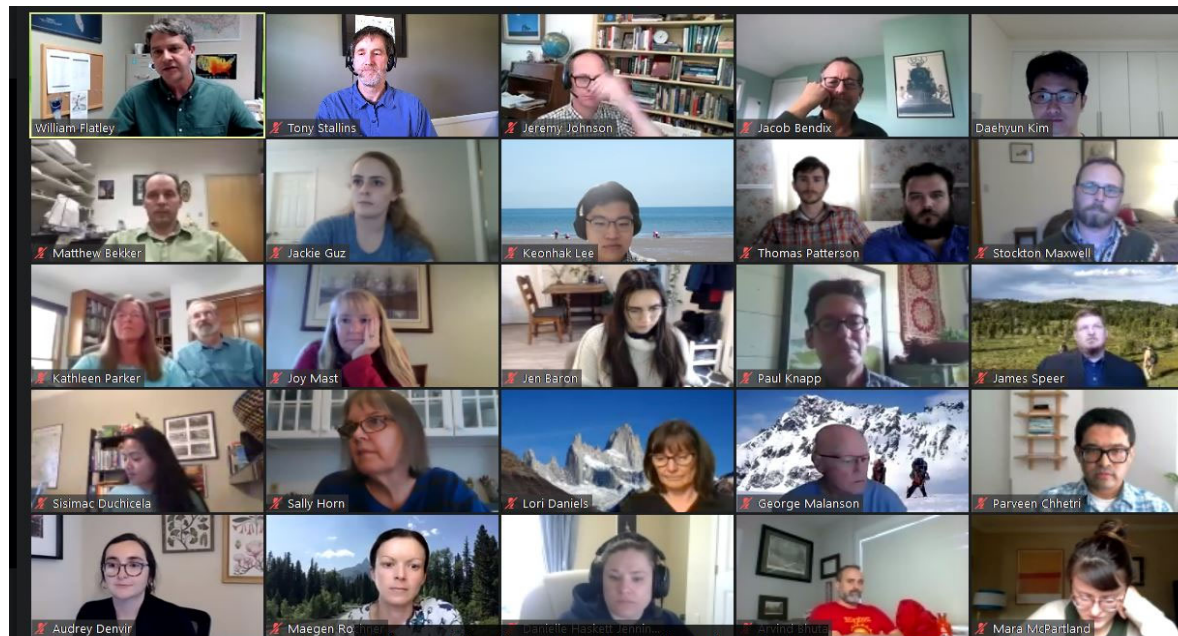


AAG Biogeography Specialty Group Business Meeting Minutes

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Due to the Covid pandemic, the 2021 BSG Business Meeting was held in Zoom on Friday May 9th at 12:30 Pacific Standard Time. The slides below reflect the general presentation of materials. Hopefully, the 2022 AAG meeting in New York City will be in person so as to facilitate a more congenial conversational environment.



Chair's Report: Daehyun Kim

- BSG-sponsored sessions (total 23)
 - North American Landscapes Through Time: Environmental and Human History from Natural Archives I and II
 - The effects of disturbance on Northern and Southern Hemisphere Forests. Recognizing and honoring the contributions of Thomas T. Veblen in Biogeography I – IV
 - Biogeography and Paleoenvironmental Change
 - Transformations Towards Mountain Sustainability 1 – 3
 - Floodplains and riparian zones: pattern, process, and management of dynamic ecosystems
 - Dendrochronology I – VII
 - Vegetation Dynamics I – III
 - Increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in Biogeography

- Updating the bylaws is underway and will likely take place over the upcoming fall and summer

Biogeography

Approved May, 1983

The Biogeography Specialty Group has been established to actively promote the interests and development of biogeography and biogeographers within the Association of American Geographers. The BSG acknowledges the "Administrative and Operational Procedures for Specialty Groups" as its principal governing document, but wishes to further specify certain governing procedures, as follows:

Article I Officers

1. The BSG will be administered by a board of five officers, including a chairperson, a secretary-treasurer, and three directors. Each officer will be elected and serve a two-year term. The terms of office will begin and end as follows:

Chairperson.....from June 1 to May 31 of odd years
Secretary-Treasurer.....from June 1 to May 31 of even years
First Director.....from June 1 to May 31 of odd years
Second Director.....from June 1 to May 31 of odd years
Third Director.....from June 1 to May 31 of even years

Treasurer's report: Nathan Gill

- Pay Pal link is available for donations from members

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Synopsis

The BSG finances are in good order. Despite the cancellation of the physical meeting of the AAG this year, the BSG remained active by holding virtual sessions and offering student competitions and the Cowles and Parsons Awards. Comparing total expenditures against the revenue generated from our membership dues, the BSG saw a **net gain of \$472.94** over the last twelve months. This small surplus amount has been added to the funds remaining from prior years for future use.

Revenue

Dues received over prior 12 months (April 2020-March 2021): **\$1,615.00**

Expenditures

PhD Research Grant: (\$1,000.00)

Award plaques: (\$111.90)

BSG website domain fees: (\$30.16)

Balance: **(\$1,142.06)**

Net difference: **\$472.94**

Awards: Stockton Maxwell

- Parsons Award

Dr. Kathleen C. Parker,
Professor Emeritus, University
of Georgia



- Cowles Award

**Evan Larson, Kurt Kipfmuller, and
Lane Johnson** for their paper
“People, Fire, and Pine: Linking
human agency and landscape in the
Boundary Waters Canoe Area
Wilderness and beyond” published
in the *Annals of the American
Association of Geographers*



Presentation competition: Maegen Rochner

- 2021 Student presentation competition underway (7 applicants)
- 2020 Student presentation award winners
 - Joseph Andreoli, University of Florida
 - Predicting the potential geographic distributions of non-native fishes in Florida with climate change
 - Robert Andrus, University of Colorado-Boulder
 - Moisture availability limits subalpine tree establishment

Research Grant Proposal Competition: Will Flatley

- NO Masters submissions this year
- PhD competition winner of 2021
 - Clara Mosso (Colorado State University)
 - Urban expansion into native forest: Assessing impacts on fire risk and ecosystem services provision in San Martín de los Andes (Neuquén) and Aspen (Colorado)



Elections: Jeremy Johnson

- Departing: Daehyun Kim (Chair), Will Flatley, Stockton Maxwell, and Jackie Guz
- Incoming: Stockton Maxwell (Chair), Arvind Bhuta, Danielle Haskett Jennings, and Mara McPartland



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Arvind Bhuta
(USDA Forest
Service)



Danielle Haskett
Jennings (South
Dakota State
University)

- Departing and incoming student Reps: Jackie Guz (Clark University) and Mara McPartland (University of Minnesota)



Jackie Guz (Clark University)



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