**April 11, 2013 Geographic Information Systems & Science specialty group business meeting**

Attendance not taken. About 30 in attendance.

Harvey Miller

 -Shows agenda

 -Reviews 2012 meeting minutes

 -Motion to approve 2012 meeting minutes

 -Passes approval unanimously

 -Miller notifies us that the annual report is online

**-Distinguished Career award**

 -David Mark is the award recipient this year

 -Tobler presentation is tomorrow, Friday 4/12

**-Sudent awards (Dan Goldberg)**

 -There were 8 applicants

 -The committee selected 5

 -One student had to withdraw due to being published elsewhere

 -Maybe in the future we should try to not have the student paper session at 8am

 -Few in attendance

 -Not fair to student

 -Winner: Shigo Xang, Ohio State

 -2nd Paul Holloway, UT-Austin

 -Alicia Tyson, University of Denver

 -Marta Jankowska, SDSU-UCSB

 -Joint poster competition

 -Joint with two other specialty groups

 -Winners still being decided

 -Miller reiterates high quality of papers

 -Fewer submissions, but very high quality

 -Spielman encourages atendees to publicize the paper awards next year

**-Election results (Spielman)**

-70 votes in election for vice-chair, secretary/Treasurer, academic councilor, and student representative

 -Academic councilor: Somayeh Dodge, Ohio State University

 -Background in engineering, PhD in GIScience

 -Secretary/treasurer: Ryan Burns, University of Washington

 -Background in critical GIS, geoweb

 -Dan Goldberg

 -Vice President

 -John Rogan will take over as chair, and Harvey Miller will become "Immediate Past Chair".

**-Budget Report** (Xu; not in attendance)

 -Spielman gives comments on state of the budget

 -Membership/dues/participation in decline

 -Low attendance maybe due to evening meeting time?

 -This year there were new rules for the student paper award, and we're not sure of the net effect of the changes

 -There were also new changes for career-level (i.e., not students) awards

 -Miller:

 -We have instituted "austerity measures" that may have hurt participation

 -In discussions of the SG's mission, the Tobler reception was decided to be critical

 -UCGIS was decided to be not so important

 -For the reception, $2000 was contributed from ESRI and other funders for reception

 -Francis: whether certain functions are "core" is one question, but whether we can support them is another question

 -The open bar had limits

 -Not either/or, but more nuanced than that. What do we want to support as a group? And what \*can\* we support?

 -The group is large, but you wouldn't know it by attendance levels at the business meeting

 -AAG is not supporting specialty groups as much as they should

 -Jochen Albrecht: In comparison with other business meetings, this one is "bustling"

 -Most have few people in attendance

 -Previous expenditures

 -Previous scholarships

 -$3k for travel awards

 -$500 for each student awardee, but we couldn't sustain that.

 -Each awardee still gets $500

 -We used to be a member of UCGIS but the AAG is also, so we're not going to duplicate these efforts.

 -Onus should be on the AAG, not the specialty groups

 -We were sending in funds and had a representative

 -Spatial Analysis & Modelling reception has an open bar but it's sponsored by ??a large organization -- which one??

 -some open bar bills are $3.5k

 -too expensive for us

 -Water resources spends $750 max on their reception

 -$500 for the bar, otherwise somewhat limited

 -If you would hold it offsite it would be much cheaper

 -Current membership

 -1200 or 1600 by last annual report

 -1/3 are students, others pay $12 in dues, so we have funds

 -Has it been considered to collaborate with other specialty groups to share funds?

 -Transactions in GIS, Tobler lecture are current collaborations

 -Overall we could look at the visibility and timing of awards

 -Student papers were too early

 -Perhaps instead in the afternoon

 -We would like to get our student papers in "prime time"

 -Miller tried this but was diverted away from the person who could do this

 -In the past the papers were also at 8am

 -We need to ask Oscar Larson to move the session when the preliminary program \*first\* comes out

 -One of chair's responsibilities is to procure more funds

 -Miller doubled sponsorship funds

 -Spielman has current budget and archived budget

 -Burns will contact

-AAG representative not present

-2012 Tobler e-book (Harvey)

 -Postcards distributed before meeting to remind about the Tobler event + e-book

 -Harvey has hard copies of the book

 -Last year had Nick Chrisman, Dan Sui instead of the traditional 1 speaker

 -combined with book release prefaced by Goodchild

 -Makes it accessible to people

 -Small amount of money with each sale goes into specialty group

 -Only been out for 4 months, so few sales

 -For Feburary

 -cost: $1637, copyediting $267

 -Spielman: How was price determined?

 -Harvey: Price point for royalty on Amazon - lowest amount they could charge and still make royalties

 -Spielman: The people who might buy the book would probably buy it for more than current $3 price

 -Harvey: Paper copy $17, $12 in royalties. People in other parts of the world might not have the money

 -Harvey: Does SG want to have formal documentation about this? And how can we get the word out more?

 -Miller: And is it something we want to do for other Tobler lecturers?

 -Harvey: Touches on issues of publisher profits

 -Perhaps pass on the info to the treasurer

 -Miller: Any thought on Dawn Wright tomorrow lecture?

 -We would need to ask Dawn's permission

 -For advertising, we could put it in the AAG's geogram newsletter

 -Didn't yet. We could also email the specialty group.

 -We could also assign it in GIS classes

 -Good quality reading for GIS classes