriptions

The deadline for the receipt of poster descriptions and abstracts is **September 13**. All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American

Geographers. A membership application is included 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

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 (or authors') name(s) and title; (d) affiliation; (e) complete address; and (f) electronic mail address, if available.

Poster boards and easels will be provided.

Please note that posters may not be submitted for the Student Honors competition.

Poster Description

For review by the Program Committee, poster submissions must be accompanied by a 2 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 12 point 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.

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 1 inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides of each page.

Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered. References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.

Research conveyed in posters will be displayed in a single session and should not exceed 36 x 44 inches. 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 accompany the poster description. Guidelines for poster abstracts are identical to those for paper abstracts. Please see the requirements for abstracts indicated above.

Send poster descriptions, abstracts and participation forms to Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, SEDAAG Vice President and Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; (919) 962-3867 (voice); (919) 962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

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 submitted 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 2002 meeting in Richmond, Virginia, and be present at the awards ceremony.

Awards: Normally, one Master's-level and one Doctoral-level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. The Ph.D. award will be for \$1,000.00, and the Master's award will be for \$400.00. 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 the 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./M.S. 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 five) 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/MS or PhD).

Send Material: Copies of papers with abstracts should be sent to Dr. Derek Alderman, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353; (252) 328-4013 (voice); (252) 328-6054 (fax); aldermand@mail.ecu.edu (email). The deadline for submissions is **September 13**.

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 copies are needed. Please encourage your undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

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STATE REPORTS

ALABAMA

Luoheng Han, University of Alabama

The geography programs in the state universities of Alabama have been negatively impacted by budget proration. However it seems that every program has overcome the budgetary constraints. Two new department chairs (at Alabama and Samford) are now in place. The Alliance continues to be successful in reaching out to K-12 teachers. The number of geography majors has increased. Overall, geography in Alabama is making progress.

At the University of Alabama, David Shankman was awarded a Fulbright grant by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Jerry Webster received SEDAAG's "Research Honors Award" and NCGE's "Distinguished Teaching Award". Hobson Bryan received the "Outstanding Service Award" from the International Association for Impact Assessment. Joseph Weber (Ph.D., Ohio State, 2001) was hired as an assistant professor. Auburn University added Luke Marzen (Ph.D., Kansas State, 2001) to their faculty. At Jacksonville State University, Tom Baucom was awarded a Fulbright grant and Miriam Hill was newly appointed as associate professor. At Samford University, Eric Fournier was named as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Geography*, Max Beavers was elected as Director of the Computer Application Specialty Group of the AAG, while Greg Jeane was elected to the Alliance Steering Committee and as speaker of Samford's Arts and Sciences Assembly. At the University of North Alabama, Lisa Keys-Mathews received a "Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award" from the NCGE. The geography program continues to grow at the University of South Alabama, as interest in environmental issues along the Alabama coast have spurred increases in enrollment.

FLORIDA

Jacqueline Gallagher, Florida Atlantic University

Geography programs exist at seven Florida institutions: University of Florida, Florida State University, University of South Florida, University of Miami, Jacksonville University, Stetson University, and Florida Atlantic University. Geography is a strong component in the Environmental Studies program at the University of West Florida, where students can take a geography track or complete a minor. Geography is also taught at the University of North Florida.

Graduate degrees are offered at Florida Atlantic, South Florida, Florida State, and Florida, with doctoral programs at Florida and Florida State. Miami teaches graduate students through International Studies. South Florida hired three new faculty members this year; however, few schools are conducting searches at present. Full-time geography faculty number 63 statewide.

Approximately 350 undergraduate geography courses were offered last year to enrollments of over 14,000, at least 473 of them majors. This marks a steady increase over last year. Graduate student numbers are down slightly, despite increased numbers of graduate courses offered, and corresponding increases in the number of students taking them.

Graduates work for state and federal agencies, public/private environmental companies, non-profit organizations, and in finance,

planning and business. Many enter graduate school, and most doctoral graduates go into academia.

Most institutions have recently enhanced their applied courses, often with state of the art computer labs; this accounts for some increase in graduate courses. Several programs offer certificate programs in GIS.

Faculty awards and grants are many and varied across the spectrum of geography. Although hit hard by the economic downturn of Fall 2001, Florida schools remain enthusiastic about their long-term prospects.

GEORGIA

Thomas W. Hodler, University of Georgia

Twelve of the thirty-four colleges and universities of the University System of Georgia have geography as a part of their curriculum. In the academic year 2000-2001, over 14,000 undergraduate and nearly 700 graduate students were enrolled in a geography course. For the seven colleges and universities for which we had data for both the 2000 and 2001 academic years, this represents an increase of nearly 1,000 more undergraduate and close to 300 more graduate student enrollment. The leader in the increase of undergraduate enrollment was Georgia State University, while The University of Georgia had the largest increase in graduate enrollment.

The number of full-time faculty teaching geography in Georgia increased by 4.5 for a total of 58.5 full-time faculty. Four institutions indicated that they are looking to hire additional faculty during the next two years. Georgia State, UGA, and Valdosta State have seven or more faculty teaching geography. Six schools (Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Kennesaw State, UGA, West Georgia, and Valdosta State) had enrollments of 900 or more undergraduate students. Of those six, only Kennesaw State had less than 25 geography majors. Three schools (Georgia State, UGA, and West Georgia) had 50 or more graduate students enrolled and only Georgia State and The University of Georgia have graduate majors.

Geography at institutions of higher learning in the state of Georgia has never been stronger. Significant growth in the number of students taught, number of full-time and part-time faculty, and the number of sections offered are strong indicators that geography is playing a major role in the instruction of both undergraduate and graduate students. Many departments have had recent expansions or renovations in their physical plant which in turn supports the development of teaching and research laboratories. Geographic Information Science continues to be an across the board focus in the larger tier of schools. Valdosta State has developed a strong program focusing on environmental geography.

A full version of this report can be found at:
<http://www.ggy.uga.edu/newsevents/>

KENTUCKY

R.H. Schein, University of Kentucky

A summary overview of geography in Kentucky can be found in last year's survey. This year's report focused upon highlights in the state's major geography programs. The Western Kentucky

Department of Geography and Geology has hired four new faculty members to replace retirements. The University of Kentucky continues to build its physical geography program. Alice Turkington joined Jonathan Phillips in the program last year. The department presently is in the search process for a third position; interviews start in January. Matthew Zook will join the department in 2002 as an economic geographer. The University of Louisville's Department of Geography and Geosciences is in a search process for a medical geographer. The Center for GIS is collaborating across campus and is enjoying much success. Murray State has reorganized its undergraduate curriculum. Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Geography and Planning is in a development transition. Three new faculty replacements over the last two years include two GIS people and a new Chair, Bruce Davis. The department also has developed a new curriculum.

In addition to the obligatory positive notes, several of the individual department reports commented on the state of higher education in Kentucky more generally. Although the sitting governor has repeated expressed his commitment to education (in the face of budgets shortfalls) there nevertheless remains a concern about not only budget cuts, but the more subtle and insidious moves to increase 'productivity.' These include the temptation to increase credit-hours-produced-per-faculty, the replacement of full time lines with part time positions and full time 'instructorships' (with higher teaching loads, at less cost-per-credit-hour and with no benefits or long-term job security), and a reticence to invest not only in infrastructural needs, but in 'human resources' through such things as salary increases and incentives to retain middle and senior range faculty in a nationally competitive job market. These are, of course, issues that resonate in higher education nationally as well as in Kentucky.

MISSISSIPPI

Mike Brown, Mississippi State University

Geography degrees are offered at two state institutions: Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Geography continues to grow at MSU. Despite hiring two new instructors, the department cannot meet the needs of the university with respect to offering enough sections of World Geography. In order to better serve a diverse university population, the department is implementing a suite of GIS courses to begin Spring 2002. Departmental graduate student enrollments hit an all time high with 22 incoming students. This increase in student enrollment is partially in response to the implementation of the department's new operational meteorology track. The department's distance learning Teachers in Geosciences program continues to grow with a current enrollment of over 200. The program was developed as a continuing education program for K-12 educators.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, the department is currently searching for a full-time tenure-track assistant professor with a specialization in physical geography. Dr. Shavaji Prasad is visiting the department as a one-year adjunct in remote sensing. Geography graduate student Mike Miller has received a Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative Fellowship for \$22,000 to support his thesis research on Mississippi's barrier islands. Dr. Don Williams has been awarded a grant for \$29,000 from NASA to continue development of on-line GIS courses. Dr. Jess McKee continues his funded projects (\$68,000) with the Department of Education, while Dr. Clifton Dixon has received a grant for \$50,000 for developing a Center for Geospatial Studies. Currently, 25 students are enrolled in the doctoral program in International Development.

Geography continues to be on the move at USM. Its college has recently purchased a 1,000 year old abbey in the Loire Valley of France where they are currently developing a Center for European Studies.

NORTH CAROLINA

Peter T. Soulé, Appalachian State University

In 2000-2001, 340 undergraduate and 115 graduate courses in Geography were offered in North Carolina. A total of 14,736 undergraduate students and 1,145 graduate students enrolled in these classes. Statewide, undergraduate majors total 374, and graduate majors total 190 (155 Masters, 35 Ph.D). There were 86 full-time and 21 part-time faculty reported teaching Geography across these 14 institutions.

New faculty were hired at Appalachian State University (Xingong Li, Assistant Professor; Rob Brown, Instructor; Ron Hancock, GIS Lab Coordinator), UNC-Chapel Hill (John Pickles, Professor; Conghe Song, Assistant Professor; Wendy Wolford, Assistant Professor), UNC-Greensboro (William Welsh, Assistant Professor; Zhi-Jun Lin, Assistant Professor; Mary B. Hall-Brown, Lecturer and Physical Lab Director), UNC-Charlotte (Jamie Strickland), East Carolina University (Rebecca Jones, Assistant Professor; Rodney Jackson, Instructor), and Campbell University, Camp Lejeune Extension (Dennis E. Jones, Instructor). In addition, several new Geography hires are anticipated prior to the start of academic year 2002-2003.

While there appears to be a decline in the number of undergraduate majors across the state, the number of graduate majors is increasing. Also increasing are enrollments in both undergraduate and graduate courses, and the number of full-time faculty. Several departments have opened new GIS Laboratories in the past year. External funding and scholarly productivity appear to be at an all time high, and Geography faculty hold a large number of highly visible positions on their respective campuses. Finally, even with the economic downturn, jobs for geographers appear to be plentiful, and many of our recent graduates are doing great things in the workplace.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greg Carbone, University of South Carolina

Twenty-seven institutions of higher education in South Carolina offer geography courses on a regular basis. The total number of geography courses and total number of students enrolled increased from last year. Thirty-six full-time faculty and twenty-four part-time faculty taught 221 undergraduate and 53 graduate courses with a total enrollment of 6,283 undergraduate and 549 graduate students. There are five new full-time faculty teaching geography in the state. Gary Cummiss (Ph.D., Oregon, 1995) was hired in January 2000 as the first full-time geographer at TriCounty Technical College. Dr. Mabaye Dia (Ph.D., Laval) was hired in August 2001 as an Assistant Professor of Geography at Winthrop University. Three new faculty joined the University of South Carolina in Fall 2001: Carl Dahlman, a political geographer from the University of Kentucky; Will Graf from Arizona State, who accepted a position as USC Educational Foundation Endowed Professor; and Blake Gumprecht, a historical and cultural geographer from the University of Oklahoma. Four USC faculty (David Cowen, Susan Cutter, Will

Graf, and John Jensen) currently serve on eight committees and boards of the National Research Council. The South Carolina Geographic Alliance continues to increase its activities and service to K-12 education and some institutions of higher education. Membership in the Alliance has reached over 7,000 and activities have kept pace with the increased growth. The Alliance presented 39 workshops across the state with 1,094 K-12 educators participating and another 18 workshops attracting 477 pre-service students.

TENNESSEE

Craig R. Laing, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Six institutions offer an undergraduate degree in geography and three—East Tennessee State University, University of Memphis, and University of Tennessee at Knoxville—offer graduate degrees in geography. Across the state, 327 students are earning undergraduate degrees (up from 313 last year) and 143 are earning graduate degrees (up from 125 last year). This year approximately 9,300 students were enrolled in undergraduate geography courses at public institutions, up from 8,500 last year. Despite these increases in majors and the total number of students in geography classes, full-time faculty positions at public institutions only increased from 42 to 44. A sentiment that would be echoed by many faculty members is that we are asked to do more with less.

Several institutions maintain high enrollments in geography courses even though they do not offer a major. Over 800 students are enrolled in geography courses at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where there is a minor. Tennessee Tech has about 325 students enrolled in geography, mostly in the GIS concentration in their geology undergraduate degree. Volunteer State Community College teaches 300 students a year with one, obviously overworked, faculty member.

The state of Tennessee is facing major budget problems, particularly in the funding of higher education. While the state's geographers were optimistic last year about the discipline's stature in the state, this year there appears to be much more pessimism. For example, one department head stated that despite the demand for more geography students, they are unable, due to the state's budgetary problems, to increase the number of faculty or improve their facilities. Several institutions reported a desire to hire additional faculty, but cannot at the present time because of the state's current financial problems. In fact, one department head expressed concern about the possibility that their department could be eliminated, despite a strong demand.

VIRGINIA

Joseph E. Garcia, Longwood College

Geography in the Commonwealth appears to be relatively stable with a few significant changes in 2000-2001. John Outland, coordinator of the International Studies program at the University of Richmond is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Michael Harrison to their faculty. Tom Allen, Director of Geography at Old Dominion University, reports the addition of Dr. Bradley Shellito, Assistant Professor, to their department and adds "Geography has increasingly become indispensable to other departments, primarily a result of GIS instruction and secondarily through service to teacher preparations."

Long-standing programs at Mary Washington College and Emory & Henry continue to enjoy support from their respective administrations. At Mary Washington, the department welcomed Farhang Rouhani (Ph.D. Arizona) as a new Assistant Professor. Erin Fouberg received the Mary Pinschmidt award, an honor bestowed by the senior class to the professor who had the most significant impact on their lives. At Emory

and Henry College, John Morgan reports that “Geography remains very strong with approximately 1 in 3 students at the school taking a geography course each year.”

At Longwood College, geography courses within the Department of Natural Sciences are integral to its M.S. in Environmental Studies program. Collaborative research projects between physical geography and ecology have flourished.

Virginia Tech is pleased to announce the hiring of Lisa Kennedy, Assistant Professor, in August 2001. Steadily increasing enrollments in undergraduate and graduate programs at Virginia Tech support the observation that Geography is thriving.

WEST VIRGINIA

Todd Nesbitt, Glenville State College

Geography programs have maintained a strong position within the West Virginia higher education system. The state’s two research institutions, West Virginia University and Marshall University, continue to service the majority of geography students within West Virginia.

Geography at WVU serves 2,700 undergraduate and 170 graduate students, with 70 undergraduate majors, 28 M.A. and 15 Ph.D. students. Dr. Ken Martis was named Associate Chair of Geography and has a book forthcoming, *Atlas of American Politics: 1960-2000* (co-edited). Dr. Daniel Weiner has a book in press, *Community Participation and Geographic Information Systems* (co-edited), and has secured \$144,000 from the U.S. Information Agency to serve as project director for “College and University Affiliations Program for a Partnership Between WVU, the University of Pretoria, and Catholic University of Mozambique.” Dr. Ann Oberhauser was awarded the Stitzel Endowment for Excellence in Women’s Studies Teaching and Learning for 2000-2001. She also presented a paper at the South African Geographers’ Conference in July. Dr. Tim Warner and three graduate students participated in an international remote sensing course in Greece.

Within West Virginia, state colleges continue to service numerous geography students. Concord College and West Liberty State College continue to report solid enrollment figures within their geography courses, 800 and 561 respectively. Both colleges offer bachelor degrees, and Concord currently reports forty undergraduate majors. Fairmont State College offers a minor in geography, and continues to enroll more students (around 1,000) in geography courses than any other state college in West Virginia. Enrollment in geography courses at Glenville State College remained relatively unchanged at 215 students. However, this figure does not include enrollment in a newly created course, Introduction to Global Studies (taught by Dr. Todd Nesbitt), which serves as a requirement for their newly created Global Studies minor.

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MINUTES OF THE 2001 SEDAAG BUSINESS MEETING

**Fifty-sixth Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky
November 20, 2001**

The annual business meeting was called to order by SEDAAG President Tyrel Moore at 10:30am. The business meeting was held in Ballrooms 1 and 2 of the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky. In addition to President Moore, Past President and Regional Councillor-elect Kavita Pandit, President-elect Ron Mitchelson, Regional Councillor Dennis Lord, Vice President Stephen Walsh, Treasurer John Winberry, Treasurer-elect Susan Walcott, and Secretary Jonathan Leib were in attendance. In addition, AAG President Janice Monk, AAG Executive Director Ron Abler, PG Editor Truman Hartshorn, Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair Karl Raitz, World Geography Bowl Co-Chair Neal Lineback, World Geography Bowl Co-Chair and SEDAAG Webmaster Bill Carstensen, and approximately 35 SEDAAG members were in attendance.

Preliminary Matters

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

(2) Approval of the 2000 Business Meeting Minutes. The 2000 business meeting minutes from the Chapel Hill, North Carolina SEDAAG meeting were approved unanimously.

(3) Necrology. It was reported that Robert West of Louisiana State University had passed away. President Moore asked for a moment of silence to honor Professor West.

(4) Announcement of New Officers. President Moore presented the election results from the fall balloting:

President:	Ron Mitchelson
Treasurer:	Susan Walcott
AAG Regional Councillor:	Kavita Pandit

State Representatives: Dan Royall (Alabama), Tony Stallins (Florida), Katie Algeo (Kentucky), Greg Carbone (South Carolina), Ray Rappold (West Virginia).

President Moore welcomed the new officers, and thanked the outgoing officers for their efforts on behalf of SEDAAG. These included John Winberry (Treasurer), Dennis Lord (AAG Regional Councillor), Luoheng Han (Alabama Rep.), Jackie Gallagher (Florida Rep.), Rich Schein (Kentucky Rep.), and Todd Nesbitt (West Virginia Rep.).

President's Report

President Moore brought before the members seven items from the Executive and Steering Committee meetings:

1) Policy on the use of the SEDAAG website by members to post research surveys: In response to a request by a member to post a research survey on the SEDAAG website, the Steering

Committee recommended that SEDAAG adopt a policy whereby it will be acceptable for those seeking to use the website to conduct surveys for research purposes to post an informational note on the website with information on the research and a link to the survey on the member's own website. The SEDAAG webmaster will add a disclaimer noting that the posting of the information and link does not constitute SEDAAG's endorsement of the survey or research.

2) Acquisition of new domain name for the SEDAAG website: In order to ease navigation to the SEDAAG website on the World Wide Web, the webmaster will work to acquire the URL address www.sedaag.org.

3) Transition date for membership services: In order to provide clarification to the issue of which calendar year those who apply for SEDAAG membership in mid-year are members for, the Steering Committee approved a transition date of June 15th. Those becoming members of SEDAAG between January 1st and June 15th will be considered members for that calendar year (and will receive both issues of the SEDAAG Newsletter and the *Southeastern Geographer*). Those who become members after June 15th will be considered members for the following calendar year (however they will be able to access the Newsletter and the table of contents and article abstracts from the *Southeastern Geographer* on the SEDAAG website). New members who join after June 15th will be considered members for the purposes of participating in the annual meeting both in the year they apply for membership and in the following membership year.

4) SEDAAG meeting abstracts: Beginning with the 2002 meeting, abstracts will be made available to the membership in electronic form only. Abstracts will be posted on the SEDAAG website prior to the annual meeting. Meeting abstracts will stay on the website for at least one year, and an attempt will be made to archive them on the website. The Vice President will print out at least one copy in order to maintain an informal abstract archive, while the SEDAAG Historian will establish a formal archive of meeting abstracts.

After discussion from the floor, the Vice President will work to make the abstracts on the website indexable, allowing members to print out only the abstracts they want rather than the entire set of abstracts.

5) Cost of providing for power point presentations: The Executive and Steering Committee discussed the increasing cost of putting on the meetings as a result of the growing demand by presenters to use power point in their presentations. While we would have been able to rent equipment from the hotel, the cost of equipping each room and session to allow for power point presentations would have cost \$300 per room per day. While the hosts, the Geography Department at the University of Kentucky, were able to beg and borrow equipment for this meeting, this may not be possible for all host departments and meeting sites in the future. At this point, the Executive and Steering Committees did not recommend the adoption of any policies concerning the increasing cost, however several suggestions were made, including the possibility of in the future imposing a user fee on those members who wish to use power point in their presentations. The Committees will continue to monitor the issue.

Discussion from the floor suggested that given the increasing use of power point, that the organization needs to find a way to provide this option to those members wishing to use it. This increased cost, however, is to be balanced against SEDAAG's attraction to faculty and students as an affordable meeting to attend and present.

6) Possible joint Middle Atlantic Division-SEDAAG meeting in 2002: AAG Treasurer and Middle Atlantic Division member Joel Morrison has proposed that MAD and SEDAAG hold a joint meeting in 2002 at the time and site of the scheduled SEDAAG meeting in Richmond. There are a number of details to be worked out. The sense of the Steering Committee was that such a meeting should be an integrated one, with papers interspersed from the two divisions, rather than set up as parallel meetings.

Neal Lineback and Bill Carstensen, co-chairs of the World Geography Bowl Committee, raised the question of whether there would be enough rooms to run both division's geography bowl competitions simultaneously.

President Moore noted that he will contact MAD officials to obtain a formal letter of intent to make sure that they want to have a joint meeting. SEDAAG officers will proceed from that point.

7) Proposed junior faculty research award: As a way of bringing new faculty in the division into SEDAAG, Kavita Pandit and Steve Walsh have proposed creating a junior faculty research award competition. Proposed along the lines of a "mini-Nystrom" competition, the paper competition, to be held in a SEDAAG session tentatively titled, "New Voices in the Southeast," would be eligible to new faculty in their first three years, with a suggested \$1000 in award money. The Executive and Steering Committee are considering asking the Endowment Committee to allow the award money to come from the SEDAAG Endowment. The purpose of the competition is to get new faculty in the region involved in SEDAAG early in their careers as a way of trying to bring them into SEDAAG culture and demonstrate to them the benefits of belonging to the organization.

A new committee would be formed to oversee the award, with the suggestion made that the members be "high-end" members of the division. Details of the award competition are to be worked out.

2002 Nominating and Honors Committee Elections

President Moore presented the following two lists of nominees produced by the Steering Committee. An additional name, Mike Mayfield, was nominated from the floor to the Honors Committee list:

Honors Committee (six nominations required, vote for four)

J.P. Jones (Univ. of Kentucky)
Holly Hapke (East Carolina Univ.)
Bill Graves (Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte)
Tom Allen (Old Dominion Univ.)
C.P. Lo (Univ. of Georgia)
Mike Mayfield (Appalachian State Univ.)

Nominations Committee (five nominations required, vote for two)

Luoheng Han (Univ. of Alabama)
Susan Cutter (Univ. of South Carolina)
Owen Furueth (Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte)
Ann Oberhauser (West Virginia Univ.)
Phil Steinberg (Florida State Univ.)

Tom Howard (Armstrong Atlantic State U.)
Betsy Pyle (West Virginia Univ.)

A motion was passed to close nominations and ballots were distributed to the membership.

Jamie Strickland of the Tellers Committee reported the following were elected:

Elected to the Honors committee: J.P. Jones, Holly Hapke, Bill Graves, and Mike Mayfield. A tie for first resulted between Holly Hapke and Bill Graves. A coin flip determined that Holly Hapke will be the chair-elect of the committee. The chair of the 2002 Honors committee is Derek Alderman of East Carolina University.

Elected to the Nominations committee: Owen Furueth (chair-elect) and Betsy Pyle. The Chair of the 2002 Nominations committee is Altha Cravey of the University of North Carolina.

Bill Carstensen, chair of the 2001 Honors committee, noted that three members of this year's committee had presentation, discussant, and/or session conflicts with the Honors sessions. He suggested that those serving on the Honors committee in the future should not present nor discuss a paper at the meeting to avoid such potential conflicts. However, discussion from the floor suggested that such a restriction might limit the number of members willing to serve on the Honors committee as some colleges and universities tie meeting travel reimbursement to the presentation of a paper or serving as a discussant.

Annual Meetings

1) Vice President's Report on the 2001 Meeting: Vice President and Program Committee Chair Stephen Walsh noted that participation in the 2001 SEDAAG meeting was the largest on record. The total number of presentations totaled 151 (139 papers and 12 posters), considerably higher than in any of the past three years (85 presentations in 1999 and 2000, and 123 in 1998). Including paper presenters, poster submissions, panelists, chairs, and discussants, there were a total of 382 participants in the 2001 meeting (up from 219 in 2000). After review, seven papers and two posters were rejected for the program. Undergraduate participation increased significantly from last year, as 9 GTU papers were presented. Ten graduate student honors papers were presented in two sessions. Derek Alderman was the "winner" of the Wheeler Award for the first paper submission received by the Program Chair.

A new feature of the Program was an Honorary Lecture as part of the Opening Session. This year, Professor Bobby Wilson, University of Alabama-Birmingham, gave an invited presentation titled, "America's Johannesburg: A Critical Geography." AAG President Janice Monk was to present an address, "Women's Words, Women's Worlds: The American Geographical Society ca. 1900-1970" at the Honors Luncheon.

Vice President Walsh noted that it cost approximately \$2000 to print and mail 500 copies of the meeting program and abstract book. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee for their outstanding job in support of the program, and the ten-person Program Committee for their work in reviewing all of the submitted papers. Walsh concluded that tighter guidelines need to be written and then enforced regarding the submission of materials for special sessions. He noted that the organizers of such sessions need to be responsible for the collection of all papers and registration materials and the naming of chairs and discussants as appropriate.

2) Future Meeting Sites: The 2002 SEDAAG Meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia, to be hosted by Dawn Bowen of Mary Washington College and Susan Brooker-Gross of Virginia Tech. The 2003 SEDAAG Meeting will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Steering Committee held preliminary discussion of the possibility of holding the 2004 meeting in Mississippi.

Fiscal Affairs

1) Membership Report: Treasurer John Winberry reported that SEDAAG membership over the past ten years has declined, from 570 members in 1991 to 529 members in 2001 (though this problem has afflicted many academic professional organizations). Regular memberships have remained steady over the decade (321 in 1991 compared to 318 in 2001), retired memberships have increased (23 in 1991, 38 in 2001), while student memberships have declined (192 in 1991 to 140 in 2001). However, membership in 2001 has increased over 2000 (529 to 490), thanks to a large increase in student memberships (140 in 2001 compared to 94 in 2000). Of SEDAAG's 529 members, 83.7% are members in good standing, while 16.3% are currently in arrears.

2) Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Winberry reported that SEDAAG's total assets as of October 31, 2001 stood at \$70,276.59.

The Treasurer maintains four accounts: **1) the Operating Account** started the year (November 2000) with a balance of \$17,666.67. Over the past year, the largest receipts to the Operating Account have been Member Dues and Contributions (\$11,049.10) and *Southeastern Geographer* subscriptions (\$6,107.00). The two largest outlays have been the *Southeastern Geographer* (\$11,726.53) and the SEDAAG Newsletter (\$1,110.00). Total receipts from November 2000-October 2001 were \$18,471.79, with total disbursements at \$16,385.42. Receipts over Disbursements for the year stood at \$2,086.37, leaving the Operating Account with a balance of \$19,753.04 as of October 31, 2001. **2) The Reserve Account** saw an increase of \$474.40 in interest from November 2000 to October 2001, leaving it with a balance of \$10,365.80. **3) The SEDAAG Endowment Account** added \$2,242.96 in interest, and \$1,023.00 in contributions between November 2000 and October 2001. A disbursement of \$1,000.00 was made from the Endowment to Virginia Tech to fund improvements in the SEDAAG website. In total, the endowment increased by \$2,275.96, and stands, as of October 31, 2001, at \$29,627.00. **4) The John Fraser Hart Award Account** for Ph.D. paper awards increased by \$679.98 in interest and \$334.00 in contributions. \$1,000.00 was spent in presenting the 2000 Hart Award. As a result, the Hart Award Account balance increased by \$13.98 to \$10,530.75.

Treasurer Winberry noted that he is working to reconcile his accounting figures with the current bank statements, which show that SEDAAG has approximately \$900 more than he has accounted for. He will submit an updated version of the Treasurer's Report. President Moore thanked John for his years of service as SEDAAG Treasurer.

3) Audit Committee Report: Bill Graves presented the Audit Committee report. He noted the minor discrepancy in the

Treasurer's report, and will wait until the Treasurer presents the updated version before submitting a final Audit Committee report.

Publications

1) Secretary's Report on the SEDAAG Newsletter: Secretary Leib noted that two issues of Volume 20 of the Newsletter were printed and distributed in 2001. The Spring newsletter, mailed in May, was 20 pages long, while the Summer Newsletter, mailed in July, was 16 pages long. The Summer Newsletter was four pages longer than normal in order to include information on the upcoming Lexington meeting, as well as the meeting participation and registration forms. Including this information in the newsletter eliminated the need for a separate mailing of information and forms for the meeting. Six hundred copies of both the Spring and Summer Newsletters were printed by Harvest Printing of Tallahassee, a minority owned firm. The Spring Newsletter was printed at a cost of \$592, while the Summer Newsletter cost \$518. Even including the extra four pages in the Summer Newsletter, the total cost of printing the two newsletters (\$1,110) was well within our budget for newsletter printing costs. Secretary Leib thanked Barney Warf, chair of the Geography Department at Florida State University, for allowing the department to pay for mailing the two newsletters. Leib noted that in September a third mailing was sent out. In accordance with AAG guidelines, he sent out approximately 450 ballots for the position of AAG regional councillor to all non-SEDAAG member of the AAG who live within the Southeastern region. Along with the ballot, Leib included an invitation to join SEDAAG and a membership form.

2) Southeastern Geographer Editor's Report: President Moore presented the report for *Southeastern Geographer* editor James Wheeler. The November 2001 issue is in the mail and runs a total of 160 pages. Combined, Volume 41 (May and November 2001) total 320 pages. Wheeler thanked the Steering Committee and membership for the budget increase that allowed for the increase in journal size. Since the Chapel Hill meeting, 31 manuscripts have been received and 16 have been accepted. 11 manuscripts have been declined, while 4 were still under review at the time of the report. At Chapel Hill, the Steering Committee approved an Annual Article Award for the best article published in the preceding year in the *Southeastern Geographer*. The Awards Committee includes Stephen Birdsall, Patricia Gilmartin and Kathleen Parker. The winner of the 2000 Best Article Award is Susan Walcott for her article, "Corporate Headquarters in Metropolitan Atlanta, 1960-1997: A Region Comes of Age."

3) Webmaster's Report: SEDAAG webmaster Bill Carstensen reported that the website has been completely redesigned. He thanked the Endowment Committee for their \$1000 contribution to pay for the redesign, and noted that he still has money available for updating the site. He noted that the entire site is currently operating except for the history section. Carstensen noted that he wanted to add photographs, past meeting listings, SEDAAG officers, chronologies, departmental histories, etc. to the history section. In addition, he noted that the World Geography Bowl portion of the website will be updated shortly.

Other Committee Reports

1) Honors Committee: Bill Carstensen, chair of the Honors committee, noted that at the Honors banquet, immediately following the business meeting, faculty awards would be given out for Lifetime Achievement, Research Honors, and Service Honors. Student awards to be given out include the Merle C. Prunty award, the John Fraser Hart Ph.D. paper award, and the Masters paper award.

2) Tellers Committee: The process of counting SEDAAG ballots went smoothly. Skeeter Dixon and Jess McKee counted the ballots for the SEDAAG election.

3) Nominations Committee: The committee did a fine job working on a tight time frame. Only approximately 20 nominations cards were received. The membership is especially encouraged to participate in the nomination of state representatives. Only one nomination was received from two states and no nominations were received from another state.

4) Committee on the Status of Women in Geography: Helen Ruth Aspaas reported on the activities of the CSWG. First, the CSWG initiated a list serve for women students and professors in the region. Second, the CSWG organized three events for the Lexington meeting. Holly Hapke organized two sessions, one on the academic job search and the second on the tenure and promotion process. In addition, the CSWG held its annual SEDAAG get together. Thirteen persons attended, including AAG president Jan Monk. Aspaas thanked Monk for interacting with students at the meeting.

5) Southern Studies: John Morgan sent in the Southern Studies report. He wanted to thank Stephen Walsh for scheduling the Southern Studies paper session. The group had a Monday luncheon meeting. Tyrel Moore was chosen as the new Southern Studies chair.

6) World Geography Bowl: Neal Lineback, co-chair of the World Geography Bowl Committee, reviewed the previous two days of competition. Tennessee won the competition by defeating West Virginia in the finals, while the student all-star team defeated the professional geographer team. Lineback thanked SEDAAG for its support of the Geography Bowl competition, and hoped that SEDAAG would continue to support it in the future.

Liaison with AAG

1) Regional Councillor's Report: Dennis Lord, Southeastern Regional Councillor to the AAG, reported that he had attended the AAG Council meetings in New York (site of the 2001 AAG) and Lexington (held just prior to the start of the SEDAAG meeting). He noted that AAG membership stabilized in 2000 after several years of decline. A membership drive is underway that includes a competition between regional divisions for the largest absolute and percentage increase. Lord noted that the New York City AAG meeting was the largest ever, with more than 4,700 in attendance. The record attendance was due in large part to a huge turnout of attendees from outside the US and Canada (24% of all registrants). Lord noted that the "new look" *Annals* is running smoothly. He reminded the membership that the AAG has established two book awards and awards for the best articles in the *Annals* and *PG*. Lord reported that the current and future projected financial status of the AAG looks positive. In the wake of the September 11th attacks, he announced that the AAG has established a new initiative on research on terrorism.

2) Remarks by the President of the AAG: Janice Monk, president of the AAG, used the theme of "building bridges" in her remarks to the business meeting. She first noted the AAG's new strategic initiative, headed by Doug Richardson, to build bridges between geographers in academics, government and the

private sector. In discussing a newly created AAG education task force, President Monk outlined bridges being built to strengthen AAG linkages with both K-12 and university education. She reported that at the K-12 level there is concern about sustaining geography alliance leadership and the need to promote the AP Geography initiative. At the university level, President Monk called for a strengthening of ties with community college geography and the need to recruit more minority students. In terms of faculty preparation, she noted a new faculty training program for advanced graduate students that will be held over the summer run by Ken Foote (U. of Colorado) in collaboration with the AAG and NCGE. Monk also noted that the AAG is working to build bridges with international geographers, with the AAG working to increase international participation in the AAG (especially increasing the participation of Mexican, Caribbean and Latin American geographers) and that she is also interested in seeing an increase in US faculty participation in international research.

President Monk also reported that exciting events are planned for the AAG's centennial in 2004. She announced that Don Dahmann is currently preparing a centennial timeline, and is interested in receiving division and department information for the timeline. In addition, the AAG is creating both a membership and endowment campaign for the centennial. In order to increase membership, the AAG is sponsoring competition among the regional divisions to recruit new members.

3) Remarks by the Executive Director of the AAG: AAG Executive Director Ron Abler made a number of points in addressing the business meeting. He noted that the AAG Central Office is now running more smoothly thanks to the jelling of the Office's new staff. He told the membership to look forward to increased improvement in responsiveness to members and institutions requests. Executive Director Abler reported that Doug Richardson has been hired to head up a new AAG strategic initiative. He noted that Richardson is well-positioned with contacts in government and the private sector and will provide linkages with areas with which we have not always been well connected. Abler also announced his retirement as Executive Director as of August 31, 2004. He noted that a committee will be formed to search for his replacement.

Executive Director Abler thanked the SEDAAG Local Arrangements Committee at the University of Kentucky for their work in making the meetings a success. He thanked SEDAAG for its continued support of the AAG. He also thanked the division for providing candidates for AAG offices and thanked Neal Lineback for his efforts with the World Geography Bowl. He noted that Geography Bowl plays an important role in bringing students to regional and national meetings. Abler also thanked J.P. Jones for his continued editorial role with the *Annals* and Truman Hartshorn for editing the *Professional Geographer*.

Abler gave his thoughts on the discussion at SEDAAG over the issue of providing equipment for power point presentations. He noted that the AAG went ahead and spent the money to provide LCD projectors in all rooms at the New York meetings. He noted that the total equipment costs (LCD, overhead, and slide projectors) was \$88,000. He noted that, as was the case at the Lexington SEDAAG meetings, departments can try to borrow equipment for the meetings, but that he did not see that as a long-term solution.

Concluding Items:

1) Resolutions Committee Report: Lizbeth Pyle, chair of the Resolutions Committee, proclaimed the following resolutions:

Whereas the outgoing officers of the division have served admirably, contributing their expertise and time to the continued well-being of the Division, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude to TYREL MOORE, outgoing President; KAVITA PANDIT, outgoing Past President; JOHN WINBERRY, outgoing Treasurer.

Whereas DENNIS LORD, has served both the division and the Association of American Geographers capably as Regional Councilor for three years, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas the state representatives from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, and West Virginia collected and synthesized information on the status of geography in their states, encouraged membership, served the interests of members in their states, and contributed their professional wisdom and personal commitment to the well-being of the division, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to LUOHENG HAN, JACKIE GALLAGHER, RICHARD SCHEIN, RICHARD MATTHEWS, and TODD NESBITT.

Whereas the 56th meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers has provided opportunities to share research and ideas, and to build and renew collegial relationships, therefore 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; further be it resolved that by this resolution, the Division thanks the authors, panelists, discussants, session chairs, and field trip leaders for their excellent contributions to the conference program;

Whereas the Local Arrangements Committee has extended hospitality to the participants and division members in inviting and hosting us in Lexington, and whereas committee members have created a stimulating program for the opening session and field trips, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to JOHN PAUL JONES III and KARL RAITZ, Local Arrangements Co-Chairs, and committee members MAUREEN MCDORMAN, TOBIE SAAD, DICK GILBREATH, and AMY KIRKPATRICK HISEL.

Whereas long-time member of the Southeastern Division and student of the American South BOBBY WILSON provided us with a thought-provoking honorary lecture at the opening session, therefore be it resolved that the president convey the division's gratitude to him.

Whereas LEE T. TODD, JR., President of the University of Kentucky, graciously welcomed us to Lexington and the University of Kentucky, giving of his time to be with us, therefore be it resolved that the president convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas the Program Committee has freely given of their time to review submissions for the meeting and helped plan a substantive and thoughtful meeting, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to STEPHEN J. WALSH, Vice President and Chair of the Program Committee, and to members THOMAS HODLER, MICHAEL BROWN, SALLY HORN, SCOTT KIRSCH, LUOHENG HAN, JOANN MOSSA, TIM WARNER, THOMAS ALLEN, KIRSTIN DOW,

and ANNA SECOR.

Whereas the Honors Committee has generously donated their time, commitment, and expertise to the review of Honors papers and presentations, and to the consideration of divisional awards, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to BILL CARSTENSEN, Honors Committee Chair, and to committee members DEREK ALDERMAN, DAWN BOWEN, DOUG GAMBLE, and BARNEY WARF.

Whereas NEAL LINEBACK, THOMAS DEATON, and BILL CARSTENSEN have organized another World Geography Bowl thereby providing another opportunity for our students to enjoy friendly competition at this meeting, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas JAMES O. WHEELER, Editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*, has completed another year of tireless effort in editing our regional journal and maintaining its high standards, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas JANICE MONK, President of the Association of American Geographers has graced us with her presence, and kindly agreed to present the Honors Luncheon address, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas RON ABLER, Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers has faithfully joined the division again this year for our annual meeting, and shared with us his vision and experience, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's thanks.

Whereas the OFFICERS OF THE AAG and MEMBERS OF THE AAG COUNCIL have traveled to Lexington to hold their fall meeting in conjunction with our division's annual meeting, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's appreciation for offering us this opportunity to interact with the Officers and Council Members.

The resolutions were moved and adopted unanimously by the membership.

2) Invitation to Richmond in 2002: Susan Brooker-Gross invited the SEDAAG membership to the Omni Hotel in downtown Richmond for the 2002 SEDAAG meeting. The meeting will be co-hosted by Virginia Tech and Mary Washington College.

3) Adjournment: President Moore thanked the membership of SEDAAG for the opportunity to serve the organization. There being no other business, President Moore adjourned the business meeting at 12:21pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan Leib, SEDAAG Secretary

WORLD GEOGRAPHY BOWL 2001 RESULTS

The 2001 World Geography Bowl at the SEDAAG-Lexington meeting—the twelfth such event—involved teams from all ten Southeastern states. A total of 80 undergraduate and graduate students from 20 colleges and universities participated, supported by nearly an equal number of students, parents and faculty in the audience. More than 30 faculty members also participated in arranging, moderating, and judging the event and coordinating the teams.

At the end of the round robin competition on Sunday afternoon, November 18, Tennessee had a win-loss record of 8-1, while West Virginia and Kentucky had identical records at 7-2. The tie-breaker was based on total points scored, so West Virginia with 45 more points than Kentucky was chosen to play Tennessee in the Championship round on Monday evening.

The Championship round was preceded by a warm-up round by a pair of *Dream Teams* composed of Professional Geographers and Student All-Stars from the round robin events. Student All-Stars were Scott Farmer (UA), Michael Miller (USM), Jamie Mitchum (USC), Michael Roth (Mary Washington), David Roberts (Georgia State), and Ed Unger (Georgia State). The Professional Geographers Team was composed of Ron Abler (AAG), Stanley Brunn (UK), Michael Brown (MSU), Dennis Lord (UNC-C) Councillor of the AAG, Janice Monk (University of Arizona) President of AAG, Steve Walsh (UNC-CH) Vice-President of SEDAAG. The Student All-Stars defeated the Professional Geographers 115 to 95, giving both team 2-2 records over the four years of competition (correction from last year's report). David Robert (NC Central) was the highest scorer (40 points) on the Student All-Stars and Ron Abler (AAG) and Stanley Brunn (UK) tied for top-scorer (20 points) for the Professional Geographers.

The Championship round followed between Tennessee and West Virginia. After an exciting competition, the Tennessee team won 125 to 65. Members of the winning team were Jim Frasier (UTK), Lindsey Holderfield (UTK), Curtis Kendrick (UTK), Leah Manos (UTK), Samuel Nderitu (UM), and Chris Stanfield (UM). Representing West Virginia were Scott Deaner (Concord), Lelia Fry (Concord), Joe Guttman (Marshall), Echols Hylton (Concord), James Spicheh (Marshall), and Spring Thompson (Concord). Bill Carstensen (VT) moderated the Championship and Dream Team rounds.

Joe Guttman (Marshall) won the event's most valuable player (MVP), averaging 50 points per round, with Leah Manos (UTK) in second place with 37.8 and Jean Lavigne third with 33.3.

Neal Lineback (ASU) steps down as Chair of the WGB Committee after 12 years and we welcome Bill Carstensen (VT) as the new Chair for 2002. The World Geography Bowl continues to be an institutionalized part of SEDAAG meetings and enjoys the support of both students and faculty. The WGB Committee congratulates all of the students and faculty who participated in the 2001 event in Lexington and expresses

appreciation for the excellent camaraderie and good will shown throughout the competition.

Neal Lineback and Bill Carstensen,
Co-WGB Committee Chairs, 2001

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The target date for submission of materials for the Summer issue of the SEDAAG Newsletter is June 1, 2002. Submissions arriving after June 1 may be considered for publication depending on when they are received and space considerations in the Newsletter. Please send submissions by email (to: jleib@coss.fsu.edu) or on disk (Microsoft Word or Word Perfect preferred) by regular mail (to: Jonathan Leib, Department of Geography, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL 32306-2190)

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Upcoming SEDAAG Meeting Sites

2002 – Richmond, Virginia

2003 – Charlotte, North Carolina
