

MINUTES: 2016 PGSG BUSINESS MEETING

*Thursday, March 30, 2016, 7:10 pm
Union Square 21, Hilton Hotel, 4th Floor*

I. Approval of 2015 minutes

II. Preconference report & budget

The pre-conference was held on Monday, March 28 in the Nikko Hotel (222 Mason St.), one of the main AAG conference hotels this year.

We had 88 people signed up for the conference ahead of time (almost all presenters, but a few organizers, chairs, and attendees). Actual registration was 88 people, including 46 paying non-student members for a total registration fee income of \$920. 51 people signed up to attend the dinner at King of Thai (184 O'Farrell St.).

After income and expenses from the preconference, as well as student awards, we should have \$1,593.31 in the PGSG budget.

III. Elections

Newly elected faculty board members:

Orhon Myadar (University of Arizona)
Lindsay Naylor (University of Delaware)
Keegan Williams, Grad Rep (Wilfred Laurier University)

Appreciation extended to board members rotating off:

Afton Clarke-Sather (University of Delaware)
Sapana Doshi (University of Arizona)
Sara Hughes, Grad Rep (UCLA)

Thanks to Katrinka Somdahl-Sands (Rowan University) and Cindy Sorrenson (Texas Tech University) for their work on the Student Travel Award Committee. Their positions will be filled by Erinn Nicley (Western Governors University) and Colin Flint (Utah State University).

Thanks also to Keegan Williams who helped coordinate this year's new online voting format.

IV. Awards

Special thanks for all the work done by board (faculty awards) and the various committees in identifying this year's winners.

Stanley D. Brunn Young Scholar Award: Josh Inwood (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)

Richard Morrill Public Outreach Award: Brittany Gilmer (Florida International University)

Julian Minghi Distinguished Book Award: Philippa Williams (Queen Mary, University of London),
Everyday Peace? : Politics, Citizenship and Muslim Lives in India (Wiley-Blackwell)

Virginie Mamadouh Outstanding Research Award: Ian Shaw (University of Glasgow,) and Katie Meehan
(University of Oregon) for (2013) Force-Full: Power, Politics and Object-Oriented Philosophy.
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STUDENT AWARDS:

Alexander B. Murphy Dissertation Enhancement Award: Carly Nichols (University of Arizona): "1000
Days is Forever: The Gendered and Affective Political Geographies of Food and Nutrition
Interventions in India"

PhD Student Paper Award: Casey Lynch (University of Arizona): "Performative Power and Colonizing
Assemblages in Post-Coup Honduras"

MA/MS Student Paper Award: Amber Boll (University of Kentucky): "Participatory Action Mapping: A
pathway for (re)thinking, (re)engaging, and (re)making maps in political geography"

BA Student Paper Award (2015): Shivon Yim (York University) "Imaginative Geographies of a Mixed-race
Identity: A postcolonial consideration of my colonial past and present" (Faculty Sponsor: Sara
Koopman)

BA Student Paper Award (2015, honorable mention): Brittney Ortega (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)
"The Immigration Crisis in the Mediterranean: The Spanish Case" (Faculty Sponsor: Reece Jones)

PGSG will cover the cost of attending the awards banquet on Saturday for those recipients able to
attend.

V. Highlights from AAG Chairs Luncheon

AAG dispersed approximately \$50,000 in student awards this year.

AAG will lower dues in the lower-budget category to \$65.

The AAG meeting this year has some 9,000 attendees, with 126 sessions sponsored by PGSG.

VI. Discussion on Preconference format to deal with size/time constraints

Given that this year's preconference was the day after Easter, it proved to be problematic and
expensive to find a local host institution. Meanwhile the AAG had plenty of free rooms available that
day so we took advantage of that opportunity. Unfortunately we did not realize until the day of the
event that we had to pay \$400 per room (i.e. \$800 total) for audio visual set-up. At the last minute, the
AAG conference company agreed to split that cost with us.

Discussion followed:

- convenience of the conference hotel vs. support of and opportunity to visit a local host institution

- number of simultaneous sessions; more sharing and large audiences vs. fitting more presentations in
- moving deadline up to December 1 to match when AAG abstracts are due
- bring back a common plenary and more preconference-wide activities if we have to stay with at least some concurrent sessions
- given that if one is attending the pre-conference AAG can make for a very long conference it was suggested that we request Oscar Larson to shift PGSG member's presentations to early in the week when possible
- the Board will incorporate many of these suggests in planning for next year's preconference to be held on Tuesday, April 4 in Boston. The AAG meeting itself will be held Wednesday-Sunday April 5-9.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes prepared by Kenneth Madsen, PGSG Secretary-Treasurer. Posted to PGSG website 6/5/16.