

American Association of Geographers
Coastal and Marine Specialty Group

Business Meeting

March 28, 2025

11:40 am EST

Detroit, Michigan

Chair: Patrick Heidkamp

Vice Chair: Quentin Stubbs

Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Cook

Attendance: 5 in person, 2 virtual

I. Welcome

- a. Called to order on 11:42 am EST

II. Chair Report

- a. 2024 Minutes

- i. Need to locate (were located after the business meeting by Richard Daniels)

- b. Patrick summary

- i. Will be stepping down after this meeting

- c. Leadership

- i. Officers

- 1. Chair: Patrick Heidkamp

- 2. Vice Chair: Quentin Stubbs

- 3. Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Cook

- ii. Board Members

- 1. Phillip Schmutz

- 2. Melva Trevino Pena

- 3. Hannah Sirianni

- 4. Madison Heffentrager

- 5. Richard Daniels

- d. Information

- i. AAG communication issues

- ii. Jennifer Cook has SharePoint access

- iii. Richard Daniels has been maintaining the website

- iv. Awards

- 1. Distinguished paper

- 2. Student Paper – Norbert P. Psuty

- a. Announced winner : Haojie Chao

- 3. H. Jesse Walker Student Guided Poster

- a. None

- 4. R.J. Russell Award

- a. Will be done at 2026 conference

- b. Recipient will be Ian Walker

- c. Need funds for reception and session set

- v. 2025 conference summary

1. As of 3/24 -- 5585 people
 - a. Up from last year
 - b. Expecting over 6000 by the last day
2. 91% in person attendance; 9% virtual attendance
3. 1923 sessions
 - a. In person, virtual and hybrid
 - b. In person was the highest percentage

III. Treasurer Report

- a. Jennifer Cook read the report
- b. Summary - 147 Members at Start of 2025

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2024				
Date	Description	Income	Expense	Balance
	Starting Balance			3022
Jan - Apr 2024	Dues Income		230	3252
	Donations to Specialty Group	316		3568
11/18/2024	UG 2024 Paper -- Noelle King		250	3318
11/18/2024	GRAD 2024 Paper -- Madison Heffentrager		250	3068
11/18/2024	Website -- Richard reimbursement		100	2968
	Total Expenses			600
	Net Operating Income			284
	Balance as of January 31, 2025			2968

IV. Elections

- a. 2025 Elections
 - i. Quentin Stubbs was nominated for chair, needs confirmation vote
 - ii. Jennifer Cook self-nominated for vice chair, Patrick Heidkamp seconded it
 - iii. Need
 1. Board members (3)
 2. Student member
 3. Secretary/Treasurer
 - iv. Patrick Heidkamp will send out electronic nominations/votes next week
 - v. Patrick Heidkamp will help Quentin Stubbs about how to do the voting process
 - vi. Expect to have elections done by June 1

V. New Initiatives

- a. Idea
 - i. COMA specialty meeting for September 2025
 - ii. Didn't happen though

VI. Good of the Order

- a. COMA associated sessions
 - i. Madison Heffentrager suggested to start announcing that a session is sponsored by COMA to increase presence
- b. Visibility

- i. Jennifer Cook asked about who was running the Facebook page and try to find ways to make us more present to individuals in the organization
- ii. Madison Heffentrager brought up that from a student perspective, individuals are not sure what is going on with the group
- c. Other Conferences
 - i. Jennifer Cook mentioned the NMEA (National Marine Educators Association) conference on June 29-July 3, 2025, in Lafayette, Louisiana

VII. Closing

- a. Meeting closed at 12:12 pm EST

Minutes was created by Jennifer Cook on March 28, 2025. Minutes will be approved at the 2026 AAG meeting.