

AAG 2024 Meeting Notes

Honolulu, HI

Meeting was called to order on April 19th at 9:00 AM in Honolulu, HI by Patrick Heidkamp (Chair) with three virtual attendees and 15 members in attendance.

Old Business:

The 2023 meeting minutes were read and accepted.

List of current officers was read and is available at [Coastal & Marine Specialty Group - Current Officers](#). Current Chair is Patrick, who will retain the position until the conclusion of the 2025 AAG Conference. One board member and one Student Board member will be rotating off the board today. Voting will be held today, or scheduled, to fill those positions.

Chair Report:

The SIG sponsored or co-sponsored eight sessions this year. Please reach out to our sister SIG's and request to co-sponsor, especially if you are participating in their session. Example of sessions we have traditionally co-sponsored include Hurricanes, Hazards, and Geomorphology.

Please continue to encourage your graduate students to attend at the next conference in Detroit and to submit abstracts for the Student Paper Merit Awards.

AAG is introducing a new electronic voting system and making it available to the SIGs. This will allow increased participation of remote attendees during hybrid conferences.

Treasures Report:

This year the only expenses were the www.aagcoma.org website and the Student Paper Merit Awards. R.J. Russell award was not presented this year. Annual cost for the website is \$99.99, Student Paper Award winner \$250.00, and \$50 to each participant in the competition (maximum 4 participates for a total of \$400). After the meeting costs are paid expect total outlay to be approximately \$750. Current bank account is just under \$2900 with 192 members (December 2023). Of note, the bank account has had a gradual decline over the last five years due to a reduction in membership from approximately 220 in 2018 (289 in 2016)

Web Report:

Cost of the site is \$99.99. Our domain name of aagcoma.org was renewed for an additional three years. We have had 500 unique visits to our site in 2024 with a visit count of 11,906 since inception.

Awards Report:

No nominations for the Russell award, Best Paper, or Jesse Walker Poster Merit Award were received this year. Four student paper participants in the Norbert P. Psuty Student Paper Merit Award. Award winners were:

Best paper by a PhD student:

Madison Lynn Heffentrager, University of California, Santa Barbara. Past and Present Site Analysis of the Point Conception Headland Bypass Dune System at the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve, CA

Best paper by a Masters/Undergraduate student:

Noelle King, Southern Connecticut State University. A Blue Economy Agenda for the Eastfjords, Iceland

Since there were two winners the actual outlay for awards is \$500 vs. the \$250 budgeted.

New Business:

- Student board member nominations taken, two received, Madison L. Heffentrager, University of California-Santa Barbara was elected as Student Board Member for 2025.
- Nominations and voting for the vacant board member for the Class of 2025-2026 will be held electronically following the meeting. Nominations will be closed on May 1st with elections in June. This was done to test AAGs new 'on-line' voting platform. This platform will be used in a majority of our future elections to allow increased participation of virtual conference attendees.
Note added- Hannah Sirianni, PhD, East Carolina University was elected to fill the vacant board position.
- Motion to increase dues by \$1 to keep up with inflation and the increased student merit award amounts. Motion seconded and passed. New dues will be seen in the 2025 AAG Membership fees.

- RJ. Russell award has not been awarded for several years, motion made and seconded that nominations would be collected in 2025 with the award to be presented at the 2026 AAG meeting

Meeting was closed April 19th at 10:00 AM in Honolulu, HI by Patrick Heidkamp