

**Recreation, Tourism, and Sport (RTS) Specialty Group
Business Meeting Minutes**

Friday, 20 April 2007

7:40 PM Meeting called to order.

In attendance:

Bob Pfister
Anne-Marie d'Hautessere
Alan Lew
Dallen Timothy
Anne Soper
Dimitri Ioannides
Evie Daughtrey.
Sanjay Nepal
Vicotr Teye
Kang Shou Lu
Michael Pesses
Deborah Che

Chair's Report

- Discussion about the 140 papers presented at SF AAG containing the keyword "tourism", but were not in RTS sponsored sessions
- How to capture these papers in future RTS sessions?
- Shou Lu and Lew point out that some papers may not be placed in RTS sessions because there is no way for the author to indicate specialty group preference on the AAG conference registration Webpage. Specialty groups are on the Membership page, but not on the Registration page where abstracts are submitted.

- There is interest in starting an RTS blog to better communicate with members. Krebs and Pfister are exploring this option.

- Expresses desire to see an RTS social event at AAG Boston and asks for assistance in making arrangements from someone familiar with the venue.

- Congratulates Pesses on winning an award in the RTS Student Paper Competition.

Alan Lew

- Addresses the issue of plenary sessions
- Confirms there will be a plenary at the Boston conference, but does not currently have anyone designated
- For the Las Vegas conference, Eddington is slated as speaker

Chair Calls for Elections

- Pfister nominates Nepal to replace him as Chair – Elected
- Truly, Krebs and Soper were reconfirmed as Directors
- Pesses nominated as Student Representative to the Board – Elected
- Nominations for new Directors included d’Hautessere and Knudsen – Elected
- Pfister would contact Knudsen ask if he accepts the position (Knudsen accepts)

Student Paper Award Discussion

- Pfister suggests increasing the dollar amount of the award
- Expresses need to update the criteria for judging the papers
- Recommends changing the style for submissions from *The Professional Geographer* standards to that used by *Tourism Geographies*.

Roy Wolfe Award

- A reminder is brought to the floor concerning the Roy Wolfe award.
- It was not awarded at AAG 2007.
- Continuation of this award designation is requested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

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