

**2000-01 Annual Report  
Transportation Geography Specialty Group (TGSG)  
Of the Association of American Geographers**

**I. Review of Statement**

Statement of the TGSG:

“To encourage and facilitate interactions among individuals who are interested in research, practice, and education of transportation-related topics.”

TGSG membership dues remain:

Regular Members	\$5.00
Student Members	\$2.00

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### III. Accomplishments, Activities, Future Plans

- A. A business meeting was held on March 1, 2001 at the AAG annual meeting in New York City, NY.

Chair's Report:

- AAG Central Office advises specialty group chairs not to post or release member e-mail addresses.
- AAG Central Office announces that membership dues may switch from calendar year to "individual time frame" or anniversary date. However, student membership dues may stay on calendar year. AAG Central Office will make an official announcement on the schedule of membership dues when a decision is made.
- AAG Central Office encourages members to make suggestions to the non-academic careers in Geography on the AAG web page.
- A TGSG-L discussion list has been set up on a computer hosted by the Geography Department at the University of Tennessee. To subscribe the TGSG-L list, send an e-mail to: [majordomo@cowbar.geog.utk.edu](mailto:majordomo@cowbar.geog.utk.edu). In the message body (not the subject line), type: subscribe tgsg-l
- A "Member Service" page is available at the TGSG web site (<http://www.geotrans.hofstra.edu/geotrans/tgsg/>).

- B. At the 2001 TGSG business meeting in New York City, a new secretary/treasurer, webmaster, and three new board members were elected (see the list in Section II above).

- C. At the 2001 TGSG business meeting in New York City, two student paper awards were given. In all, 2 Masters students and 2 Ph.D students submitted papers.

- The Ph.D. award (\$200 + plaque) was given to **Dr. Agatino La Rosa, University of Tennessee** for a dissertation titled "Integrating Location and Logistics Models".
- The Master's Thesis Award (\$200 + plaque) was given to **Ms. Julie Cidell, University of Minnesota** for a thesis titled "The Conversion of Military Bases to Civilian Airports".

- D. The Edward L. Ullman Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Study of Transportation Geography (a plaque) was presented to **Thomas Leinbach, University of Kentucky**. Some of Professor Leinbach's major contributions to the study of transportation geography are summarized in a nomination letter as quoted below.

"Tom Leinbach has made substantive contributions to understanding issues of transport delivery and the impacts of accessibility on rural settlements. He is a master at relating transport to the broader socio-political and economic context of resettlement processes, employment behavior, peasant household survival strategies, human capital formation, and enterprise development. At a different scale of analysis, he has documented the role of air transport and air cargo in the transition of East-Asian countries to the deregulated regime of the global economy. Recent research explores the impact of information technology on the competitive behavior of firms, changing patterns of production linkages, and

- electronic commerce, all of which have significant implications for transportation.”
- E. Karl Raitz (on behalf of Thomas Leinbach who was on sabbatical leave in Singapore), La Rosa, Cidell, and Shaw attended the Awards Banquet at TGSG expense. La Rosa was accompanied by his advisor Bruce Ralston, who attended at own expense.
  - F. The TGSG continued development of its web page with the help from Jean-Paul Rodrigue at Department of Economics & Geography, Hofstra University. The web page includes sections on:
    - About TGSG
    - News
    - Events
    - Publications
    - Member Service
    - Links
  - G. Periodic announcements were emailed to the membership.
  - H. TGSG sponsored 7 among the 13 transportation-related sessions at the 2001 AAG Annual Meeting in NYC.
    1. Air Transportation: Entrepots, Hierarchies, and Economic Impacts (#3.2.08, organized by Andy Goetz)
    2. Trends in Private Sector Transport (#4.2.30, organized by Bruce Ralston and Brian Graham, co-sponsored by Royal Geographic Society)
    3. Transportation Research Projects (#4.3.33, organized by Barry Wellar, co-sponsored by Applied Geography Specialty Group)
    4. Analysis and Prediction of Activity-Travel Behavior (#4.5.11, organized by Darren Scott)
    5. Intelligent Transportation Systems (#5.2.23, organized by Demin Xiong, co-sponsored by Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group)
    6. GIS and Remote Sensing for Transportation Applications (#5.4.01, organized by Shih-Lung Shaw)
    7. Trends in Transport (#6.4.05, organized by Bruce Ralston and Brian Graham, co-sponsored by Royal Geographic Society)

#### Activities Scheduled for the Coming Year

- A. Organize a field trip and several sessions for the 2002 AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. Proposed sessions are:  
Field Trip:
  - Local ports in LA (Organizer: Bruce Ralston, University of Tennessee, [bralston@utk.edu](mailto:bralston@utk.edu))
 Panel Sessions:
  - “GIS for Transportation (GIS-T)” Book Reviews (Organizer: Shih-Lung Shaw, University of Tennessee, [sshaw@utk.edu](mailto:sshaw@utk.edu))
  - Teaching Transportation Geography (Organizers: Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Hofstra University, [Jean-paul.Rodrigue@Hofstra.edu](mailto:Jean-paul.Rodrigue@Hofstra.edu) and Frederick Stutz, San Diego State University, [stutz@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:stutz@mail.sdsu.edu).)

Paper Sessions:

- Globalization and Transportation (Organizer: Julie Cidell, University of Minnesota, [jlcidell@atlas.socsci.umn.edu](mailto:jlcidell@atlas.socsci.umn.edu))
  - Implications of Sustainable Development in Transportation Planning (Organizer: Agatino La Rosa, University of Tennessee, [tino@utk.edu](mailto:tino@utk.edu))
  - Joint Session on Trends in Geography of Mobility, co-sponsored by AAG TGSG and RGS TGRG (Organizers: Shih-Lung Shaw, University of Tennessee, [sshaw@utk.edu](mailto:sshaw@utk.edu) and Jon Shaw, University of Aberdeen, [j.shaw@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:j.shaw@abdn.ac.uk))
  - Mass Transit in California and elsewhere (Needs a volunteer to organize this session)
  - Pacific Rim Air Transportation (Organizer: John Bowen, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, [Bowenj@vaxa.cis.uwosh.edu](mailto:Bowenj@vaxa.cis.uwosh.edu))
  - Remote Sensing and Transportation (Organizer: Demin Xiong, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, [xiongd@ornl.gov](mailto:xiongd@ornl.gov))
  - Transportation and Air Quality (Needs a volunteer to organize this session)
  - Transportation Logistics (Organizer: Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Hofstra University, [Jean-paul.Rodrigue@Hofstra.edu](mailto:Jean-paul.Rodrigue@Hofstra.edu))
  - Transportation Research Projects (Organizer: Barry Wellar, University of Ottawa, [wellarb@uottawa.ca](mailto:wellarb@uottawa.ca))
  - Travel Behavior (Organizer: Darren Scott, University of Louisville, [darren.scott@louisville.edu](mailto:darren.scott@louisville.edu))
  - Urban Transportation (Organizer: Barry Wellar, University of Ottawa, [wellarb@uottawa.ca](mailto:wellarb@uottawa.ca))
- B. Continue to update the web page managed by Jean-Paul Rodrigue at Hofstra University.
- C. Continue to operate the un-moderated TGSG-L discussion list managed by Shih-Lung Shaw at University of Tennessee.
- D. Continue to support the *Journal of Transport Geography* through submission of manuscripts, book reviews and other materials to the journal, as well as publicizing the journal for the purpose of increasing visibility and subscriptions.
- E. Continue to recognize outstanding contributions of an individual to the field of transportation geography through presentation of the Edward L. Ullman award. Past winners of the award are:
- 1990 - Edward J. Taaffe
  - 1991 - Harold M. Mayer
  - 1992 - Howard Gauthier
  - 1993 - No award given.
  - 1994 - William Garrison
  - 1995 - William R. Black
  - 1996 - James Vance
  - 1997 - Susan Hanson
  - 1998 - Morton O'Kelly
  - 1999 - Bruce Ralston
  - 2000 - Donald Janelle

- 2001 - Thomas Leinbach
- F. Continue to present student paper awards.
  - G. Continue to collaborate with the other specialty groups in organizing sessions.
  - H. Continue to sponsor a joint session with the Royal Geographic Society (RGS) Transportation Geography Research Group (TGSG) at AAG annual meetings.

#### IV. Membership and Participation

Membership in the TGSG increased sharply from 110 members in 1986 to 285 members in 1994. Membership declined steadily between 1995 and 1999. The 2000 membership data released by the AAG Central Office shows a slight upward trend of the membership.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
1986	110
1992	221
1993	247
1994	285
1995	251
1996	257
1997	236
1998	196
1999	191
2000	204

Measures of participation and activity show that the TGSG is very active. In addition to the TGSG-sponsored sessions at the AAG meetings, the TGSG continues to expand its Internet-based communications (TGSG web site, new TGSG-L discussion list, and e-mails) with its members. The field as a whole also remains quite healthy, as evidenced by the fact that the *Journal of Transport Geography* is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year. The joint sessions of AAG TGSG and RGS TGRG also help enhance professional relationships among transportation geographers on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

#### V. Financial Report

- A. Account name: Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the AAG. This account is with the Central Office of the AAG.
- B. Revenue and expenses for 1/1/2000 – 3/31/2001 (see attached Treasurer's Report)
 

Revenues	\$1,481.00
Expenses	\$2,760.89

(Note: The total expense listed above cover both 2000 AAG Meeting in Hawaii and 2001 AAG Meeting in New York City.)

Submitted by Shih-Lung Shaw, TGSG Chair (2000-2002)

## Transportation Geography Specialty Group

Account Balance 2000 - 2001

Check Request Date	Deposit or Withdrawal Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
05/13/99	Deposit - M.Kuby (Yang refund)		\$200.00	\$3,115.58
01/21/00	Chris Axiom - work on TGSG web	400.00		\$2,715.58
03/20/00	Student Paper Award- Robatino	150.00		\$2,565.58
03/20/00	Student Paper Award - Xin	150.00		\$2,415.58
03/20/00	Student Paper Award - Pearson	150.00		\$2,265.58
03/28/00	Deposit - AAG Dues 1999-2000		815.00	\$3,080.58
05/19/00	AAG AM 2000 4 Awards Luncheon tickets	100.00		\$2,980.58
06/12/00	Michael Kuby Expense Reimbursement	803.89		\$2,176.69
06/15/00	Chris Axiom - work on TGSG web	280.00		\$1,896.69
02/21/01	Student Paper Award- La Rosa	200.00		\$1,696.69
02/21/01	Student Paper Award- Cidell	200.00		\$1,496.69
02/21/01	TGSG Award Plaques - Shaw	167.00		\$1,329.69
02/21/01	AAG AM 2001 4 Awards Luncheon tickets	160.00		\$1,169.69
02/25/01	Deposit- Balance 2000 Dues		183.00	\$1,352.69
02/25/01	Deposit- AAG Dues 2000-2001		483.00	\$1,835.69
03/31/01	Account Balance			<b>\$1,835.69</b>