

Energy and Environment Specialty Group

BY-LAWS

Article 1: Name. The name of this organization shall be the Energy and Environment Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (EESG/AAG).

Article 2: Purposes. The general purposes of the Energy and Environment Specialty Group shall be to promote the professional competence and knowledge of its members, and to facilitate effective communication among EESG members and the presentation of member's research to other members of the AAG and the wider community of people interested in energy issues.

Article 3: Membership. Any person actively a member of the AAG is eligible to become a member of this Specialty Group. The AAG central office will certify active membership in the EESG following payment of annual AAG and EESG dues.

Article 4: Dues. The annual dues of the Specialty Group shall be as set by the Group's membership at its annual meeting.

Article 5: EESG Annual Meetings. The Specialty Group shall conduct an open general meeting at least once per year during the Annual Meetings of the AAG to determine policies and make decisions for the Specialty Group. Decisions shall be by majority vote of those members present.

Article 6: Executive Committee. Between annual meetings, the policy making body of the Specialty Group shall be the Board of Directors. Any active member of the EESG may serve on the Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the Group's Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and at least three other Directors. The Board shall conduct business in person or by other appropriate means, including telecommunications, with decisions made by majority vote. The Chair's duties shall include presiding over the annual meetings and executive board meetings, preparing an annual report for the AAG, and notifying members of the annual meeting and elections. The Secretary-Treasurer's duties shall include reporting the minutes of the annual meeting and preparing an annual financial report. The Directors duties are to actively participate in promoting the goals and objectives of the Specialty Group.

Article 7: Elections. All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at annual meetings by majority vote of those members present. Directors shall be elected to terms of three years each and the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to terms of two years each, beginning one month following election. In order to accommodate vacancies and varying levels of interest in serving on the Board of Directors, the precise number of Directors in each year shall be determined at each annual meeting, except that elected members of the Board of Directors with unexpired terms may not be removed early if they are in attendance at the annual meeting and indicate their desire to complete their term.

Article 8: Amendments. These By-Laws shall be adopted, and may be amended, at any annual meeting of the Specialty Group by 60% vote of the membership in attendance, provided that notice of the proposed By-Laws or amendments has been given to the membership of the Group from sixty to fifteen days prior to the meeting. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the full Board of Directors, or by petition signed by at least five active members.