

Board Meeting Summary

November 1, 2018

1. AGC 2018 Review and Current AGC Status

The agenda was presented by Murray Rice and approved by the board.

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According to Jay Lee, our registered attendance for AGC 2018 was 216. Our current AGC bank balance is \$15k (approximate).

The cost of publishing Papers in Applied Geography is \$13.5k (bill for 2018 coming in November, based on an AGC registration guarantee of 300 people registered for the conference per year at \$45/person). Jay outlined a couple of options for proceeding with the journal:

1. Continue the journal as-is
2. Convert journal to an annual volume (AGC-published, as in 2013 and earlier years)

Jay also mentioned he is currently talking with Taylor & Francis about renegotiating the journal contract, and that he is seeking out other publishers to provide further journal publishing options. Tony Hernandez also suggested the option of simply discontinuing journal publication and focusing on the conference event with potentially enhanced student support.

Jay made a motion (Mike Ratcliffe seconded) that we established a maximum \$9k commitment for a renegotiated contact to continue with Taylor & Francis as publishers. Jay and Mike will visit Taylor & Francis in Philadelphia in November to seek this renegotiation. Following discussion, Jay amended his motion to specify that we re-vote on journal possibilities if Taylor & Francis does not agree to meet our \$9k maximum commitment. The board voted and unanimously approved this motion.

3. Continued Business

a. Recognition and Division of Conference Roles

Murray Rice reviewed a list of potential roles for division among board members. The following is the list of roles and volunteers for 2018-2019 resulting from this discussion. Everyone listed in each area of responsibility should begin making tangible progress on that area immediately, with support and advice coming as needed from the AGC Executive Director.

- i. Student Competition Coordinators:* Rich Earl, Brandon Vogt, and Clayton Whitesides.
- ii. Local Arrangements Committee:* membership is to include recent past hosts and the next two years of coming host. Members for 2018-2019 (planning for AGC 2019 in Charlotte) to include Harry Campbell, Jay Lee, and Wei Song.
- iii. Future Venue Recruitment:* all board members (venue identification discussions to be held annually).
- iv. Journal Oversight:* member selection pending results of discussion with Taylor and Francis.
- v. AGC Social Media/Website:* Tony Hernandez, Jay Newberry, Mike Ratcliffe, and Murray Rice.
- vi. Sponsorship Development:* Dawna Cerney and Clayton Whitesides.
- vii. Government Liaison:* Mike Ratcliffe.
- viii. Student Representatives and AGC Historian/Archivist:* positions left unfilled for now.

The positions of secretary and treasurer were (unintentionally) left unfilled. Following our board meeting, Jon Comer expressed interest in volunteering

as secretary (subject to confirmation by the AGC board). The role of treasurer remains to be filled (again, subject to confirmation by the board).

b. Creation of New AGC Constitution and Bylaws Document

Brief discussion on this topic to highlight the need for documents to define the rules for AGC's operation. Discussion culminated in recognition that more time is needed to come to any conclusions. Tony Hernandez suggested that we need to come to a final decision on the publication of our journal (will we publish one or not) before we engage in the details of constitution and bylaws writing. The board tabled this discussion with the understanding that further discussion will take place electronically following resolution of our journal situation, with further progress needed at our next board meeting.

c. AGC 2019 Charlotte Status Update

Harry Campbell outlined the status of plans for AGC 2019, including a focus on holding the conference in downtown Charlotte. UNCC has a building in the area that would be ideal for the conference (more rooms available for conference sessions than we would need, very reasonable cost of room rental of \$50/day). Issues to consider with AGC use of the building include limitation to daytime conference sessions only (must be done by 5:00 pm) and our reservation of the building can take place no earlier than March, 2019 (so we must wait until then to confirm our conference dates).

d. Future Meetings: AGC 2020 and Beyond

Murray Rice presented and the board confirmed the holding of AGC 2020 in the Washington, DC area. Mike Ratcliffe briefly reviewed a couple of promising venue options. The board provided approval for Mike to do some basic research on these and any other potential venues in the area for fall 2020.

Beyond 2020, other good venues for development with potential local organizers include Toledo (good possibility for AGC 2021) and Colorado Springs (good possibility for AGC 2022 or 2024). Other interested groups requiring further discussion (likely for hosting in 2023 or later) include Conway (SC), Denton (TX), and Las Cruces (NM).

4. New Business

Registration Policy

The board approved a registration policy allowing student groups (10 students or more) to have day access to future conferences for \$20/student (this is to include attendance only, no food or other materials provided to conference registrants paying full fees. The board tabled discussion until our next meeting on reduced registration for retired persons and other attendee categories.

Next Meeting

Murray Rice suggested that the board meet again in April, 2019 with all members who attend AAG 2019 in Washington, DC.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the board adjourned its meeting.