

**2008 ILLINOIS GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
APRIL 24, 2008**

1. **Call to order** Chris Sutton, President, 7:25 PM
Present: Michael Cornebise, Len Ealey, Emily Good, Darrell Kruger, Ty Liles, Steven Miller, Myras Osman, Ani Smith, Chris Sutton, , Jill Freund Thomas, Keith Yearman
2. **CONSENT AGENDA –**
Motion Passed unanimously: (Yearman, Michael Cornebise seconded) that the Executive council approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:
 - a. Approval of minutes from April 12, 2007 meeting in Charleston, Eastern Illinois University
 - b. 2007 Annual Meeting Final Report (Michael Cornebise)
 - c. Central Office Report (Keith Yearman)
 - d. Audit Committee Report (Keith Yearman for Larry Resutko)
 - e. Illinois Geographic Alliance Report (Darrell Kruger)
 - f. NCGE Matters (Michael Cornebise)
 - g. Student Awards (Ty Liles, Norm Moline)

Freund requested and Yearman will get past IGS meeting figures. Jill says a book was put together to organize an IGS, may be with Charles Fuller. Need update anyway.
3. **2008 Meeting Report** from Darrell Kruger
60 regular registrants, 37 field trip, 51 for banquet 28 for lunch on Saturday; \$4020 dollars approximate. **Motion passed unanimously** (Yearman, Ealey seconded) to accept report.
Motion passed (Cornebise, Thomas seconded) to thank Kruger for organizing this year's meeting.
4. **2009 Annual Meeting Proposal** (Emily Good). The field trip will provide views of the Chicago River's history and importance. Lunch stop will be in Chinatown and include time to tour the commercial area. The Skokie Comfort Inn was accepted as the best location with the banquet being held at Maggiano's located across the street in Old Orchard Mall. Emily will complete arrangements for this as well as get rooms at Northeastern Illinois University for Saturday activities. **Motion passed unanimously** (Miller, Cornebise seconded) to approve proposal.
5. **2010 and 2011 Annual Meeting Discussion**
Would like to see southern location for next one, also mentioned Galena or Rockford. Another possibility is to hold meeting in Paducah/Metropolis to draw in Kentucky and maybe Indiana. There will be talks with Kay representing the Kentucky alliance. Maybe if in southern region, find a way to charter a train to get to these places. Liles suggested we need to consider the impact of where and how often we meet due to rising fuel costs. This will be something we need to think about as part of strategic planning. Keith will check that out. Yearman motioned to defer to business meeting to discuss further.
6. **Summer Field Day** Ealey suggested hosting in Peoria along the river and incorporate geocaching (GPS provided) and with presenters at each stop. Late July, early August. Will be mentioned at the business meeting

7. **Treasury Report** (Len Ealey) Re: Savings Account, \$1000 was transferred to the Checking Account and \$533.90 income was due to interest. The balance shows expenses exceeding revenue by \$466.10. In the Checking Account, expenses exceeded revenues by \$340.74. A majority of IGS transactions occurred in this account during 07-08, with an attempt to maintain a balance ranging from \$2,000 to \$2500. Despite this year's expenses exceeding revenue of \$806.84, the overall trend remains positive. Ealey plans on putting some of money in CDs laddering every six months or so. **Motion passed unanimously** (Yearman, Good seconded) to accept report
8. **Nominating Committee Report** **Motion passed unanimously** (Yearman, Osman seconded) to accept nominations for Thomas as President and Cornebise as Vice President and Editor of the Bulletin.
9. **NCGE Rep** **Motion passed unanimously** (Yearman, Miller seconded) to elect Charles Fuller as NCGE Rep, which he as accepted.
10. **Geography Bee Report** **Motion passed unanimously** (Yearman, Miller seconded) to approve \$400 to fund bee expenses. Money used for travel expenses and materials. This year the GSC organized the goody bags and reception for the kids. All 65 rooms sold out, very good response. National Geographic Society funds \$2000. Next year will try to get some assistance from IGS.
11. **Bulletin Report** Yearman reports waiting for Fall 06 to be published. Sutton's last conversation on this: editor still has it in his possession. All materials will be sent to Cornebise to follow through. Yearman suggested taking articles from old editions as a 50th anniversary (Spring 07) edition by pulling out very first article and then Illinois related articles to help get this done, and have a second Bulletin be the "Best of" edition. Thomas suggested also doing a book review edition. Package all three together to reduce postage and get up to speed.
12. **Old Business** none
13. **New Business**
 - Recruitment and Strategic Planning (Yearman, et al):
 - a. People are becoming members through web site introduction. Membership form is on line which is what has been used. Renewals are out to expired membership. Once Bulletin issue resolved, then renewal.
 - b. Thomas mentioned there is a social science meeting and maybe IGS should sponsor a breakfast or work session at these other professional meetings to promote our organization.
 - c. Geography and Teacher Education departments should get juniors and seniors to come and present at the IGS or go on field trip.
 - d. Good will email all appropriate faculty departments in September to promote IGS.
 - e. Maybe a consortium of IGA, IGS, GSC to produce an e-newsletter. Include Kentucky and Indiana alliances.
 - f. Smith suggested using Geography Bee to promote as well
 - g. Have a fall work session to meet with IGA and GSC to consider our joint mission and where we want to go. But before we meet, IGS should clearly define its mission and future goals. There is an IGS mission statement but we need a strategic plan.
 - h. Web page site where all three organizations linked.
 - i. Suggestion that there should be a person on the council who heads marketing for the organization.

- Café Press (Yearman): online sale of IGS items in which IGS gets a small percentage. No maintenance required on our part. Thomas suggested that a laptop be available during meetings so members could order while at the IGS conference. We should also mention the website on the membership form. Yearman will check to make sure doesn't impact tax-exempt status.
- Website: make sure all universities and community colleges have a link from their department site to the IGS site.
- IGS Items: Members are encouraged to give these cups, t-shirts, etc as prizes in our individual institutions to help promote organization
- GSC Summer Institute: Good distributed brochure of K-12 Geography Institute set for July 7-12th at Elmhurst College.

14. Motion to adjourn (Miller, Yearman seconded) 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Good

2009 Illinois Geographical Society
Executive Council Meeting Agenda
Skokie
April 23, 2009

- I. Call to order (Jill Thomas, President)
- II. Consent Agenda (Keith Yearman)
 - a. Approval of minutes from April 24, 2008 meeting in Springfield, Illinois.
 - b. 2008 Annual Meeting Final Report (Jill Thomas for Darrell Kruger)
 - c. Central Office Report (Keith Yearman)
 - d. Geography Bee Report (Ani Smith)
 - e. Audit Committee Report (Larry Resutko)*
 - f. Illinois Geographic Alliance Report (Jill Thomas)
 - g. Bulletin Report (Michael Cornebise)
- III. 2009 Annual Meeting Initial Report (Emily Good, Michael Sublett)
- IV. 2010 Annual Meeting Discussion (Keith Yearman)
- V. 2011 Annual Meeting ideas
- VI. Summer Field Day 2008: Peoria (Len Ealey)
- VII. Summer Field Day 2009 ideas
- VIII. Treasury Report (Len Ealey)
- IX. Nominating Committee Report (Steve Miller)
- X. Presidential Appointments (Jill Thomas)
- XI. Research Grant Proposal (Mike Sublett)**
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business

*- This will be e-mailed separately, later.

** - E-mail proposal attached to packet

2008 Annual Meeting Final Report

2008 Annual Meeting Final Report. Held at the Rt 66 Hotel in Springfield, IL, there were 28 regular attendees, 27 students and 10 retirees. 37 attended the Friday field trip while 51 attended the banquet and 28 attended the Saturday luncheon. Caterpillar gave \$500 and Len Hodgman donated \$125.00 toward the Happy Hour bill on Friday night. The total income from registrations was \$4150. After expenses the total profit came to \$868.33. Besides a few technical difficulties on Saturday, the conference went smoothly overall.

2008 ANNUAL IGS MEETING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Submitted by Darrell P. Kruger

Income from Registrations	\$4,150
Caterpillar Gift	\$500
Len Hodgman Gift	\$125
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,775
Route 66 Hotel Food Service	\$1,817.35
Route 66 Hotel Deposit	\$500
Snacks for Fieldtrip	\$38.91
Oaks on 7th Lunch	\$430.41
Bus Rental	\$770
Nicky Straton Honoraria	\$50
Kim Bauer Honoraria	\$300
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,906.67
IGS Profit	\$868.33

2009 Central Office Report

Recruitment:

Over the past few weeks we've had three or four new members and renewals. In addition, brochures were mailed to all 700 Chicago Public Schools, and we received several new members as a result. After this meeting, I will send mailings to the Peoria-area schools, as well as the DuPage County schools.

Membership:

- 3 gift memberships (two to individuals, one to a department)
- 35 regular members
- 22 retirees
- 5 students
- 10 unknown (database was maintained differently)
- 54 life
- 8 subscriptions

These figures do not include the most recent memberships received

Website:

Goal is to update website Bulletins through 1990 by end of summer and to have an index of Bulletins for 1991 – present

2009 Geography Bee Report

Fellow IGS Board Members,

The 2009 Bee was another memorable one. The final round was an anxious 17 question duel that resulted in Siva Gangavarapu triumphing over returning champion, Gideon Ticho. But it didn't end there as a week later Mrs. Ticho challenged the validity of the final question. She sent packets and emailed the judges. I turned over everything to Mary Lee Elden and she handled the matter, proving the question to be valid after all.

The evening before the Bee, the GSC once again provided a very well organized event for the contestants. They rented an even larger room this year and it was still packed out. They had representatives from various colleges and universities in the area that offer courses of study in Geography, as well as information about careers in Geography. This is an area that the IGS may want to become a part of, or have a presence at next year. They also provided fully-stocked goodie bags for each contestant as well as the teachers attending the workshop. Once again I was able to get three of four rooms comped for my officials.

This year with the donation from the IGS and some reductions to the Bee costs [I am no longer spending Bee money to provide the state winner with small gifts for the other contestants at Nationals in D.C.], I have more monies to put toward paying mileage. I can reimburse my most officials at or near the official NGS rate of \$0.55 a mile. I am also grateful that I am able to reimburse my whole staff for their parking expenses which increased from \$15.00 to \$19.00.

With the IGS donation, I was able to again invite Norm Moline from Augustana. He served as a preliminary round judge as well as a final round judge. He served excellently and impressed the audience with his credentials lending credibility to the proceedings.

The balance of the \$400.00 was used to purchase the medallions presented to the top ten contestants, an extra prize we offer each year.

I would like to again encourage the IGS to use the Bee to recruit new members. You are welcome to place materials in the goodie bags for each contestant and his or her family. Another possibility is to have a table with literature in the lobby.

The donation that makes the biggest impact is the time that is volunteered by the many IGS members that faithfully serve at the Bee each year. Your support and dedication makes my job as coordinator very rewarding!

Respectfully Submitted,

Ani T. Smith

State Coordinator

Illinois Geographic Bee

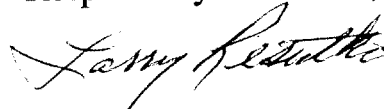
March 21, 2009

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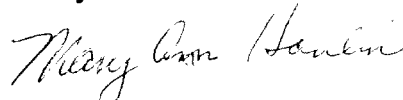
Dear Keith:

Earlier today, the Illinois Geographical Society's auditing committee met with Treasure Len Ealey. Once again, we found the IGS financial records to be accurate, up-to-date, and in good order. Len continues to do a fine job for the Society.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Resutko



Mary Ann Hanlin

cc: Len Ealey

ILLINOIS GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE (IGA) REPORT
Submitted by Dr. Darrell P. Kruger and Jill Freund Thomas
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago IL April 23, 2009

FUNDING: IGA ENDOWMENTS

- State Endowment (\$1 million) Payout of about \$70,500.
- Geographical Society of Chicago (GSC) and NGS Endowment (\$700,000) Payout of about \$52,500.

TEACHER EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE (TESC)

- Me once to plan workshops and events.

2009 SUMMER WORKSHOP

- We will host a weeklong summer (June 21-28, 2009) Tri-State workshop focused on heritage tourism with the Kentucky Geographic Alliance (KGA) and the Geography Education Network of Indiana (GENI). The IGA has accepted 8 Illinois teachers for the Summer workshop. The IGA will send two of the eight participants to participate in the Washington D.C. Lincoln Workshop from May 16-18, 2009. The D.C. Alliance will send up to four teachers to the mid-West Summer workshop. Mary Ann Hanlin, Kathie Kleckner, and Jon Parkin will serve as mentors to the IGA teachers during the Illinois part of the Summer workshop. Two participants will present at the NCGE Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

PRE- AND IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

- Dedicated members of the IGA hosted 15 workshops reaching more than 500 educators. The IGA also hosted a Fall (2008) Workshop at Starved Rock. Thanks to Adriane Powell and Jill Freund Thomas for planning the event.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EDUCATION FOUNDATION (NGSEF)

- Angie Hubbard, Jill Freund Thomas, and Darrell Kruger attended the 2009 Grantee Meeting in Washington D.C. in February 2009. Judy Bock and Emily Good also attended representing the GSC.

TEACHING GEOGRAPHY IS FUNDAMENTAL ACT (TGIF)

- All the IGA and GSC members participated in the "Hill Day" Visit to lobby representatives for funding for TGIF Act.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE 2009

- Thanks and appreciation to Ani Smith who hosted her sixth yet again successful Bee State Finals at Field Museum again in April 2009

2009 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTES

- NGS will host no institutes this summer because of funding issues related to the economy.

2008 GSC WORKSHOP

- Judy Bock and Emily Good hosted a GSC funded ethnic-focused workshop from July 7-12, 2008 at Elmhurst College. At least once participant is presenting a paper at the IGS Annual Meeting this year.

2009 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION MEETING (NCGE)

- San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 23-27, 2009

IGS Bulletin Report

Submitted by Michael Cornebise

Here is a brief recap of the Bulletin activity over the past year. I was able to complete 5 editions of the Bulletin to get the publication back on schedule. The editions completed include: Fall 2006 (Vol 48, No. 2-Chicago Special Edition II), Spring and Fall 2007 (Vols. 49, Nos. 1 & 2-50th Anniversary Special Editions I & II), and Spring and Fall 2008 (Vols. 50, Nos. 1 & 2).

Fall 2006 and Spring and Fall 2007 were sent to the readership in the fall of 2008. Spring and Fall 2008 are (as of this writing) at the printers and are scheduled to be ready for distribution by the time of the IGS annual meeting (I plan to bring them with me to the meeting and turn them over to Keith).

Once I receive a revised copy of an accepted manuscript, I'll be ready to put together the Spring 2009 edition (Vol. 51, No. 1). I hope to complete this by the end of May. There are presently three additional manuscripts that have been submitted to the Bulletin that are in various stages of the review process. We also have enough book reviews at present to complete both 2009 editions.

Call for papers and news items: Please consider the Bulletin as an outlet for your research and please pass along the call for papers to colleagues. Even though we have enough material at present, we'll need a "fresh supply" of material starting in the fall.

Yearman, Keith

From: Mike Sublett [mdsuble@ilstu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 11:31 AM
To: jfithoma@ilstu.edu; Yearman, Keith; leonard.ealey@pekin.net; mwcornebise@eiu.edu; E-Good@neiu.edu
Subject: Suggestion for IGS research grant program

Greetings:

This memo is going to the four current IGS officers and Keith. **I propose that IGS begin offering modest research grants to its members in good standing.** The idea comes to me because of some ongoing research of mine that could have made good use of a travel stipend on the order of a few hundred dollars. My research colleague asked whether the IGS had such a program, observing that similar organizations do have such programs. I had to say we do not, but then I got to thinking maybe we ought to have one. Subsequently I sat down and made some notes to myself. Here is a synopsis of what I noted. This idea might make a good topic for the fall work session.

- Use a small portion of the savings account that IGS has to fund annually two research grants of up to \$500 each. Recipient could use the money for travel, commodities, contractual services, student help, etc. First 80 percent of grant amount would go to recipient upon Council approval. IGS holds the final 20 percent to assure compliance.
- Applications would be due to Central Office twice per year, say 1 April and 1 October, with Council decisions forthcoming within one month of each deadline. Council could vote via email, once Council members had a chance to see proposal.
- Require a formal proposal using a prearranged format and application form. In addition to application form, candidate would submit short vita and perhaps letter of support from supervisor. Keith would receive the proposals and then circulate to Council via email or otherwise.
- Qualify by having been a member of IGS for at least one full year in advance of the deadline in question and remain a member through the grant period.
- Hold back 20 percent of the grant to ensure compliance with requirement of (1) submitting a final (short) report of how funds used and where research is leading to Council via Keith and (2) present paper about this research at next IGS meeting. Once both requirements are fulfilled, treasurer issues final payment.
- Strongly urge recipient to submit article from this research to *Bulletin*. It is hard to require publication, and the result might not be up to standard anyway.
- Research could cover any geographical topic, I suppose. My preference would be for an Illinois relevant topic.
- Successful recipient would not be eligible for two calendar years from deadline of successful submission. So if person gets grant from the 1 April 2009 deadline, she or he would not be eligible until 1 April 2011. Presentation of results would have to occur at 2010 IGS meeting.

What do you think? Please send replies to everyone on this list. ms

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Rockford 2010 Proposal

Theme: Rockford 2010

Hotels:

Pricing ranges from \$69 - \$119

\$69 hotel (Sweden Lodge) will not meet our needs for meeting rooms or catering (they recommended using a local pizza place for catering)

Holiday Inn and Radisson both at \$119, issues of cost, room rentals (hourly), etc.

Will finalize after May 1.

Bus Companies:

Contacted two bus companies, both requested calls after May 1 for next year's pricing

Field Trip:

Airport and UPS facility tours
Swedish Museum or conservatory
Lunch at Clock Tower Inn
David Schein – floodplain
Gardens (if open)
May have room for additional stops in afternoon

Paper Sessions:

Depending on hotel, may need to contact Rock Valley College (2.5 miles from Swedish Lodge)

Guest speakers:

HELP!