

**Remote Sensing Specialty Group
2003 Business Meeting Minutes
Friday March 7, 2003
New Orleans**

1. Tim Warner, (West Virginia University), called the meeting to order. He announced that the RSSG Chair, Mark Jakubauskas (Kansas Applied Remote Sensing Program at the University of Kansas) was not able to attend and that he would be stepping down as Chair.
2. The 2002-03 RSSG Vice Chair, Tim Warner, was elected to a two-year term (2003 – 2005) as Chair of the RSSG.
3. The 2002 minutes from the Los Angeles meeting were approved. People who had not reviewed the minutes were asked to review them on the RSSG web page.
4. L. Monika Moskal (RSSG Student Director) announced the winners of the RSSG sponsored paper awards. The results of each competition are listed below.

Remote Sensing Specialty Group Student Honors Paper Competition

1st Place - certificate and \$500

Bing Xu, University Of California, Berkeley

"A comparison of land use classification with multispectral and hyperspectral imagery: an exploratory analysis of EO-1 data"

2nd Place - certificate and \$250

Matthew E. Ramspott, University of Kansas, Lawrence

"Multi-scale remote sensing-based measurement of biophysical characteristics in northeast Kansas grasslands"

3rd Place - certificate and \$150

Le Wang, University Of California, Berkeley

"An object-based method to map mangroves and detect light gaps changes integrating the use of high-spatial resolution satellite images and aerial photos"

Runner up - Erdas Imagine Software 1 year student license

Nicholas J. Matzke - University Of California, Santa Barbara

"Geostatistical Analysis of DMSP and MODIS burn area estimation capabilities for preserves in Madagascar"

RSSG, GISSG and CSG Illustrated Paper Student Competition

1st Place - certificate and \$500

Brian Wardlow, University of Kansas

"An Agricultural Land Use/Land Cover (LULC) Mapping Protocol for the U.S. Central Great Plains Region"

2nd Place - certificate and \$250

John Rogan, San Diego State University

"A comparison of machine learning algorithms for land cover"

3rd Place - certificate and \$150

Feng Qi, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Knowledge Discovery from Natural Resource Maps"

Masters Award - - certificate and \$150

Matt D. Dunbar, University of Kansas

"Quantifying, assessing and visualizing 60 years of forest cover change in northeastern Kansas"

Runner up - Erdas Imagine Software 1 year student license

Kin M. Ma, Michigan State University

"Classification methods comparison of Michigan Landsat images (1975-2000) and land use change analysis"

5. No Outstanding Achievement award was made for 2003.
6. The RSSG recognized L. Monika Moskal (RSSG Student Director) for her outstanding efforts as Student Director.
7. Michael Emch (Portland State University), RSSG Treasurer, reported on the RSSG's finances. Before the New Orleans AAG Meeting the RSSG had \$6812.13. He estimated that after the New Orleans meetings there would still be more than \$5000 in our account. The revenue that the RSSG will gain during 2003-04 depends on the membership. However, if the trend of the past 3 years continues, the RSSG will have plenty of money. Therefore, it was reported that the group might consider increasing the student paper competition awards again in the future.
8. In celebration of the Centennial of the AAG, the RSSG will produce a special issue of *Geocarto International* in June 2004. Papers must be submitted by August 1st, 2003. The guest Editors are M. Duane Nellis (West Virginia University), Tim Warner (West Virginia University), and Doug Stow (San Diego State University).
9. RSSG members discussed the possibility of special Sessions for the 2004 AAG meetings in Philadelphia. Some of the ideas discussed included sessions on: (a) the current status of RS, (b) the future of RS, (c) the history of RS, (d) people who have been recognized with an RSSG Outstanding Contribution award, or (e) organizing a plenary session.
10. Steve Walsh (University of North Carolina) proposed publishing a compendium of classic papers in remote sensing to celebrate the AAG centennial.
11. 2003 RSSG Program Chair, Jane Read (Syracuse University), reported that there were 18 RSSG-sponsored paper sessions, 3 student paper sessions, 4 illustrated paper competitions,

and 2 student paper competitions. She also discussed some of the difficulties in getting people to sign up for RSSG sponsored sessions. Several possibilities were discussed for the future including sending a mass email to all members to encourage them to sign up for a RSSG session. In addition, the email list seemed out of date. Another problem was that several of the rooms were too small for the large attendance.

12. Dan Civco (ASPRS Board Member; University of Connecticut) attended the RSSG meeting. He stated that members of the RSSG have common interests with ASPRS and suggested that those who are unfamiliar with the Society should consider getting involved.
13. Doug Ramsey (Utah State University) was elected as the 2003-2005 RSSG Vice Chair.
14. Joe Messina (Michigan State University) was elected for a two-year term as a Director (2003-2005). He will join Kelley Crews-Meyer (University of Texas) who has another year left of her (2002-2004) term.
15. Jerry Griffith (University of Southern Mississippi) was elected as the 2004 RSSG Program Chair for the 2004 Philadelphia AAG Meeting.
16. Teresa Burscu (Indiana University) was elected as the 2003-2004 RSSG Student Director. She will work with the 2004 RSSG Program Chair to arrange the Philadelphia Student Paper Competition.
17. Steve Walsh (University of North Carolina) was re-elected as the RSSG Honors Committee Chair.
18. Michael Emch (Portland State University) was re-elected as the RSSG Secretary/Treasurer.
19. Kelley Crews-Meyer (University of Texas) described her efforts to put together a special issue of Remote Sensing of Environment. The issue would not be purely methodological; it would be science-oriented. The Editor suggested that once an issue was put together it could be published in approximately 6 months.
20. If members have contributions that they would like to make to the RSSG web site (<http://www.earthsensing.com/rssg/index.html>) then please send them to John.Althausen@salemstate.edu.
19. The meeting was adjourned by Tim Warner.