

**Florida Society of Geographers  
Annual Business Meeting Jan 25-27, 2008  
Miami, Florida**

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Meeting Called to Order 9:30 am.</b>                        | <b>Mary Caravelis President</b> |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Minutes from February 2007 Meeting<br/>Jacksonville, FL</b> | <b>Maria Fadiman, Secretary</b> |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Treasurer's Report</b>                                      | <b>Maria Fadiman, Treasurer</b> |

Major Expenses:

Postage for <i>The Florida Geographer</i> :	\$ 160.09
Publishing for <i>The Florida Geographer</i> (Kinkos):	\$ 526.45
TOTAL	\$ 686.54

Major 2008 Meeting Expenses:

- Student Honors Competition:
  - Graduate Student Award \$100.00  
\*(Supplemented by Storm L. Richards & Associates, Inc. \$100.00)
  - Undergraduate Student Award \$100.00  
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  - Poster Student Award \$50.00  
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  - Founders and Distinguished members award \$200.00  
\*Corporate Sponsor
- Food and other meeting expenses \$2,761.41

Major Revenue Sources:

Beginning Balance Jan 9, 2008:	\$6,180.40
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Total Membership Dues and Registration Fees Amount collected at the Jan. 2008 Annual Meeting:	\$1,307.50
Other revenue (Donations)	\$ 1,405.00

**IV. *The Florida Geographer* Report-Kris Bedeczny**

- Kris Bedeczny is stepping down as managing editor
- Kevin Archer is stepping down as editor
- Kris Bedeczny will help with the transition to the new editor (Russ Ivy), and put out a request for submissions. Their hard work was appreciated.

**V. Approval to update the FSG By-Laws**

- Postponement of approval, because discussion about changes still needs to occur.

**VI. Non Profit Status**

- Has been reinstated. The board members listed on the document are: Mary Caravelis, Ron Schultz and Maria Fadiman.
- Motion passed to keep these same board members on the document, to avoid the cost of adding or switching names.

## VII. Fundraising

- The creation of a fundraising committee was formed, in order to raise revenue for the society by creating a base which will draw interest.
  - o Chair: Harm diBlij
    - Committee members: Russ Ivy, Roy Oldekowski and Storm Richards.

## VIII. Membership

- Motion to raise the non-student membership from \$15.00 to \$25.00 beginning for the 2009 January dues. *Passed.*
- Life time membership is still under discussion.

## IX. Old Business

- Announcements:
  - Student Honor Awards:
    - Five awards were given to the following students:

### Best Paper Presentation

**Carlos M. Cañas**, Graduate Student Department of Geography University of Florida *Temporal and Spatial Patterns of Dispersion of Catfish Larvae in Madre de Dios River, Peru*

**Jeffrey L. Cooley**, Undergraduate Department of Geography University of Florida *Tropical Cyclone Frequency in South Carolina*

**Jaclyn M Hall**, Graduate Student Department of Geography University of Florida *Remote Sensing of Humid Forests: Connecting Canopy Complexity to Image Texture*

**D. J. Keellings**, Graduate Student Department of Biology, University of Central Florida *Tree Encroachment of Sawgrass (*Cladium jamaicense*) Marshes within an Anthropogenic Dominated Ecosystem*

**Carlos M. Cañas**, Graduate Student Department of Geography University of Florida *Temporal and Spatial Patterns of Dispersion of Catfish Larvae in Madre de Dios River, Peru*

**Jeffrey L. Cooley**, Undergraduate Department of Geography University of Florida *Tropical Cyclone Frequency in South Carolina*

### Best Poster

**Drake Sprague**, Graduate Student Department of Geography Florida Atlantic University *A Regression Model for Predicting the Intensity of Built-up Land Cover and Population Density using Remotely Sensed Data of Pucallpa, Peru.*

- New Editor for **The Florida Geographer**
  - Elected by the executive committee is Russ Ivy.

## X. Nominated and elected positions

### - Board members

Jennifer Gebelein  
Corene J. Matyas  
Derek McDonald  
Jeff Martin  
Klaus J. Meyer-Arendt

### - Student Representative:

John McEwen

### - Vice President

Bob Brinkmann

**- President**

Jeanne Richards

**- Treasurer**

Mary Caravelis

**- Continuing as Secretary for 2<sup>nd</sup> year of two year term:**

Maria Fadiman

**XI. New Business**

- Discussion of location of next meeting. Decided the president would be elected first, and that person would determine the meeting location.

**XII. Meeting Adjourned January 27, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.**