

**2002-03 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

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### III. Accomplishments, Activities, Future Plans

A. A business meeting was held on March 5, 2003 at the AAG annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Chair's Report (F. Benjamin Zhan):

- 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  
Agatino La Rosa – Board member  
Tim Volwes – Board member  
Joseph Weber – Board member  
Julie Cidell – Board member
- TGSG sponsored one plenary session and 9 paper sessions at the 2003 AAG annual meeting. In addition, 52 sessions during the 2003 AAG meeting contained topic areas related to Transportation Geography. Thanks go to all TGSG members who organized sessions and/or presented at the New Orleans AAG meeting.
- Report of TGSG membership trend: TGSG membership has been fairly stable since 1995. The specialty group had 212 members during 2002-2003. Among them, 76 members were students—an increase from 45 in 2001-2002. Please refer to Section IV in this report for additional information about membership data.

B. At the 2003 TGSG business meeting in New Orleans, LA, members elected a new Secretary/Treasurer (Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue) and three new board members (Dr. John Bowen, Dr. Mei-Po Kwan, and Mr. Hongbo Yu). Please refer to Section II above for additional information about these new TGSG officers. Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue, the current TGSG web master, has kindly agreed to serve as the TGSG web master for the 2003-04 term.

C. One student paper was awarded the 'best dissertation award' during the 2003 'best student paper competition.'

- The Ph.D. dissertation award (\$150 + plaque) went to **Dr. Xiaohong Xin** who was not able to attend the AAG meeting in New Orleans. The title of Dr. Xiao's is: "An Exploratory Data Analysis Approach for Land Use-Transportation Interaction: The Design and Implementation of Transland Spatio-Temporal Data Model" (Ph.D., 2002, The University of Tennessee, Advisor: Dr. Shih-Lung Shaw)

D. The 2003 Edward L. Ullman Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Study of Transportation Geography (a plaque) went to **Dr. Kingsley Edwin Haynes**, University Professor and Dean of the School of Public Policy at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Some of Professor Hayes's major contributions to the study of transportation geography are summarized in a nomination letter as

quoted here -“Dr. Haynes has made continuous major contributions to the field of transportation geography. Those contributions have ranged from the conceptual and theoretical to practical and applied. Further, they have contributed to policy debate at the regional and national levels. I believe Kingsley Haynes deserves the Ullman Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Study of Transportation Geography.”

- E. Kingsley Edwin Haynes and Benjamin Zhan attended the AAG Awards Banquet in New Orleans at the expense of the AAG TGSG.
- 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:
  - Home
  - About TGSG
  - Awards
  - News
  - Events
  - Publications
  - Member Service
  - Links
- G. Periodic announcements were emailed to the membership.
- H. Summary of TGSG sponsored activities at the New Orleans AAG meeting (one plenary session and 9 paper sessions)

Plenary session

- Fleming Lecture in Transportation Geography  
(Organizers: Benjamin Zhan and Richard L. Morrill)

Paper Sessions:

- Concentration and Dispersion in the Evolution of Transport Systems - Part A  
(Organizers: Emmanuel Guy and Raymond Greene)
- Concentration and Dispersion in the Evolution of Transport Systems - Part B  
(Organizers: Emmanuel Guy and Raymond Greene)
- Reexamining Individual Accessibility for the 21st Century City  
(Organizers: Joe Weber and Irene Casas)
- Spatial Dimensions of Emerging Technologies for Understanding Dynamic Travel Behaviors  
(Organizers: Joe Weber and Irene Casas)
- The Geography of Freight Transportation: I - Logistics Industry and Intermodality  
(Organizers: Jean-Paul Rodrigue and Markus Hesse)

- The Geography of Freight Transportation: II - Regional Dimensions  
(Organizers: Jean-Paul Rodrigue and Markus Hesse)
- The Geography of Freight Transportation: III - Modeling and E-Commerce  
(Organizers: Jean-Paul Rodrigue and Markus Hesse)
- The Mobile Body 2: Transported Bodies  
(Organizers: Katrinka C. Somdahl, Tim Cresswell, and Peter Merriman)
- Urban Transportation (Organizers: Michael Kuby )

### **Activities Scheduled for the Coming Year**

- A. Organize a field trip and several sessions for the 2004 AAG Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Suggested field trip and sessions include:

Field Trip:

- A port-oriented field trip

Panel session:

- Agent-based modeling and simulation of emergency evacuation (Organizer: Benjamin Zhan)

Paper Sessions:

- Sustainable Transportation (Organizer: William Black)
- 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
- 2003 – Kingsley Edwin Haynes**

- 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**

There appeared to be a noticeable increase in the number of student members in the specialty group during 2002 although the total number of members dropped from 228 to 212 during 2002. TGSG membership has been fairly stable around 210-240 since 1995.

Year	Total Membership	Student Membership
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
2002	212	76

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 11<sup>th</sup> year. Chairs of AAG TGSG and RGS TGRG have maintained communications to 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 the period from 11/30/2001 to 8/30/2002 during which data are available for the report for the 2003 AAG TGSG Business meeting are provided in the Treasurer's Report given below.
  - Revenues \$1,006.50
  - Expenses \$500.00

Submitted by F. Benjamin Zhan, TGSG Chair (2002-2004). This report was generated based on the report layout used by Dr. Shih-Lung Shaw, immediate past chair of the AAG-TGSG.

AAG Transportation Geography Specialty Group  
 Account Balance 2002 – 2003  
 Submitted by Keith Ratner, TGSG Treasurer/Secretary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance</b>
11/30/01	Balance Forward			\$1,104.69
02/28/02	Dues 2001-2002	\$1,006.50		\$2,111.19
03/14/02	3 Awards Lunch Tickets -		\$135.00	\$1,976.19
03/14/02	Weber - Dissertation Award		\$150.00	\$1,826.19
03/14/02	Delta Signs & Awards		\$215.00	\$1,611.19
08/31/02	Account Balance			\$1,611.19