

Coastal and Marine Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting Minutes
AAG 2022 Annual Meeting,
February 27th, 2022, Virtual

Minutes provided by Pei Zhang, reviewed by Jean Ellis

In Attendance: Jean Ellis (Chair), C. Patrick Heidkamp (Vice-Chair), Quentin Stubbs (Board Member), Pei Zhang (Board Member), Michelle Harris, Jennifer Cook, Peter Tereszkiwicz, Phillip Schmutz, Ryley Harris, Barbara Quimby, Hayley Lemoine, Mary Strickland, Youngjae Kim, Nathaniel Trumbull, Richard Daniels

Meeting called to order at 7:00 EST

1. Approval of the 2021 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the 2021 AAG COMA Business Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded, no discussion, and passed by the majority.

2. Report from Specialty Group Chair's Meeting - Jean

The summary from February 2022 National Council meeting provided by Chair Meghan Cope was distributed to the COMA Business meeting attendees. The highlights were the unexpected \$743,000 budget surplus, accomplishments related to JEDI initiatives, and the Climate Action Task Force.

AAG 2022 meeting statistics (from Oscar Larson): 4877 registrants, 1067 sessions (815 sponsored by specialty groups). Fourteen specialty groups applied for keynote speaker funds and were funded (including COMA).

The 2023 Annual meeting in Denver meeting will be in person and hybrid (March 21-March 28, 2023). The SG Chairs will be provided additional information in the next few months.

The AAG Specialty Groups gives out about \$50K per year in awards to students.

The AAG is proud of the new website. Highlights they mentioned were that it is fully assessable, modular, and personalized. It is a work in progress.

3. COMA at AAG 2022

Six COMA-sponsored sessions (not including Business meeting):

Coastal and Marine Social Science (Patrick Heidkamp)

Multicultural geography: bringing new understanding to seafood production in ocean spaces (Sarah Lester)

Symposium on Human Dynamics Research: Geospatial modeling of climate risk and community resilience 1 and 2 (Yu Han – co-sponsored w/ Cartography and Hazards)

Pathways to Success: Reflecting on Careers in Coastal, Aeolian, and Marine Science (Michelle Harris and Pei Zhang, also sponsored by Careers and Professional Development)

Coastal and Aeolian System Science (Jean Ellis)

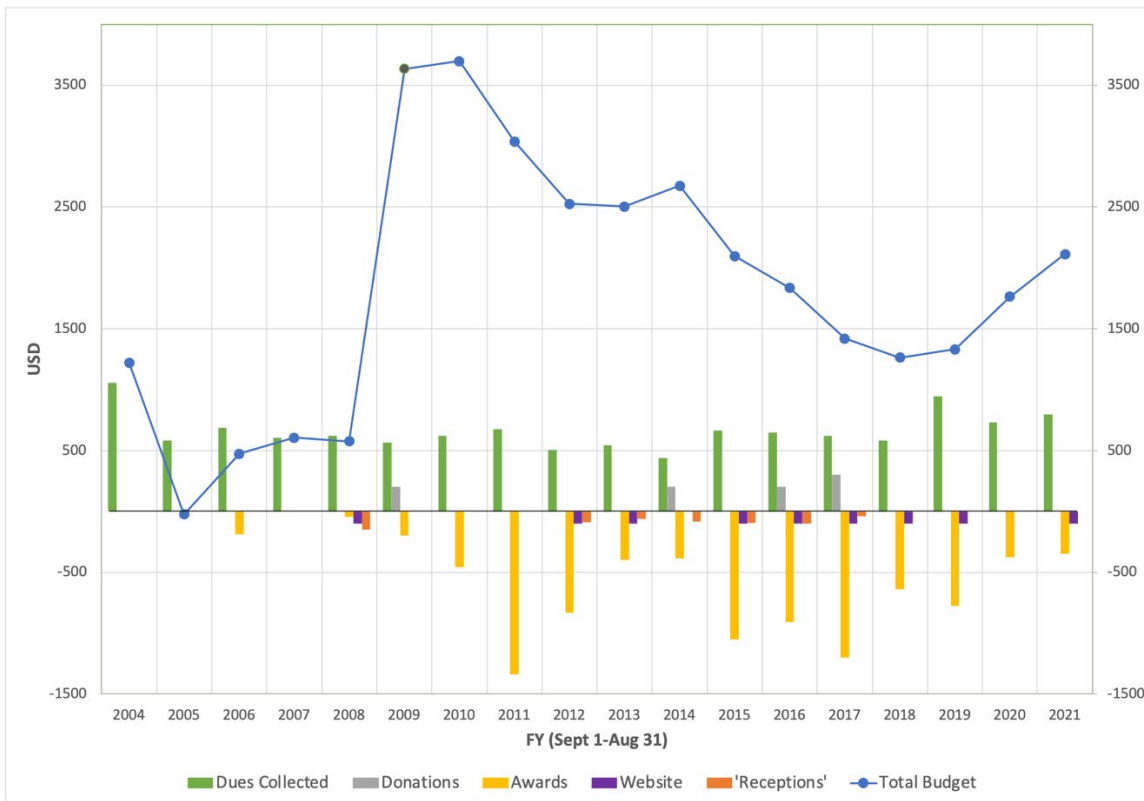
The Geomorphology SG has six sessions + Distinguished lecture + SG Business Meeting

Jean applied to the AAG for Keynote Speaker money for NY Sea Grant Director (Dr. Becky Shuford) to support her meeting registration (she presented in *Pathways to Success: Reflecting on Careers in Coastal, Aeolian, and Marine Science*). One of Jean’s initiatives is fostering mentoring and there was discussion about making the *Pathways to Success* session an annual event.

4. COMA Membership and Budget – Jean

Jean presented budget data and apologized for not having membership data. Serving as Treasurer was a last-minute addition to her responsibilities. Jean distributed the below table to all meeting attendees. The COMA Budget as of 1/31/2022 was \$2539.40. Annual costs include the website upkeep and awards. The largest expenditure has been award funds. Immediate expenditures are awards: \$250.00 and website: ~100.00.

COMA Budget | Balance as of 1/31/22 = \$2539.40



5. COMA Board Nominations and Elections - Jean

Chair acknowledged and thanked current and outgoing Board Members and web editor, Richard Daniels.

Nominations were solicited for a Board Member and Student Board Member using the AAG COMA listserv about one month before the meeting, which aligns with the by-laws. Nominations were also accepted during the meeting. Members in attendance at the meeting decided on open elections. The following individuals' nominations were accepted, and they were elected following procedures in the COMA by-laws.

Board Member: Jennifer Cook (2-year term)

Student Board Member: Michaela Garland (1-year term)

6. COMA Awards – Patrick

Norbert P. Psuty – Robin Fail (Duke University) “Possibilities for Centering Equity in Mariculture Development”

H. Jesse Walker – No nominations

R.J. Russell – No award this year

Paper of the Year (formally Maury award) – No nominations this year

7. Updates – Jean

An Ad Hoc social media committee was formed last year (Jean and Zach H.). There are saved Instagram (#aag_coma) and Twitter (@aagCOMA) handles. Jean indicated that the social media efforts are beyond her wheelhouse, and she would like somebody else in the community to lead the effort. Barbara Quimby and Jennifer Cook volunteered.

It was reported that the Board met virtually last year (outside of COMA Business Meeting); this will continue next year.

8. New Business

Jean and Patrick Heidkamp (Vice-Chair) made an executive decision last summer to remove Maury's name from the Paper of Year Award. It was revealed that Maury's actions did not align with the values of the AAG, COMA, and its members. Several suggestions were received from the COMA community as new names for the award.

Patrick proposed a few by-law changes, which were presented, seconded, discussed, and passed by the majority:

Old

Purpose. The Paper of the Year Award is given to recognize a published, peer-reviewed paper that has made the most significant contribution to advancing coastal or marine geography, during the calendar year of the award.

Eligibility. All dues-paying members of the COMA specialty group are eligible and must be sole or first author on the paper (current COMA officers are not eligible).

Nominations. Nominations must be made to the COMA Chair no later than 31 January of the year following publication.

Selection Committee. The R.J. Russell Award Committee will serve as the Paper of the Year Award Committee. The committee will review each nominated article and determine the winner. Papers will be evaluated based on the originality of the research, clarity in writing, and the quality of supporting graphics.

Award. The Award will consist of a plaque, recognition in the newsletters of the specialty group and the AAG, and a letter of citation. The recipient will be notified prior to the AAG annual meeting and the award presented at the annual COMA Business Meeting. If the awardee is attending the meeting they will be expected to give a short (<15 minutes) presentation of the publication receiving the work.

C. The R.J. Russell Award.

Nominations. Any person who is contributing or has contributed significantly to advancing coastal and marine geography may be nominated for the award, including people outside of the specialty group and outside the discipline of geography. Nominations may come from any member of the Coastal and Marine Geography Specialty Group who is not a member of the selection committee. At least two letters of recommendation are required for each candidate; one may be written by the person nominating the candidate. (Added 4/2011) Nominations for the succeeding year are open through the close of the current years business meeting.

Award. The R.J. Russell Award will consist of a plaque, recognition in the newsletters of the specialty group and the AAG, and complimentary registration to the AAG annual meeting. Beginning in 2004, a nominee who has been selected to receive the award will be notified in the current year and presented with the plaque at the following AAG annual meeting.

A. The Norbert P. Psuty Student Paper Merit Award (Renamed 3/8/2006)

Eligibility. The Student Paper Merit Award is given for a meritorious student presentation in coastal or marine geography which meets the criteria specified in this description. Student participants must be members of the Coastal and Marine Specialty Group and of the AAG. Full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for student awards. Awards may be given only for oral paper presentations. Posters are not eligible for this competition. Recipients must be the first or sole author and the presenter of the paper. The same individual can receive the award twice.

New

Purpose. The Distinguished Paper Award is given to recognize a published, peer-reviewed paper that has made the most significant contribution to advancing coastal or marine geography, during the calendar year of the award.

Eligibility. All dues-paying members of the COMA specialty group are eligible and must be sole or first author on the paper (current COMA officers are not eligible). Papers are eligible if they have been published in the preceding two years and the year of the nomination deadline.

Nominations. Nominations must be made to the COMA Vice Chair no later than August 15th to be recognized at the subsequent AAG Meeting. (e.g., Papers published in 2020, 2021, and up to August 15th, 2022 are eligible for recognition at the 2023 AAG Meeting; papers published in 2021, 2022, and up to August 15th, 2023 are eligible for recognition at the 2024 AAG Meeting).

Selection Committee. The R.J. Russell Award Committee will serve as the Paper of the Year Award Committee. The committee will review each nominated article and determine the winner. Papers will be evaluated based on the originality of the research, clarity in writing, and the quality of supporting graphics. A maximum of one paper will be selected for recognition per year.

Award. The Award will consist of a plaque, recognition in the newsletters of the specialty group and the AAG, and a letter of citation. The recipient will be notified prior to the AAG annual meeting and the award presented at the annual COMA Business Meeting. If the awardee is attending the meeting they will be expected to give a short (<15 minute) presentation of the publication receiving the work. The awardee will be invited to give an oral paper presentation of the publication receiving the work at the AAG meeting (in a session organized by the vice-chair). COMA will cover the registration cost for the Awardee.

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Award. The R.J. Russell Award will consist of a plaque, recognition in the newsletters of the specialty group and the AAG, and complimentary registration to the AAG annual meeting of the Award Year. Beginning in 2023, a nominee who has been selected to receive the award will be notified by October 15th and will be presented with the plaque at the following AAG annual meeting. The awardee will give a lecture at the AAG meeting. The vice chair (or designee) shall act as the session organizer and discussant for the lecture presented by the awardee.

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Patrick also proposed a by-law change to Articles 5A 5B of the COMA By-laws by suggesting all mention of the student paper award "Participation Incentive" be removed. After the presentation (which did not include a specific language change presentation to the community), the motion was seconded, discussed, and passed by the majority. Patrick was trusted to change the by-law language on his own.

The Chair suggested that there should be an annual Distinguished lecture. These lectures have high visibility within the AAG.

9. Executive Session – Patrick

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 EST