

Animal Geography Specialty Group
11 April 2014 Meeting
Tampa, Florida
11:50am – 12:30pm
Note taker: Russell Fielding

Notes: Apologies from Stella for not being present.
Julie “present” via speakerphone.

Highlights from last year: Newsletter
 Mentoring program
 Sponsoring ~9 sessions at AAG
 Updated Wikipedia entry on “Animal Geography”
 Lots of publications

Budget: \$1200 in account
 Will pay out \$200 for paper competition
 Hope to host a social event at a future AAG
 Reminder: pay your dues, consider making a donation

Elections: Elizabeth and Katie will be graduating
 New Graduate student officers: Anita Robinson, Matt Rosenbaum

Paper competition: Graduate student winner: Jenny Isaacs, Rutgers University,
 “Follow that Bird”
 No qualifying undergraduate entries
 Discussion: Should the board reconsider what qualifies for the
 competition? Consensus: the papers must engage with the Animal
 Geography literature, not simply be “about” animals (e.g.
 biogeography)

Future planning for next AAG (Chicago): Field trips? Travel subsidy for paper
 competition entries? Non-cash prizes for competition (e.g. books)?
 Rosemary’s new book will be out and the publisher is interested in
 hosting a book-related event at the AAG. Congratulations,
 Rosemary! The Animal Geography theme for the next AAG
 should build on the overall theme of the conference.

In attendance: Clark Monson (BYU), Alice Hovorka (Guelph), Rachel Cavin (TX State),
 Andrea Presotto (UGA), Suzi Wiseman (TX State), Jeff Baldwin
 (Sonoma St.), Phil McManus (Sydney), Russell Fielding (DU),
 Rosemary-Claire Collard (Toronto), Katie Gillespie (UW), Ashley
 Wynn-Jones (Colgate)