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About APCG

Founded in 1935 by a gathering of geographers including graduate students and faculty from universities, normal schools and junior colleges, and a few from government and industry, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a long and rich history promoting geographical education, research, and knowledge. Members gather at the annual meetings for social and intellectual interaction. They receive the annual *Yearbook*, first published in 1935, that includes abstracts of papers from the meetings and a number of full length peer-reviewed articles. Members also receive the biannual newsletter *Pacifica*, first published in Fall 1994. Since 1952 the APCG has also been the Pacific Coast Regional Division of the Association of American Geographers, serving AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, BC, and YT.

Photo (Banner): Debra Sharkey & Michael Schmandt (San Juan Islands, 2005)

How the West Was Won (By Craft Brewers)

Jonathan Rossiter
San Diego Mesa College

Over the holidays, there is a high likelihood that you will have to explain to your friends and family, for the umpteenth time, what exactly it is that you do. "Geography, Uncle Frank. No, Uncle Frank, I don't look at rocks, that's geology. No Uncle Frank, we don't spend all day memorizing the capitals." If your family is like mine, this conversation will likely be lubricated by beer. If you're having a hard time explaining to Uncle Frank how you and your colleagues can study Foucault, fracking, freeze-thaw cycle weathering, and France, all in the same

discipline, why not use that beer as an instructive example?

We geographers like to argue that everything is geographic, but it's easy to see how beer is *very* geographic. Along with wine, it is one of the rare consumer products that is produced and exported by almost every country in the world, save a few Muslim countries that abstain from alcohol altogether. Even Liechtenstein makes a beer! One of the first questions Uncle Frank might ask about the suds in your glass is *where is that beer from?*, and the answer always has the potential to be interesting. Maybe it was brewed right

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President's Message

Weathering the Storm

Michael Schmandt
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Fellow geographers, It is an honor and privilege to serve you as President of the APCG. This organization plays a critical role in promoting and disseminating geographical information, education, and research. It does this primarily through its annual meetings; its publications, the *Yearbook* and the *Pacifica*; and increasingly through on-line and social media. Edu-

cation and research associations have taken a financial beating during the "Great Recession"; a [survey](#) released by Johns Hopkins University stated that eighty percent of nonprofit organizations are experiencing financial stress and close to forty percent of the respondents report that the stress is "severe" or "very severe."

To date, our association, however, has ridden out this storm particularly well. We are on solid financial ground. Certainly, Bob Richardson, our long-time Treasurer, could point to potential problem

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APCG's New Website is Online!

Go to apcgweb.org to see our new website. The site uses a contemporary content management system platform and will grow to become a focal point of communication using multiple functions and media. Members can now join and donate online using a fillable web form and a PayPal link. There is a Facebook link, a listserv function will be added soon, and there are plans for online voting in the future. Jim Keese has agreed to take over as

webmaster. Any content, comments, or suggestions can be sent to jkeese@calpoly.edu. Thanks to Bob Richardson for his many years of service as the APCG's webmaster, in addition to all of his other contributions. The old site will continue to be online for a few months as we make final tweaks and transfers of information, and until the search engines begin to list the new site. However, all updates will be posted to the new site only.

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areas (like the low interest rate on our endowments), but largely due to Bob's meticulous oversight and the continued generosity of our membership, we are not hurting, and, dare I say, our bottom line is healthy (please see his Treasurer's Report on page 9).

At a more macro-scale, our financial health is attributed to our association's firm focus on our mission. Back in 1935, a group of west-coast geographers discovered that there were some things we do better together than alone. I believe those that have guided this organization through the years have stayed true to this task, and we continue to deliver quality products and services that matter to our members.

Still, I'm concerned about some dark clouds. Our membership is trending slowly downward, and although I do not believe that bigger is always better, I know that our membership is currently blessed with two demographic groups: graduate students and tenured (and retired) professors. We lack lecturers and tenure-track professors. Membership often suffers during a recession because there are fewer hires, those that are hired are less financially secure, and there is less money for travel and professional development. Still, it seems that we are unusually down in this demographic. We spent good portions of both our executive board and business meetings in Olympia discussing demographics and how we can reach out to a new generation of geographers.

Jim Keese wrote about membership diversity in his [Fall 2011 Presidential Message](#). His data showed a need to support both women and minority Geography students in conference participation and with their research. Currently, we have five programs designed to provide grants and scholarships to these communities. Diversity, however, is greater than gender and color. For our organization, it should include rank. In the coming months, let's discuss what we should do to encourage the participation of junior faculty.

Part of our outreach should include communication, and in this arena, there are several recent and exciting changes. Last year, Nancy Wilkinson designed and started our [APCG Facebook page](#). This fall, Jim Keese launched our new [APCG website](#). Please see his announcement on the cover page. Also, with this issue of the *Pacifica*, please welcome Vienne Vu, the newsletter's new editor. She has several ideas about the future of the *Pacifica* and how it could be more relevant to the junior faculty that we want to attract while still being pertinent to our current members. Together, these tools are crucial in how we communicate with our members and how we share ideas. We hope they appeal to a diverse membership, but in any event, they are a few more ways we continue to promote and disseminate geographical information, education, and research across our region. Sticking to our mission, we can weather any storm.



How the West Was Won (By Craft Brewers)

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here in town, or maybe it was brewed in Laos. Either way, it makes for a great, geography-related conversation starter.

For us Pacific Coasters, the probability is increasingly high that the answer to that question will be “right here in town,” rather than Laos or some other obscure, faraway locale. While the recent economic downturn in the U.S. has caused beer sales to slump slightly, most of that pain has been felt by the major brewers, Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors. America’s 2,000+ craft brewers—which are typically smaller, have a limited area of geographic distribution, and are independently owned—have seen steady growth for the past ten years, and a disproportionate amount of that growth has occurred in the states along the Pacific Coast.

In California, for example, there are over 260 craft breweries, more than any other state, and we can expect that number to top 300 within the next few years. Washington has the second highest total, followed by Colorado and Oregon. According to the California Craft Brewers Association, the industry employed 22,000 people statewide in 2011, pumped \$3 billion into the state’s beleaguered economy, and poured \$400 million in taxes into the state’s nearly empty coffers. To illustrate how significant this is, just under 30 years ago, in 1983, there were only 80 breweries of *any* kind in the entire United States, and almost all of them exclusively made the type of watery yellow stuff that Uncle Frank probably enjoys. Now, the list of styles available from West Coast craft breweries is myriad, growing, and evolving, and interest in craft beer is increasing as a result.

How did this come to be? Why here, as opposed to, say, the Southeast? A number of different reasons, all of them geographic, can help explain the West Coast’s dominance in craft brewing.

Homebrewing Laws

Most of the current crop of commercial craft brewers got their start by homebrewing, or making their own beer at home. Homebrewing was not even legal in the United States until 1979, at which time individual states were allowed to make their own laws to legalize the practice. States on the West Coast quickly allowed homebrewing, while more socially conservative states were slow to follow suit; Utah and Oklahoma only recently legalized it, while it is still forbidden in Alabama and Mississippi. Missouri, home to Anheuser-Busch and its

powerful lobbying efforts, didn’t legalize homebrewing until 1995. As a result, many of the country’s earliest craft breweries opened up on the West Coast, and many of these have become leaders in the industry today. Of the 50 largest craft breweries in the United States, 19 are located in states in the APCG region (12 in California, 4 in Oregon, and one each in Alaska, Washington, and Arizona). For example, the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, located in Chico, California, was founded by homebrewers in 1980, only a year after homebrewing was legalized, and is now the second largest craft brewery in the United States (after the Boston Beer Company, makers of Samuel Adams) and the seventh largest in the country overall.

Hops

When homebrewers in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California began experimenting with beer making in the early 1980s, they had a distinct advantage over their counterparts in other parts of the country. Hops, one of the principle ingredients in beer, grow quite well in that neck of the woods. Hop plants fare best in areas with ample rainfall, long summer days, and a cool-but-not-too-cold winter. For those of you well-versed in the Köppen Climate Classification System, this describes the Marine Temperate climate present in the Pacific Northwest fairly well. This same climate is prevalent in the British Isles and Germany, where hops were first cultivated, and in places like New Zealand and southern Chile, which also produce large amounts of hops.

Since homebrewing has become popular throughout the United States, it is now easy to order over the internet dried pellets made from dozens of varieties of hops, each of which imparts a unique set of flavors on the beer made with it. But in the early days of homebrewing and craft brewing, it was a bit more difficult to get your hands on hops. However, if you lived just down the road from a hop farm, this task was made that much easier, and Northwestern brewers benefited from this proximity. Now some breweries, such as Newport, Oregon’s Rogue (which has been around since 1988), even own and operate their own hop farms.

The Right Markets

While craft beer’s popularity has grown exponentially in recent years, not everyone likes it, and Budweiser, Miller, and Coors still hold the lion’s share of the American beer market. There

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are, however, some segments of society that appear to appreciate craft beer more than others. Writing for *The Atlantic Cities*, Richard Florida ran some simple statistical analyses on how the locations of craft breweries correlated to a number of demographic variables at the state level. He found a modest correlation between states with a high percentage of college graduates and a high concentration of craft breweries. I suspect if we ran these same analyses at the metropolitan level, the correlation would be stronger. Look at the 25 metropolitan areas with the highest percentage of adults holding a bachelor's degree: San Jose is ranked 2nd, San Francisco is 4th, Seattle is 11th, San Diego is 19th, and Portland 22nd. All of these cities are currently hotbeds of craft brewing. Denver, not in our region but also a craft brewing bastion, is ranked 9th, while Boston, home to the country's largest craft brewery and several other smaller ones, ranks 2nd (Washington, DC ranks first, but is only home to a handful of small breweries).

Why college grads? While the data we have is only correlative, and not necessarily causal, it makes sense that better educated people would be more likely to drink craft beer. They have more disposable income on average, and craft beer costs more than macrobrews. People who have attended college are also generally more open to trying new things, and craft beer, for many, is still a new thing. The myriad styles that craft brewers have produced in recent years—such as incredibly bitter India Pale Ales (IPAs), wheat beers spiced with coriander and orange peel, and the latest trend, highly acidic sour beers—are all vastly different species from Uncle Frank's can of fizzy yellow lager.

The people who make the beer are also probably college graduates, and chances are they didn't become interested in beer by drinking too much Budweiser at frat parties. Making beer is as much science as it is art, so it requires a good working knowledge of chemistry and physics, while operating a successful brewery demands a sharp business acumen. If you read the autobiographical histories of craft breweries available on their websites, many of them began as partnerships between college friends, classmates, or roommates. The links between college life and beer drinking have always been strong, but it appears that now they might be getting a bit more serious, too.

Cultural Diffusion

I grew up in Connecticut, but I now live in San Diego. In addition to constantly comparing how much better the weather is in San Diego, I also like to compare the beer scene here to the one found in my home state. Connecticut, home to about 3.6 million people in an area just greater than 5,500 square miles, is home to five breweries (discounting brewpubs, or restaurants that brew beer on-site). San Diego County, with a population of 3.1 million in an area of about 4,500 square miles, is home to somewhere in the neighborhood of 25. Or is it 26? Or 30? Accurate numbers are hard to come by, because new operations are opening all the time.

When Chuck Alek Independent Brewers opens later this year, in Ramona, northeast of San Diego, the number, whatever it is, will be revised upwards. The brewery will be owned and operated by Grant Fraley and Marta Jankowska, a husband-and-wife team

who are both geographers. Fraley became passionately interested in beer after moving to San Diego in 2007, and started home-brewing shortly thereafter. His brewery will focus on making traditional, often-overlooked traditional European styles of beer, which he grew to appreciate while studying and attending geography and remote sensing conferences throughout Europe.

So what's so special about San Diego? In this case, it appears to be good old-fashioned cultural diffusion. A few craft breweries opened there in the mid-1990s—a long time ago in the craft beer world, but long after cities like Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco had full-fledged beer scenes—and they very quickly became popular and successful. Others followed their lead. As more and more breweries opened their doors, the beer culture grew, and the city is now a craft beer haven of international renown. San Diego now even has its own signature style of beer, the double IPA, which is loaded with hops and is incredibly flavorful and exceedingly bitter; Stone Brewing Company, in nearby Escondido, makes a double IPA called Ruination, for the affect the beer has on one's palate, and San Diego's Green Flash Brewing Company similarly assaults your taste buds with a concoction called Palate Wrecker.

I think it's safe to say that the palates of San Diegans would be much safer without the pioneering work done by brewers in the Bay Area and the Pacific Northwest, however. It's difficult to say exactly what has enabled the culture of craft beer to diffuse so quickly into and throughout San Diego, but it has spread at an undeniably fast rate, and its location on the West Coast, relatively close to places like San Francisco and Portland, probably helps, as cultural trends tend to spread to nearby areas first.

"If I hadn't moved to San Diego I don't think I'd be opening a brewery right now," says Fraley, who has also lived in Ohio and Idaho. My interest in craft beer is not as intense as Fraley's, but it certainly blossomed when I moved to San Diego, and the same can be said for many of my geographer friends and colleagues here. It's become something that people in San Diego take pride in and talk about, and it's become a powerful signifier of place for the city, along with the beaches and the military. A friend of mine who recently visited San Diego from Los Angeles summed up the situation pretty succinctly: "People in DC talk about politics all day, people in L.A. talk about the entertainment industry, and people in San Diego talk about beer."

So, when Uncle Frank asks you about geography for the seventh straight year, maybe you can remember a few tidbits from this article to impress him. He still might not understand exactly what you do, especially if you build sophisticated sensors to remotely collect data on species of invasive marsh grass, or write about how the 17th century writings of Baruch Spinoza have influenced the way we think about the spaces of our bodies. But if you can converse authoritatively about the geography of beer, he at least might think you're cool.

Visit Jon's beer-geography blog at : foamaroundtheworld.blogspot.com

Report on the 75th Anniversary Meeting, October 3-6th

Martha Henderson
The Evergreen State College

True to the objectives of the Association, the 75th anniversary meeting brought together 130 geographers from across the Pacific Coast region to celebrate scholarship. Students and faculty members exchanged ideas through formal presentations and more casual events including field trips and social gatherings. Held in Olympia, Washington, the meeting took on a new format with meetings and paper sessions taking place in three different locations.

Some highlights of the meeting included an opening plenary session with representatives of the community providing an overview of the historical and social geography of South Sound as Olympia and local environs are often described. AAG President, Eric Sheppard, gave the APCG President's plenary address on global urbanism. Jim Keese, APCG President, spoke on the importance of international education programs as a way to expand student experience of global issues at the concluding banquet. The banquet also provided an opportunity to make

student scholarship and travel awards.

In addition to scholarly activities, the meeting included a business meeting, announcement of the location for the next meeting (see announcement in this newsletter), and social events. The organization's anniversary was marked with a reception following President Sheppard's address. Previous presidents, long-time attendees, and frequent contributors to paper sessions were recognized.

Access to Puget Sound provided the opportunity for participants to take a three-hour cruise on a tall ship, visit local urban forms of sustainability, and travel to more distant western Washington locations including the Port of Grays Harbor and the Olympia National Park. The Evergreen State College also welcomed geographers for a tour of their organic farm facility and experience daily academic life at the 5000 student public liberal arts college. Evergreen Provost, Michael Zimmerman, and the geography faculty were pleased to welcome the group to Olympia. Thanks to everyone for attending the meeting and making it a real success!

Students Reflect on the 2012 Meeting

Rose Keller
Jacobs University Bremen

As a new member to the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, and a (mostly) new PhD fellow in Germany, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to participate for the first time in the 2012 APCG annual meeting. I looked forward to the APCG 2012 meeting with great anticipation as I hoped it would offer a chance to reconnect with the north American and Pacific Coast geographical discourse that, though complementary to northern European geographies, have been subsumed by the Finnish and German geographical traditions I have lived within, among and throughout my graduate life. At least I knew the APCG 2012 annual meeting would allow me the rare chance to meet face to face with my two international committee members, Martha Henderson and Gundars Rudzitis, rather than managing the 9 hour time difference over Skype! APCG pulled through beyond all my expectations: absolutely filled with highly accomplished geographers, faculty and students alike, boasting an astounding array of research in the pacific northwest and beyond, it re-ignited my geographical imagination that seems prone to diminish through the "second-year plateau" familiar to all doctoral students who plod through the topography of dissertations. Though I could focus on any number of positive elements of the APCG, I choose to highlight a few of the lasting impressions of the APCG 2012 meeting, not least of which is the detailed knowledge we all possess now of how our varying forms of waste is effectively treated to water our parks and gardens. If this isn't an essential element of any theory regarding 'sense of place,' I don't know what is.

In all earnestness, the venues secured to host the presenters this year were fantastically unique. Moreover, as though the spaces



Hongyan Shirley Yang, Beijing Normal University

"The meeting was well organized with many different sessions, covering all fields of geography...the audience tended to be very accepting and encouraging, and raised many inspired and interesting questions...the organizers of the conference are excellent and considerate."

themselves provided room for stimulating discussion, the level of engagement, professionalism and ambition each presenter and participant brought to the sessions was far above that of which I have experienced in other regional and disciplinary meetings. The diversity of sessions at the meeting, from environmental change to art, gender to geopolitics, and natural resource management to indigenous knowledge, brought to the forefront the fruits of the challenging research geographers undertake to uncover and define 'place' in a simultaneously widening and narrowing world. The field trips were likewise stimulating, and allowed the time to reconnect with geographers of the region and their research before the delivery of their papers. Though I can only speak to the time spent aboard the *Adventress*, the experiences gathered from other participants getting to know in and around Olympia, new research and new faces, all through the beautiful sunny weather (planned I'm certain) were all highly positive. ...continued on page 8

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The meeting was opened by Jim Keese at 4:00 with ten people present. The meeting time had been moved up, but not all members were aware of the time change. Within the hour, there were almost 20 members present.

The minutes from the October 1, 2011 APCG meeting in San Francisco were approved with one correction (election results should not include Dolly Friedel and Jenny Zorn).

VOTE RESULTS: 163 ballots were received and counted with the following results:

Michael Schmandt – President; Sriram Khé – Vice President; Bob Richardson – Treasurer

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT: The Budget Committee reviewed Bob Richardson's books and book-keeping and found the APCG's Treasurer's Report to be an excellent work and that Bob could have a second career as a CPA.

2012 CONFERENCE REPORT: Martha Henderson reported that almost she found almost 1/3 more registrations than she planned on with 135 people. The really good news is that she anticipates more than breaking even and will have the receipts to Bob soon. The approximately cost of the conference was \$10,000 and the monies taken in will total close to \$14,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (see separate document from Bob Richardson) Bob Richardson's Treasurer Report was distributed. The first page is a narrative of the budget, the special funds, APCG Yearbook and membership numbers.

We are in very good shape, with income nearly \$12,000 in excess of expenditures. This is due mainly to the profit from the 2011 San Francisco conference of \$7,750.91 (after accounting for repayment of a \$3,000 deposit and the addition of \$1,575 by William and Marilyn Bowen for the cost of banquet dinners for presenting students)

Hawaii Press bills for v72 and v73 were paid this year. The Hawaii Press bill for v72 was lost so disbursements of \$4,190 were paid this year instead of 2011. Disbursements also included an advance on the catering for 2012 conference in the amount of \$2,253.

Adding in these disbursements, we are \$10,940 ahead. This is due in part to the savings of approximately \$2,500 from distributing *Pacifica* in an online format only, plus income from the *Yearbook* rising by \$1,366 more than last year, and the

AAG's allowance allocation increasing by \$500.

Yearbook Report: Royalties from MUSE still high (\$7,467.57). Back issues were sent to Philippines for scanning, but no word as to completion date. Eventually, all issues of *Yearbook* will be online. Cost of digital conversion is approximately \$100/volume, but expected to be profitable in long run.

Special Funds are in a single fund, earning very little interest as of now. Keeping the funds in a single account allows Bob more flexibility in moving funds around and reporting on the IRS 990 filing. Funds not receiving new monies include Bailey, McKnight/Clemons, and Trussell; however, they can draw down on principal for many years: 13, 24 and 29 years respectively.

Women's Network Travel Grant took in less than was disbursed, but still has a comfortable reserve. Annual contributions are required to sustain this fund. Larry Ford grew by \$1,300.

At this rate (assuming that interest rates return to 2%), one award per year can be funded from interest. MATS (LATS) grew by \$550 this year. ADSTS made one award in San Francisco just slightly over income; continued support necessary. Christopherson Geosystems award is newly endowed with \$1000. The Christophersons have generously committed to funding this award each year in the amount of \$1000 to sustain the award.

In total, \$6,016 in contributions was made to the funds, with \$3,241 of that coming with dues renewal.

2013 CONFERENCE REPORT: The 2013 APCG conference will be September 25-28, 2013. This weekend does not conflict with NCGE. Unfortunately, more often than not, the APCG annual conference conflicts with this national geographic conference which means geographers must make a choice as to which conference to attend.

The venue will be The Village at Squaw Valley, approximately five miles northwest of Lake Tahoe. This is the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics. Michael has spent a great deal of time and effort negotiating with this resort to obtain some of the best prices possible. He has arranged for APCG's conference to receive approximately \$13,000 worth of conference rooms for free. We will need to rent AV equipment, though. Rooms are all suites, complete with full kitchens. The costs range from \$119 (plus tax and resort charges) for a one bedroom to \$169 (plus tax and resort changes) for a two bedroom. The one bedroom can accom-

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moderate up to 4 people, while the two bedroom suite accommodates up to 6.

A BBQ is planned for Thursday evening after the field trips. Cost for BBQ will be approximately \$35/person. The Presidential Address will be held this night.

The President's Plenary Session will happen on Friday night, along with the President's Reception and Poster sessions.

The Saturday night banquet will be held at High Camp, at the top of the mountain, requiring a tram ride to the top. The resort will keep the tram running for our group to accommodate the numbers of people that may be going to the banquet. The banquet will cost approximately \$45/person. High Camp does not have accommodations for AV, so the President's Address will be Friday night instead. If the weather is too windy, we will have a back-up plan for the banquet, because it cannot run in high winds.

YEARBOOK: Jim Craine will continue on as Editor.

PACIFICA: Michael Schmandt was the editor last year. He was able to update *Pacifica* in its online format by adding in links, such as KMZ files from Google Earth. Michael Schmandt, however, is stepping down as Editor and has recruited Vienne Vu as the new editor. Vienne will take the *Pacifica* in a new direction that may appeal to a younger demographic. New ideas include blogs, podcasts, and others. Vienne's appointment as Editor was moved by Terry Simmons, seconded by Sriram Khé, and unanimously approved as the new Editor of *Pacifica* by the members present. Dan Arreola questioned if there was a way to link AAG in *Pacifica*, and could the newsletter provide access to geographic information?

AWARDS: Greg Bohr stated that over \$12,000 in awards would be given out at the banquet Saturday night, including 22 APCG travel grants at \$200 each, \$1,800 in Women's Network Travel Grants at \$200 each, two Christopherson Geosystems awards at \$500 each, amongst the other awards.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: 2014 in Tucson, AZ; 2015 at CSUN, California

NEW BUSINESS: New APCG website set up by Jim Keese: www.apcgweb.org. The addition of 'web' to the APCG name was due to a group already purchasing the "apcg" name and wanting to sell it to us for \$800.00. Jim opted not to do that and instead registered our new web address. The website will be ready to go within a week. He was able to work with a web developer (for \$2000) and create an online system for payments. Many of the students and members do not use 'checks' and have been waiting impatiently for an online payment system that will take credit cards. It is possible to include links to the APCG Facebook page on this new webpage. Another advantage to this new website will be the ability to host online voting, complete with password pro-

tected options.

Jim Allen's proposed by-law language for the Distinguished Service Award will be included in next spring's ballot, along with the change of the MATS award to LATS.

Innisfree McKinnon mentioned the Rural Specialty Group for AAG and offered to organize sessions on the 'rural geographer' at future APCG meetings, including Tahoe, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Drake, Secretary (October 12, 2012)

Women's Network

Lise Nelson
University of Oregon

The Women's Network luncheon in Olympia this year was a success, reminding us how much we value the mentors in our lives and how important it is to continue fostering the professional development of women in our discipline. We had stimulating discussions about how to expand the visibility of the women's network at APCG, and hope to sponsor a panel discussion or a lecture at next year's APCG. Stay tuned!

The network is pleased to announce the names of the 2012 recipients of a travel grant from the Women's Network of the APCG:

Melissah Ball	Cal State University Stanislaus
Mindy Butterworth	University of Arizona
Fiona Gladstone	Portland State
Lily House-Peters	University of Arizona
Adriana Martinez	University of Arizona
Jennifer McHenry	UC Davis
Kate Sammler	University of Arizona
Jessica Space	Western Oregon University
Sarah Praskievicz	University of Oregon

At the luncheon we raised money that makes it possible for us to continue providing travel grants to APCG. We raised over \$500 this year, donations that were made in the honor of mentors and colleagues that have made a difference in the lives of women's network members. This year the following mentors were honored by donations to the travel grant fund:

Joan Clemmons
Susan Hardwick
Vicky Lawson
Jan Monk

Thank you for your on-going support. If you were unable to get in your check during our luncheon fund drive, you can make a direct donation when you fill out your annual "Membership and Donation" form available on the APCG website.

2012 Student Awards

2012 APCG Student Paper Awards

Nine awards were given for outstanding student presentations at the Olympia meeting, including the two new Christopher-son Geosystems Awards for Applied Geography/Earth Systems:

Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for the Outstanding Student Paper, \$500

Name: Lindsay Naylor
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: 'Some Are More Fair Than Others': Certification and the Changing Discourses of 'Fair Trade'
Advisor: Lise Nelson

Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in Applied Geography/Earth Systems, \$500

Name: Aquila Flower
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Interactions Between Western Spruce Budworm Outbreaks and Wildfires in the Interior Pacific Northwest: A Multi-century Dendrochronological Record
Advisor: Daniel Gavin

Christopherson Geosystems Award for Excellence in Applied Geography/Earth Systems, \$500

Name: Adriana E. Martinez
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Root Tensile Strength and Root Distribution of Invasive and Native Riparian Vegetation
Advisor: Patricia McDowell

Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for the Outstanding Paper in Physical Geography, \$200

Name: Sarah Praskievicz
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Hierarchical Modeling of Climate Change Impacts on the Morphology of the Tucannon River, Washington
Advisor: Patrick Bartlein

Committee Award for Excellence in Area Studies, \$200

Name: Hongyan (Shirley) Yang
Affiliation: Beijing Normal University
Title of Paper: Art as Place and the Place as Art: Comparing the Beijing and Shanghai Artist Districts
Advisors: Stanley D. Brunn and Shangyi Zhou

President's Award for Outstanding Paper by a PhD Student, \$200

Name: Laurie D. Trautman
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Temporary Worker, Permanent Alien: A Comparative Analysis of Guest Worker Policy in the United States and Canada
Advisor: Lise Nelson

President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an M.A. or M.S. Student, \$200

Name: Emma Slager
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: Tourism, Urban Redevelopment, and the Representation of Industrial Decline in Detroit
Advisors: Katharine Meehan and Xiaobo Su

President's Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student, \$200

Name: Ariana White
Affiliation: University of Oregon
Title of Paper: The Northern Edge of the Rainforest: A Palynological Record from Eastern British Columbia
Advisor: Daniel Gavin

President's Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation, \$200

Name: Emanuel Delgado
Affiliation: Humboldt State University
Title of Poster: Wetlands Loss of the Mad River Slough: 1870-2001
Advisors: Stephen Cunha and Mary Beth Cunha

2012 Student Paper Awards Committee

Greg Bohr, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Elena Givental, Berkeley City College
Gundars Rudzitis, University of Idaho
Meg Streiff, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Ray Summer, Long Beach City College

2012 Travel Grants

The student membership of the APCG was well-represented in Olympia, with numerous excellent presentations. The APCG was able to support many of these participants, awarding a total of 22 travel grants (summing to \$4,400) for student presenters.

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Another aspect of the APCG meeting that struck me was the highly supportive environment the organization provides for all Pacific (and beyond) geographers! The number of student awards was astounding and provides necessary funds and encouragement to students' research. Moreover, the strong network within APCG, and the exuberant geographers within it, facilitates students' new and ongoing research. These two aspects of APCG are highly appreciated by all who pursue their graduate studies in geography, and is by far the most positive impression with which I kept and reported back to colleagues in University of Bremen Geography. Another, somewhat unexpected, impression is how interesting Olympia is. The fact that the best place in the area to see orcas, herons, and other harbor creatures is from the Thriftway deli, rather than pricey waterfront venues, lands Olympia squarely in the list of favorite APCG meeting locations! And although Lake Tahoe will not provide a chance to see whales, the support, encouragement, and diverse geographies that participants will bring already leaves me in great anticipation for APCG 2013.

Treasurer's Report

October 6, 2012

Robert T. Richardson, Sacramento State Univ.

Transactions for July 1, 2011--June 30, 2012

Forward at close of books, 7/1/11 **\$81,425.77**

RECEIPTS

Dues					\$11,066.00
AAG Regional Allocation					\$1,500.00
YEARBOOK (UHP yr ending 6/30/11)					\$7,467.57
Interest on Regular Accounts					\$428.39
Profit from 2011 Ann Mtng (gross; net was \$7,500.91)					\$8,925.91
Gift from Bowens for student banquet dinners					\$1,575.00
AAG GeoBowl contributions (pass-thru from AAG)					\$500.00
Gift from Mary Braun to APCG					\$35.00
TOTAL INCOME					\$31,497.87

DISBURSEMENTS

APCG '11 Annual Meeting Grants & Awards					\$5,850.00
Student Travel Awards (inc. GeoBowls)				\$5,050.00	
President's Awards (inc. DSA plaque)				\$800.00	
Advance to Occasions Catering					\$2,253.00
PACIFICA	Printing	Production	Postage		
F'11 (14 pp)	online				\$0.00
S'12 (22 pp)	online		\$6.40		\$6.40
Corporate Filing Fee (Olympia, WA)					\$10.00
Membership (mostly mailings; no AAG this year)					\$869.55
YEARBOOK v.72 (print, mail, UHP)					\$4,190.59
YEARBOOK v.73 (print, mail, UHPo)					\$3,716.94
YEARBOOK v.74 (copy edit)					\$2,744.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					\$19,640.48

Balance on books, 6/30/12 **\$93,283.16**

SPECIAL FUNDS

Bailey Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/11)	\$2,777.79
(\$200 award plus \$8.38 interest)	-\$191.62
Balance 6/30/12	\$2,586.17
McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/11)	\$14,198.06
(\$400 + \$200 in awards plus \$43/50 interest)	-\$556.41
Balance 6/30/12	\$13,641.65
Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund (forward 7/1/11)	\$55,524.82
(2 Trussell awards plus \$171.11 interest)	-\$1,828.89
Balance 6/30/12	\$53,695.93
Women's Network Travel Grant Fund (forward 7/1/11)	\$6,920.54
(10 grants plus \$1,985 contributions & \$19.44 interest)	-\$395.56
Balance 6/30/12	\$6,524.98
Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/11)	\$21,974.17
(1 grant plus \$1,731 contributions & \$69.38 interest)	\$1,300.38
Balance 6/30/12	\$23,274.55
Latin American Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/11)	\$7,171.77
(\$300 grant plus \$835 contributions & \$22.31 interest)	\$557.31
Balance 6/30/12	\$7,729.08
Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/11)	\$2,095.79
(\$305 contributions & \$6.83 interest)	\$311.83
Balance 6/30/12	\$2,407.62
African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/11)	\$1,793.69
(\$300 award plus \$260 contributions & \$5.33 interest)	-\$34.67
Balance 6/30/12	\$1,759.02
Christopherson Geosystems Award Fund (received 6/22/12)	\$1,000.00

Members

New Members

Welcome to these new members who have joined since the list from the Spring 2012 issue. (*Asterisk denotes a former member who has re-joined.)

Ashley Allen
Teresa Anderson
Vanessa Archambault
Melissah Ball
Leigh Barrick
Soheil Boroushaki
John Bowen
Patrick Buckley*
Stephen Buckman*
Mindy Butterworth*
Jessie H. Clark
Philip Clinton*
Emanuel Delgado
Cassandra Donish
Tyler Duffy
Caleb Z. Feldman
Kali Fermantez
Fiona Joy Gladstone
Zoltan Grossman
Lisa M. B. Harrington
Krystle Keese
Nicholas Klein-Baer
Corinna Kimball-Brown
Dirk Kinsey
Nicholas Klein-Baer
Martin D. Lafrenz*
Pollyana Lind
Jennifer Lipton
Andrew Longhurst
Ruben A. Lopez
Richard Lycan
Joy Nystrom Mast*
Sara Matthews
Kyle McAnally
Jamie McEvoy
Jenny McHenry
Rebecca McLain
Katherine Morrison
David Pearson
Michael Pretes*
Stephen Przybylinski
Jeff Ramsey
Eugenie Rovai*
Kate G. Sammler
Emma Slager
Sonia Singh
Cythia Sorrensen*
Jessica Space
Jason Space

Alexa Todd
Laurie Trautman
Blake Byron Walker
Stacy Warren*
Eric Watson
Jared Whear
Hongyan Yang

Contributing Members

Since the long Spring 2012 listing more contributions have come for our Special Funds, as follows: \$95 to the Women's Network Travel Grant Fund, \$1-8 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$600 to the Latina/o American Travel Scholarship, and \$50 to the Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship. Thanks to the following who contributed to one or more of these funds.

Jaime Avila
Fernando Bosco
Dorothy E. Freidel
Zoltan Grossman
Barbara Holzman
William A. Koelsch
Sarah Launius
HoMan L. Pawiki
Paul F. Starrs
Dr. Meg Streiff
Deborah Thien
Tina White

Special thanks to Bill and Marilyn Bowen for their generous contribution of \$850 to cover banquet meals at our Annual Meeting in Olympia for students who presented papers or posters. Special thanks also to Robert and Bobbé Christopherson for establishing two new annual student awards of \$500 each. They are being called Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Student Paper.

--Bob Richardson (Treasurer)

In Memoriam: Gary Lynn Peters, 1941-2012

Gary Lynn Peters of Paso Robles passed away September 4th, 2012 after a three year fight with bladder cancer.

Gary was born in Marysville, California March 20, 1941. He grew up in Yuba City, California and left when he joined the Navy. While in the Navy he was a radio operator.

Gary attended Yuba Junior College and then transferred to Chico State University where he majored in geography. It was there that he met his wife, Carol, and they were married June 8, 1968. Their adventures took them to the University of Iowa for one year and then on to Pennsylvania State University where Gary received his Masters and Doctorate degrees in geography. Their son, Jason Lynn was born January 13, 1971.

Gary was offered a position at California State University, Long Beach where he taught geography for 30 years. He also served as Department Chair and Associate Dean. Their daughter, Erica Suzanne, was born June 19, 1973. Gary finished his academic career at Chico State University. During his academic career, Gary wrote ten books and had many articles published in academic journals.



Members

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Gary and Carol moved to Paso Robles the summer of 2003. The Peters family enjoyed traveling, especially in Europe. Gary loved to play tennis and he took up golf when he got a set of clubs as a retirement gift. He also enjoyed the Traditions men's reading group.

Gary is survived by his wife Carol, son Jason, and his wife Karla of Whittier, California, and daughter Erica and her husband Brent of Paso Robles. He was preceded in death by his father Harold, mother Marion, and sister Judy.



Photo: Michael Schmandt and Debra Sharkey (Yosemite, Yosemite Falls, June 29, 2011).

In Memoriam: Barbara Weightman, 1939-2012

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dr. Barbara Weightman, Professor Emerita of Geography at California State University, Fullerton. Barbara died unexpectedly at her Palm Springs home on September 27, 2012.

Barbara taught Cultural Geography at CSUF for 37 years, exciting students with her lively presentations of cultural geographies from around the world and unique ways of analyzing "the meanings of everyday landscapes." She traveled to over 100 countries and amassed a slide collection of more than 250,000 images which she enthusiastically shared with her classes. After receiving her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Washington (1972), she became a CSUF faculty member, continuing to teach and conduct research until her full retirement in 2008. She served as departmental chair from 1977 to 1981.

During her tenure she published numerous articles on population, landscape interpretation, urbanization, and other themes in human geography. Her regional research specialty on Asia led to her seminal textbook, *Dragons and Tigers: A Geography of South, East and Southeast Asia*, currently in its 3rd edition. She instilled a confidence in students to continue both as professional geographers and interpreters of the complex worlds locally and internationally.

Originally from Canada, she held dual citizenship with the US but was truly a citizen of the world. She was greatly loved and will be deeply missed.

In Memoriam:

Barbara Yablon Maida, 1956-2012

Suzanne Wetzel Seemann, 1972-2012

Membership

Questions about membership should be directed to Bob Richardson at:

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Visit the APCG web site at <http://www.csus.edu/apcg/> for information about the organization and for a new member application form.

APCG member dues, raised starting 2009, are:

Regular \$25,

Student or Retired \$15,

Contributing \$30 or more (any contribution over \$25 is tax deductible).

A Second (Joint) member may be added to any of these categories for another \$3.

Second (Joint) members receive a ballot but not another copy of the *Yearbook*.

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Unless indicated otherwise, checks dated before November 1 will be credited to the current year, while those dated after November 1 will be credited to the next year.

Only current year members receive the *Yearbook*.

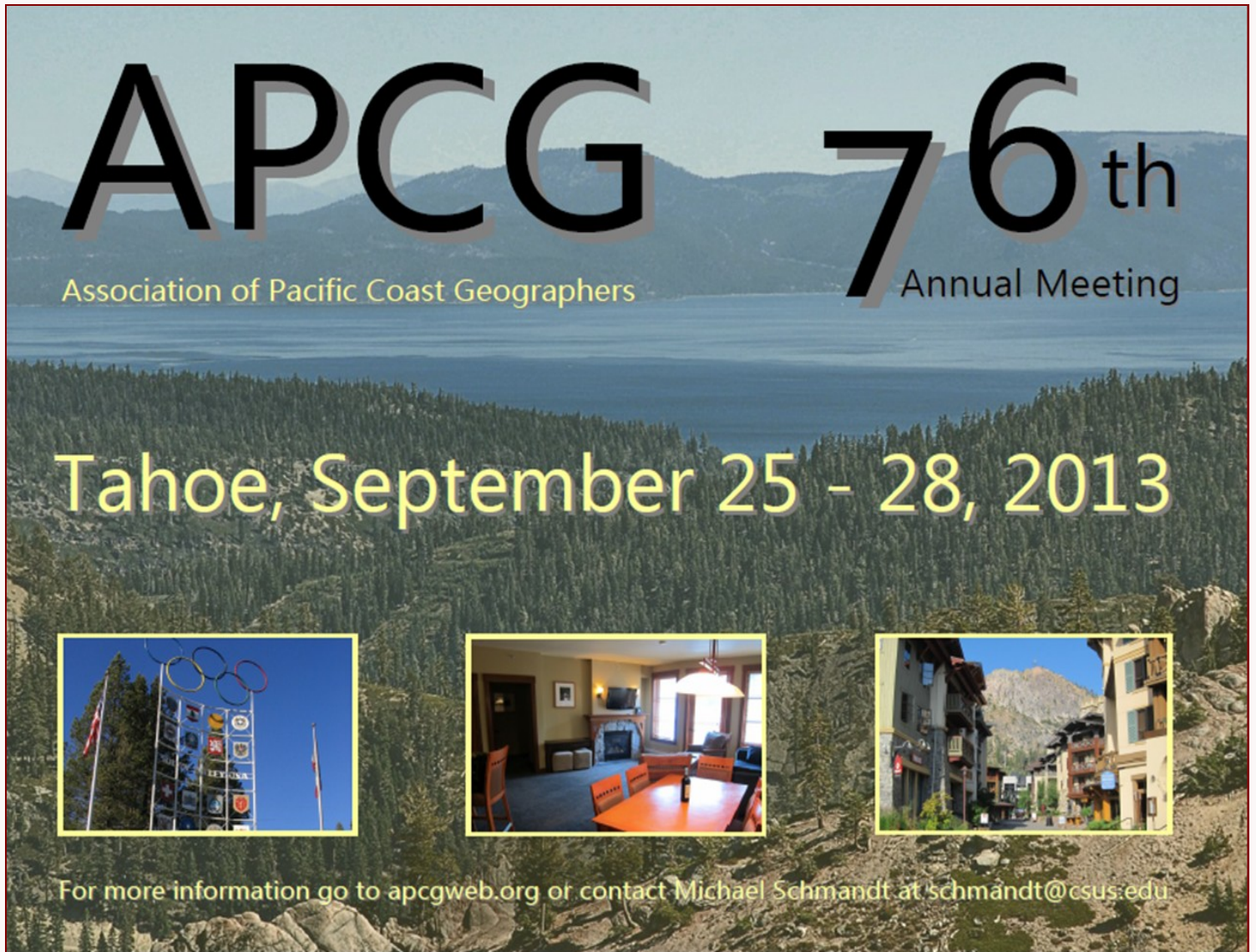
Current members will be sent a membership renewal notice near the end of the calendar year.

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