



**Middle States Division
Association of American Geographers
Executive Board Meeting Agenda**

Approved Minutes, November 22, 2012

Members Present: Paul Marr(President), Kelly Frothingham (Vice-President), David Fyfe(Secretary), Grant Saff (Regional Councilor), Jo Margaret Mano (Executive Director), Eric Sheppard (AAG President)

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm

1. Minutes of the March 9, 2012 Meeting were approved.
2. Paul Marr provided a 2011 Regional Meeting Recap, at Kean University where it was noted that there were 63 total registrants and a meeting loss of approximately \$2500. Paul then provided a breakdown of participants and costs for the 2012 meeting. It was noted that the photo contest was not successful and perhaps it should not be continued in 2013. There were 7 student papers submitted for the student paper competition and 29 people signed up for the field trip to Gettysburg. The meeting had 111 registered at the time of our meeting with 63 presentations and 8 posters. Shippensburg University /Geog dept contributions were approximately \$300 and included name badges and inserts, after-burn party food, and e-board lunch.
3. Jo Margaret Mano highlighted key items of the Treasurer's Report. Jo reported that there was not much changed since our last meeting. There was discussion about accepting credit cards for the meeting but with a non-profit checking account we can't accept credit card payments. The board agreed that we need to continue to look into the issue of accepting credit cards and asked Eric Sheppard if there was a way that AAG Central would be able to handle this. It is the board's recommendation that control of the finances be shifted to AAG Central. The board also discussed purchasing our own set of buzzers for the geography bowl. We will continue to investigate the costs associated with shipping the buzzers vs. buying our own.
4. Paul reported that the Middle States Geographer received 11 papers that were accepted and published and the Volume is available online. There was a vote on suggested guidelines that was approved unanimously. These changes will be posted on the website.
5. The board discussed potential New Board Member Nominations and will continue to look for nominations for the position of Secretary and potentially a SAGE Coordinator
6. Grant provided a summary of some of the discussions at AAG in terms of the growth of geography, how globalization is effecting our region, online classes, and certificate programs.
7. David Fyfe has stepped down from the SAGE Coordinator position and had no report for SAGE at this time. There has been little interest in SAGE in the region.

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8. Kelly provided an update on Next Year's Meeting in Buffalo. She is currently looking into dates that will not conflict with PGS or her home institution events. Food costs are projected to be in the \$30-\$40 range and she is reserving rooms at the Holiday Inn.
9. Grant provided an overview of the new Webpage. Hofstra is currently providing funding for a student aid to update the site. Grant suggested that we look into paying someone to design the site and will look into costs for this to happen and report back to the board.
10. Other items. The board will continue to look into ways to accept Online credit card payment for meeting registration. Paul suggested that when sending mass emails to members to use the BCC option as he had several complaints from members.
11. A phone meeting conference call will take place before the AAG meeting. Kelly will get a date and time for us.
12. An announcement was made that AAG has gone to online elections this year and that software may become available to the regions as well. Also, the book reviews are now online.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
David Fyfe