

AAG, Remote Sensing Specialty Group (RSSG)

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2013

Pacific Ballroom Salon 1, L.A. Hotel

333 S. Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA 90071

Dr. Kin Ma, Vice-Chair, of the RSSG presided over the Business Meeting, because Dr. Soe Myint was not able to attend the Business Meeting because of prior time commitments.

Meeting commenced at 8:30PM

1. 2012 New York City, AAG RSSG Business Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

2. 2012-2013 Treasurer's Report

2013 Treasurer's Report (attached) accepted unanimously. The balance at the time of the meeting, as of January 31, 2013, was \$3,142.75.

3. Amend Bylaws

Current: Article VIII Amendments Changes to this Constitution must be approved by at least 4 votes of the Board of Direction and ratified by a letter ballot of the RSSG membership. Approval by 60% of those RSSG members voting shall be required.

Proposed: Article VIII Amendments Changes to this Constitution must be approved by at least 4 votes of the Board of Direction and ratified by ballot of the RSSG membership. Approval by 60% of those RSSG members voting shall be required.

Result: Unanimous approval of the proposal to allow balloting by various means, including electronic ballots.

4. Awards

4A) 2013 Students Honors Paper Competition (Amy Frazier)

First place: Niti Mishra (University of Texas - Austin)

Title: "*Relating Spatial Patterns of Fractional Land Cover to Savanna Vegetation Morphology using Multi-scale Remote Sensing in the Central Kalahari*"

Second place: Wenkai Li (University of California-Merced)

Title: "*A New Accuracy Assessment Method for One-Class Classification of Remote Sensing Data*"

Third place: Chunyuan Diao (University at Buffalo)

Title: "*Development of an Invasive Species Distribution Model with Fine-Resolution Remote Sensing*"

4B) 2013 Student Illustrated Paper Competition (Lindsay Deel)

First place: Thomas O'Connell (Salem State University)

Poster title: "*No More Hidden Secrets: Human Rights Violations and Remote Sensing*"

Second place: Laura Hansen (Clark University)

Poster title: "*Comparison of metrics to measure land change model performance across various REDD projects*"

Third place: Xianonan Tai (University at Buffalo)

Poster title: "*Validating habitat suitability model with remote sensing-derived species fractions: Using Invasive Tamarisk as an example*"

4C) 2013 Early Career Award: Dr. Harini Sridharan, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

4D) 2013 Outstanding Contributions Award: Dr. Dar A. Roberts (U. C. – Santa Barbara)
A statement was read that conveyed Dr. Roberts' appreciation for the award.

4E) 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award: Professor John R. Jensen (University of South Carolina): There was a special session that was organized on Thursday morning, April 11, 2013, 8:00AM in the L.A. Hotel to honor Dr. Jensen. Colleagues and former students shared their observations and insights regarding Jensen's contributions to the geographic and remote sensing communities, at the local/state and national and international arenas. Dr. Jensen also shared his insights.

* Appreciation to Dr. Soe W. Myint (Chair of RSSG, 2011-2013): At the end of Dr. Jensen's 4/11/2013 session, Dr. Myint was recognized for his service to the RSSG for the past two years.

5. Elections

5A) Chair (2 year term): As stipulated by the RSSG By-laws, the current Vice-Chair, Dr. Kin Ma, ascends to the Chair position for a two-year term from 2013 until 2015.

5B) Vice Chair (2 year term):

Dr. Michaela Buenemann (New Mexico State University) and Dr. Le Wang (State University of New York, Buffalo) were nominated for the Vice-Chair position. Paper ballots were prepared for the people in attendance, and when the votes were tallied, Buenemann received 11 votes, and Wang received 10 votes for the Vice-Chair position. Two RSSG members asked for a re-count of the ballots. After tallying the re-count, Buenemann received 11 votes, Wang received 10 votes. Then after the second count of the votes, the RSSG member requested that he be allowed to count the votes himself, and his request was granted. After this counting, he claimed that the handwriting looked similar and demanded a revote and cast doubt on the veracity of the first ballot. He requested that the position be re-voted. (The meeting time was now 9:25 PM and some members left and entered the room and therefore some controversy regarding the number of eligible voters and whether they are truly Remote Sensing Specialty Group members). Paper ballots were again distributed to the members and there was a re-vote on the Vice-Chair position. During the second ballot, about 40 minutes after the first ballot, the results were, Wang (12 votes) and Buenemann (10 votes). Dr. Le Wang was declared the next Vice-Chair of the RSSG for a two-year term from 2013-2015.

5C) Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term):

Dr. Michaela Buenemann (New Mexico State University) was re-elected to a two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer (2013-2015).

5D) Student Director (2 year term): Mr. Xuebin Yang (University of Texas--Austin) and Ms. Iliyana Dobrova (Texas A&M University) were nominated as student directors. The result of the paper ballot was 10 votes for Dobrova and 10 votes for Yang. After this vote, Yang withdrew his nomination, and the RSSG members supported Iliyana Dobrova.

5E) Awards Committee Member: Dr. Brenden McNeil (West Virginia University) and Dr. Qihao Weng (Indiana State University) were nominated for this position. The result of the paper ballot was 13 votes for Weng and 8 votes for McNeil. Dr. Qihao Weng was declared the new Awards Committee member.

6. 2014 Tampa AAG Sessions:

Dr. Ma requested that RSSG members propose session topics with Current trends, issues, and themes in the Remote Sensing and related fields, and to work more closely with leadership, Session Organizer, Alok Sahoo, to promote more organized sessions, and better coordination of the scheduling of the Student Paper, Illustrated paper, and Panel sessions and the RSSG Business Meeting at the upcoming year 2014 Tampa conference.

Meeting Adjourned, 9:50PM

7. Post-Business Meeting Gathering

Weiland Brewery Underground

505 S. Flower St, B-410 (Basement Food Courts south of Westin Hotel)

**Association of American Geographers
Remote Sensing Specialty Group Financial Report**

31 January 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursem.</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>8/31/09</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 3,754.81</i>
9/30/09	Dues collected for September 2009	162.00		3,916.81
10/2/09	Transfer from GIS for paper comp	300.00		4,216.81
10/31/09	Dues collected for October 2009	450.00		4,666.81
11/30/09	Dues collected for November 2009	228.00		4,894.81
12/31/09	Dues collected for December 2009	140.00		5,034.81
1/31/10	Dues collected for January 2010	113.00		5,147.81
2/28/10	Dues collected for February 2010	149.00		5,296.81
3/31/10	Dues collected for March 2010	153.00		5,449.81
4/17/10	Zhang - 1st place stu honors pap		(500.00)	4,949.81
4/18/10	Tuttle, Benjamin - AM 2010 Conf Reg		(330.00)	4,619.81
4/26/10	Alpern - Student Paper Remote Sensing SG 2010		(150.00)	4,469.81
4/17/10	Gupta - 1st place illust pap		(500.00)	3,969.81
4/17/10	Giner - 2nd place stu honors pap		(250.00)	3,719.81
4/17/10	Yu - early career award		(250.00)	3,469.81
4/17/10	Mishra - 3d place stu honors pap		(150.00)	3,319.81
4/17/10	Narumalani - reimb AM exp		(375.95)	2,943.86
4/17/10	Zhang - 2nd place illust pap		(250.00)	2,693.86
4/30/10	Dues collected for April 2010	146.00		2,839.86
5/31/10	Dues collected for May 2010	76.00		2,915.86
6/30/10	Dues collected for June 2010	60.00		2,975.86
7/31/10	Dues collected for July 2010	72.00		3,047.86
8/31/10	Dues collected for August 2010	102.00		3,149.86
8/31/10	Balance			\$ 3,149.86
<i>8/31/10</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 3,149.86</i>
9/30/10	Dues collected for September 2010	158.00		3,307.86
10/31/10	Dues collected for October 2010	318.00		3,625.86
11/30/10	Dues collected for November 2010	294.00		3,919.86
12/31/10	Dues collected for December 2010	129.00		4,048.86
1/31/11	Dues collected for January 2011	194.00		4,242.86
2/28/11	Dues collected for February 2011	85.00		4,327.86
3/30/11	Myint - reimbursement		(79.41)	4,248.45
3/31/11	Dues collected for March 2011	141.00		4,389.45
4/15/11	Mishra - Student Honors Paper		(150.00)	4,239.45
4/15/11	Sridharan - RGSG/Cartography/GIS Illustrated Paper		(250.00)	3,989.45
4/29/11	Cuba - 2nd Place Student Honors Paper		(250.00)	3,739.45
4/29/11	Geise - 3rd Place - RSSG/CART/GIS Illustrated Paper Award		(150.00)	3,589.45
4/29/11	He - Early Career Award		(250.00)	3,339.45
4/29/11	Heumann - 1st Place - RSSG Student Honors Paper		(500.00)	2,839.45
4/29/11	Luebbing - 1st Place RSSG/CART/GIS Illustrated Paper Award		(500.00)	2,339.45

4/15/11	AM 2011 Awards luncheon tickets		(275.00)	2,064.45
4/26/11	Myint - reimbursement for AM 2011 reception		(336.85)	1,727.60
4/30/11	Dues collected for April 2011	162.00		1,889.60
5/12/11	Transfer from Cartography SG for Illustrated Paper Awards	300.00		2,189.60
5/12/11	Transfer from GIS SG for Illustrated Paper Awards	300.00		2,489.60
5/31/11	Dues collected for May 2011	61.00		2,550.60
06/24/11	Buenemann - 1yr website domain renewal		(15.95)	2,534.65
06/30/11	Register4Less - 2yr website domain renewal		(31.90)	2,502.75
06/29/11	Halvorsen - website maintenance		(42.00)	2,460.75
6/30/11	Dues collected for June 2011	68.00		2,528.75
7/31/11	Dues collected for July 2011	101.00		2,629.75
8/23/11	Halvorsen - website maintenance		(228.00)	2,401.75
8/31/11	Dues collected for August 2011	112.00		2,513.75
8/31/11	Balance			\$ 2,513.75
8/31/11	Balance forward			\$ 2,513.75
9/30/11	Dues collected for Sept. 2011	295.00		2,808.75
10/31/11	Dues collected for Oct. 2011	206.00		3,014.75
11/30/11	Dues collected for Nov. 2011	178.00		3,192.75
12/31/11	Dues collected for Dec. 2011	211.00		3,403.75
1/31/12	Dues collected for Jan 2012	140.00		3,543.75
2/27/12	AM 2012 luncheon		(495.00)	3,048.75
2/27/12	Frazier - 1st Place Student Honors Paper Competition		(500.00)	2,548.75
2/27/12	McCleary - 3rd Place Student Honors Paper Competition		(150.00)	2,398.75
2/27/12	Zhang - Best Paper for Early Career Scholar		(250.00)	2,148.75
2/27/12	Dronova - 2nd Place Student Honors Paper Competition		(250.00)	1,898.75
2/27/12	Yamane - 2nd Place Student Illustrated Paper Competition		(125.00)	1,773.75
2/27/12	Clements - 2nd Place Student Illustrated Paper Competition		(125.00)	1,648.75
2/27/12	Cai - 3rd Place Student Illustrated Paper Competition		(150.00)	1,498.75
2/27/12	Shatz - 1st Place Illustrated Paper Competition		(500.00)	998.75
2/29/12	Dues collected for Feb 2012	153.00		1,151.75
3/14/12	Transfer from GISSG for Student Illustrated Paper Competition	300.00		1,451.75
3/29/12	Transfer for 2012 RSSG/GIS/Cartography Illustrated Paper Competition	300.00		1,751.75
3/7/12	Ma - Reimbursement for reception		(577.00)	1,174.75
3/31/12	Dues collected for Mar 2012	92.00		1,266.75
4/30/12	Dues collected for Apr 2012	74.00		1,340.75
5/31/12	Dues collected for May 2012	108.00		1,448.75
6/30/12	Dues collected for June 2012	74.00		1,522.75
7/31/12	Dues collected for July 2012	78.00		1,600.75
8/31/12	Dues collected for Aug 2012	137.00		1,737.75
8/31/12	Balance			1,737.75
8/31/12	Balance forward			\$ 1,737.75
9/30/12	Dues collected for Sept 2012	173.00		1,910.75
10/31/12	Dues collected for Oct. 2012	581.00		2,491.75
11/30/12	Dues collected for Nov. 2012	207.00		2,698.75
12/31/12	Dues collected for Dec. 2012	204.00		2,902.75
1/31/13	Dues collected for Jan 2013	240.00		3,142.75
1/31/13	Balance			3,142.75