

**2001-02 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 20, 2002 at the AAG annual meeting in Los Angeles, CA.
Chair's Report (Shih-Lung Shaw):
- Thanks the following TGSG officers for their service over the past year:
Keith A. Ratner – Secretary/Treasurer
Jean-Paul Rodrigue – Board member and TGSG Web Master
Tim Volwes – Board member
Darren Scott – Board member
Chris Sutton – Board member
Julie Cidell – Board member
 - TGSG sponsored 1 field trip (Port of Long Beach), 3 panel sessions, and 13 paper sessions at the 2002 AAG annual meeting. Co-sponsors included Royal Geographical Society Transport Geography Research Group, AAG Applied Geography SG, Economic Geography SG, Spatial Analysis and Modeling SG. Thanks go to all field trip/session organizers.
 - Report of TGSG membership trend: TGSG membership has been fairly stable running from 220 – 240 members since 1995. For annual TGSG membership data, see Section IV below.
- B. At the 2002 TGSG business meeting in New York City, members elected a new chair and two new board members (see Section II above). The current TGSG web master was re-elected to serve for the 2002-03 term.
- C. At the 2002 TGSG business meeting in Los Angeles, one student paper was awarded.
- The Ph.D. dissertation award (\$150 + plaque) was presented to **Dr. Joseph Weber**, Department of Geography, University of Alabama. Dissertation title: “Evaluating the effects of context and scale on individual accessibility: A multilevel approach” (Ph.D., 2001, The Ohio State University, Advisor: Mei-Po Kwan)
- D. At the 2002 TGSG business meeting in Los Angeles, the Edward L. Ullman Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Study of Transportation Geography (a plaque) was presented to Professor **Brian Slack**, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. Some of Professor Slack's major contributions to the study of transportation geography are summarized in a nomination letter as quoted here - “Professor Slack is among the early contributors to the understanding of spatial impact of the transport service industry and instrumental in establishing connections with other areas such as urban planning through his work on transport terminals and intermodality.”
- E. Brian Slack, Joseph Weber, and Shih-Lung Shaw attended the Awards Banquet at TGSG 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 1 field trip, 3 panel sessions and 13 paper sessions at the 2002 AAG Annual Meeting in LA.

Field Trip:

Tour of the Port of Long Beach (Organizer: Bruce Ralston)

Time: Tuesday, 3/19/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Panel Sessions:

Teaching Transport Geography - Part I : Concepts and Theories (Co-organizers: Jean-Paul Rodrigue and Frederick Stutz)

Time: Wednesday, 3/20/2002 -- 3:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Teaching Transport Geography - Part II : Methodologies and Techniques (Co-organizers: Jean-Paul Rodrigue and Frederick Stutz)

Time: Wednesday, 3/20/2002 -- 5:00 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.

GIS for Transportation (GIS-T) Education (Organizer: Shih-Lung Shaw)

Time: Saturday, 3/23/2002 -- 2:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Paper Sessions:

Sustainable Development and Transportation Systems (Co-organizers: Agatino La Rosa and Alan Murray)

Time: Wednesday, 3/20/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Transportation and Globalization (Organizer: Julie Cidell)

Time: Wednesday, 3/20/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Trends in the Geography of Mobility I (Co-organizers: Shih-Lung Shaw and Jon Shaw)

Time: Thursday, 3/21/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Trends in the Geography of Mobility II (Co-organizers: Shih-Lung Shaw and Jon Shaw)

Time: Thursday, 3/21/2002 -- 10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Trends in the Geography of Mobility III (Co-organizers: Shih-Lung Shaw and Jon Shaw)

Time: Thursday, 3/21/2002 -- 1:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Understanding and Modeling Travel Behavior I (Organizer: Darren Scott)

Time: Thursday, 3/21/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Understanding and Modeling Travel Behavior II (Organizer: Darren Scott)

Time: Thursday, 3/21/2002 -- 10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Transportation Research Projects (Organizer: Barry Wellar)

Time: Friday, 3/22/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Pacific Rim Air and Maritime Transport (Organizer: John Bowen)

Time: Friday, 3/22/2002 -- 8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Measuring and Analyzing Accessibility in Transportation Systems (Organizer: Harvey Miller)

Time: Friday, 3/22/2002 -- 10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Remote Sensing and Transportation (Organizer: Demin Xiong)

Time: Saturday, 3/23/2002 -- 2:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

The Geography of Logistics - Part I (Organizer: Jean-Paul Rodrigue)

Time: Saturday, 3/23/2002 -- 2:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

The Geography of Logistics - Part II (Organizer: Jean-Paul Rodrigue)

Time: Saturday, 3/23/2002 -- 4:00 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.

Activities Scheduled for the Coming Year

- A. Organize a field trip and several sessions for the 2003 AAG Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Suggested field trip and sessions include:
Field Trip:
 - A port-oriented field tripPaper Sessions:
 - Functional Regions: Commuting shed, hinterland and urban hierarchy (Organizer: Andy Geotz)
 - Transportation Research Projects (Organizer: Barry Wellar)
 - Joint Session on Transport Geography, co-sponsored by AAG TGSG and RGS TGRG (Co-organizers: Benjamin Zhan and Jon Shaw)
- 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
 - 2002 - Brian Slack
- 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

TGSG membership has been fairly stable around 220-240 since 1995.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>Student Membership</u>
1985	255	
1986	243	
1987	234	
1988	231	
1989	240	
1990	240	
1991	221	
1992	238	
1993	238	
1994	194	
1995	221	
1996	231	
1997	233	
1998	235	58
1999	225	41
2000	224	38
2001	228	45

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, 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 10th 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 3/31/2001 – 3/15/2002 (see attached Treasurer's Report)

Revenues	\$1,086.50
Expenses	\$1,176.00

(Note: The expenses listed above include financial support of \$800 for student travels to the 1999 AAG Meeting in Hawaii.)

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

Transportation Geography Specialty Group
 Account Balance 2001 – 2002
 Submitted by Keith Ratner, TGSG Treasurer/Secretary

Check Request Date	Deposit or Withdrawal Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
03/31/01	Balance Forward			\$1835.69
04/01/01	Share of Bank Service Charges	11.00		\$1824.69
04/01/01	Correction of Chris Axiom Check Amount		80.00	\$1904.69
04/27/01	Julie Sidell Hawaii Travel 1999	100.00		\$1804.69
04/27/01	Christian Axiom Hawaii Travel 1999	300.00		\$1504.69
04/27/01	Daniel Yang Hawaii Travel 1999	300.00		\$1204.69
04/27/01	Timothy Vowles Hawaii Travel 1999	100.00		\$1104.69
03/01/02	Delta Signs and Awards	215.00		\$889.69
03/01/02	Joseph Weber Dissertation Award	150.00		\$739.69
	Expected TSGS Dues (2001 – 2002)		1,006.50	\$1,746.19
	3/15/02 Account Balance			\$1,746.19