

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT SPECIALTY GROUP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

**2008 BUSINESS MEETING
11:55AM - 12:55PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008**

I. ATTENDEES

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Scott Jiusto reported that the EESG now has between 350-370 members, which is a decrease from the 500 reported at last year's meeting. Michael Heiman suggested the EESG coordinate with other similar Specialty Groups to increase membership and create sessions for future Annual Meetings. It was mentioned that the Political and Cultural Ecology Specialty Group is considering changing the group's name to the Environmental Specialty Group. Michael Heiman suggested the EESG consider rewriting the group's mission statement or potentially create an umbrella Environmental Specialty Group, of which the EESG could be a subset.

The EESG website (www.eesg.org) has attracted attention. As a result, Scott was invited to the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference. Jack Ma reported that the website bulletin board system (BBS) was attacked by a large quantity of spam messages. The BBS is currently shut down until a solution for eliminating the spam messages can be found.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Katie Miller sent the following in absentia:

AAG FY2008 (September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008)

Dues Collected: \$942.00
Website Fees: \$145.13
Other Disbursements: \$551.89 (awards)
Final FY2008 Balance: \$2,439.68

AAG FY2009 (September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009)

Data up to December 31, 2008

Dues Collected: \$457.00 (Increase of \$46.00 from last year during same time frame)
Website Fees: \$98.81

Other Disbursements: \$0*

December 31, 2008 Balance: \$2,797.87 (Increase of \$234.79 from last year during same time frame)

*\$215.00 was disbursed in February 2009 to Yda Schreuder for AAG Meeting Registration fee for one of the EESG session speakers, John Byrne

IV. AWARDS

Matt Huber received the 2008 Earl Cook Award for his work entitled, *Energizing Historical Materialism*. The Dan Luten Award was presented to Hari Osofsky. The submission date for the 2009 awards was discussed. Some EESG members suggested moving the current February 14 deadline to a later date to increase submissions. It was decided that the deadline should remain the same for 2009 so that the award committee has ample time to review the submissions and select the awardees.

VI. ELECTIONS

The group nominated members to fill the EESG Chair position being vacated by Scott. The EESG elected Yda Schreuder as the new EESG Chair. Katie Miller will remain as EESG Secretary/Treasurer for one more year. The group nominated the following members as EESG Directors: Johanna Haas, Matt Huber, and Suzi. James Clancy, who had filled the graduate student position, can no longer participate on the Board. Yhuda Klein was removed from the EESG Board due to lack of participation.