**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