

Business Geography Specialty Group Annual Report 2012

1) Mission Statement

The purpose of the BGSB is to bring together individuals who have mutual professional interests in business geography. Business geography is the application of geographic knowledge and information and geospatial techniques that assists businesses in making specific real-time decisions. Our goal is to share research, provide direction for future leaders, and provide a forum for networking and interaction with the business community.

2) Dues Information

Dues are \$5 (regular members) and \$1 (students).

3) Officers

Chair (2012-2014):

Linda Peters, lpeters@esri.com

Vice-chair (2012-2014; Chair 2014-2016):

Murray Rice, rice@unt.edu

Secretary-treasurer (2012-2014; Vice-chair 2014-2016):

Lawrence Joseph, lawrencej@westmarine.com

Past chair (2012-2014):

Tony Hernandez, thernand@research.ryerson.ca

4) Accomplishments

- a) The 2012 New York meeting marked the completion of Grant Thrall's "past chair" term, and the conclusion of Tony Hernandez's term as BGSB chair (Tony now moves into the past chair role). The BGSB thanks Grant and Tony for their important contributions to our group, and to the business geography field broadly.
- b) At New York, the BGSB *Service Award* was presented to Linda Peters for her extensive contributions to the discipline. The BGSB *Student Paper* competition was held, with awards going to George Oliver (first place, Arizona State) and Tom Gleason (second place, Texas State). The BGSB extends our congratulations to our entire field of contest entrants for a very well done slate of papers this year.

- c) Also at the New York meeting, the BGSB held a vibrant series of research and panel sessions. The BGSB thanks the organizers and participants in all of our BGSB-sponsored sessions for a very stimulating program. We're already looking forward to the 2013 meetings in Los Angeles.
- d) The business meeting discussed, amongst other issues: congratulations to Tony Hernandez for completing his term as BGSB chair; reorganization of our student paper competition to create separate awards for undergraduate and graduate contestants; creation of a new, annual BGSB student research competition; nomination of Larry Joseph to the position of BGSB secretary-treasurer; motion to implement a semi-annual newsletter.

5) Membership and Participation

The Specialty Group is in good health, with 111 members. This is up slightly from the previous year.

6) Financial Report

The BGSB account balance for this year is \$1735. The balance is sufficient to cover the new initiatives voted in at our BGSB business meeting. The accounts, which are managed by the AAG, are summarized in a financial report at Appendix A.

Linda Peters, Esri (Chair)
Murray Rice, University of North Texas (Vice-Chair)
March 2012

Appendix A

Association of American Geographers Specialty Groups Financial Report December 31, 2011

Business Geography Specialty Group

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
8/31/10	Balance			\$ 757.00
8/31/10	Balance forward			\$ 757.00
9/30/10	Peters - donation	200.00		957.00
9/30/10	Dues collected for September 2010	14.00		971.00
10/28/10	Hernandez - Donation for student awards	381.96		1,352.96
10/31/10	Dues collected for October 2010	65.00		1,417.96
11/30/10	Dues collected for November 2010	32.00		1,449.96
12/31/10	Dues collected for December 2010	53.00		1,502.96
1/31/11	Dues collected for January 2011	27.00		1,529.96
2/28/11	Peters - Void Ck#12745 issued in error	87.00		1,616.96
2/28/11	Dues collected for February 2011	6.00		1,622.96
3/31/11	Dues collected for March 2011	38.00		1,660.96
4/30/11	Dues collected for April 2011	19.00		1,679.96
5/25/11	Huang - 2nd place student award		(100.00)	1,579.96
5/25/11	Yeh - 1st Place Student Award		(200.00)	1,379.96
5/12/11	Thrall - Donation	200.00		1,579.96
5/31/11	Dues collected for May 2011	15.00		1,594.96
6/30/11	Dues collected for June 2011	6.00		1,600.96
7/31/11	Dues collected for July 2011	1.00		1,601.96
8/31/11	Dues collected for August 2011	11.00		1,612.96
8/31/11	Balance			\$1,612.96
8/31/10	Balance forward			\$1,612.96
9/30/11	Dues collected for Sept. 2011	34.00		1,646.96
10/31/11	Dues collected for Oct. 2011	23.00		1,669.96
11/30/11	Dues collected for Nov. 2011	48.00		1,717.96
12/31/11	Dues collected for Dec. 2011	17.00		1,734.96
12/31/11	Balance			1,734.96