

Annual Report for 3/04 – 3/05

Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group

The Association of American Geographers

I. Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster and maintain interaction, cooperation and community among individuals interested in the analysis of geo-referenced data, modeling of spatio-temporal processes and the use of analytical and computational techniques in solving geographic problems. The specialty group promotes the scientific study of physical, environmental and socioeconomic geography and the development, use and teaching of analytical cartography, geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, spatial statistical, mathematical and computational techniques for spatial analysis.

II. Membership Dues

Regular: \$3

Student: \$1

III. Board

Chair – David Wong, George Mason University (term expires 2006)

Vice Chair/Treasurer – Fahai Wong, Northern Illinois University (term expires 2007)

Board member – Tom Cova, University of Utah (term expires 2005)

Board member – Mark Horner, Florida State University (term expires 2006)

Board member - Phaedon Kyriakidis, University of California, Santa Barbara
(term expires 2007)

Student representative - Jared Aldstadt (term expires 2005)

IV. Accomplishments, Activities, Future Plans and Directions

National Meeting

SAM is very active and visible in the Denver, CO, 2005 AAG Annual Meeting, 4-9 April, 2005. Twenty-four (24) sessions are under the SAM category. SAM sponsored or co-sponsored 19 sessions, up from 18 sessions in 2004. These sessions include a plenary session, a pane session, two sessions for Student Paper Competition, and one session for the Emerging Scholar Paper Competition. A total of 94 papers (up from 83 papers in 2004) were scheduled.

Last year, the plenary session was canceled due to scheduling conflict. This year, the plenary speaker is Rick Church of University of California, Santa Barbara. Thanks to Alan Murray again, *Geographical Analysis* sponsored the reception after the plenary session.

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Elections

At the business meeting of the Annual AAG meeting at Denver, SAM new officers were elected. Steven Manson (University of Minnesota) was elected as the Board Member, replacing Tom Cova. Scott Bridwell (University of Utah) was elected as the Student

Representative, replacing Jared Aldstadt. The new board is as follows (effective immediately):

Chair – David Wong (term expires 2006)
Vice Chair/Treasurer – Fahui Wang (term expires 2007)
Board member – Mark Horner (term expires 2006)
Board member – Phaedon Kyriakidis (term expires 2007)
Board member – Steven Manson (term expires 2008)
Student representative – Scott Bridwell (term expires 2008)

Congratulations to our new board members and thank for the great services provided by Tom Cova and Jared Aldstadt.

Specialty Database

During the last SAM business meeting, the Chair proposed to develop a specialty database for SAM members. The system was prototyped and the interface was developed. During June, 2004, the Chair informed all Board Members about the prototype and asked the Members to test and provided comments and feedbacks. Only one member responded. The direction of this project is not clear.

New Initiative

V. Membership and Participation

Membership numbers:
2005 – 716 (according to the AAG mailing list)
2004 – 200
2003 – 427 (unofficial)
2002 – 366
2001 – 261
2000 – 204
1999 – 219
1998 – 244
1997 – 285
1996 – 339
1995 – 309
Current balance: \$4,107.45 (1/31/2005)

Respectfully submitted,

David Wong
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