

2023 - 2024 TGSG Annual Report

1. What is the name of the Specialty or Affinity Group that you (co-)chair?

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2. What date did you start your term as (co-)chair of your Specialty or Affinity Group? *

07/01/2023

3. In the past year, how did your group use dues collected?

(check all that apply) * (responses in **bold** were entered as applicable)

We did not host activities that use collected dues

Awards and/or Grants

Speaker stipends (e.g., keynotes, plenaries, etc.)

Hosting an event (please specify)

Reception following keynote speaker event

Other (please specify)

4. Please list your current board position titles, and the names, affiliations and emails for each officer. If you have board positions that are currently open/vacant, please also include those positions with the name listed as "vacant." *

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5. Which activities did your group organize during the most recent AAG Annual Meeting?

(check all that apply) *

Our group did not organize activities during the most recent AAG Annual Meeting

Our group organized one or more paper, poster, and/or panel sessions

Our group invited one or more guest speakers (e.g., for a keynote address, plenary, etc.)

Our group organized a social breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner

Our group organized one or more networking sessions

Our group organized one or more workshops and/or field trips

6. Which activities has your group discussed and plans to organize at the upcoming AAG Annual Meeting?

(check all that apply) *

We have not discussed any annual meeting activities and do not have any plans yet

Organizing one or more paper, poster, and/or panel sessions

Inviting one or more guest speakers (e.g., for a keynote address, plenary, etc.)

Organizing a social breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner

Organizing one or more networking sessions

Organizing one or more workshops and/or field trips

Other (please specify)

7. Does your Specialty Group or Affinity Group have a Journal? If so, what is the name of your Journal? *

Journal of Transport Geography

8. What types of communications-related activities has your group organized or participated in over the past year that were not related to the Annual Meeting?

(check all that apply) *

Our group did not organize or participate in any types of communications-related activities that were not related to the Annual Meeting.

Creating a Specialty/Affinity Group Newsletter

Maintaining a website (not through the AAG)

Posting through your AAG Knowledge Community

(<https://community.aag.org/home>)

Posting through an independently run list serv

Maintaining social media accounts

Other (please specify)

9. Over the past year, has your group undertaken any activities or efforts specifically related to JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion) initiatives? *

In recent years, we have monitored representation on our group board and will strive to continue to do so. By the end of this calendar year, TGSG leadership plans to:

- 1) Update our criteria for our two student travel awards to include consideration of 1) economic need and 2) opportunities for underrepresented communities.**
- 2) Revise our election process to ensure more broad and accessible opportunities for all of our membership. In the past, attendees**

needed to be physically present at the business meeting to be nominated and then elected, with everyone in attendance voting. We will move to an online solicitation of nominations in December and January next year, then host elections online (using the form template available through the SharePoint site)

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10. Have you collaborated with other AAG Specialty or Affinity Groups over the past year? *

Yes

No

11. Would your group be interested in organizing an online program (e.g., webinar series, workshops, networking, etc.) outside of the AAG Annual Meeting? *

Yes

No

12. Are there any other activities that your group has participated in over the past year that have not yet been covered in this form? If there are, please specify those activities.

13. Do you have any specific accomplishments of your group during the past year that you would like to acknowledge?

14. What future plans or directions, if any, are in the works for your group?

The two aforementioned changes to our student travel award criteria and to our election process are the highest priority plans for now, and will require updating our bylaws. Beyond that, hosting more workshops and interactive activities with other specialty groups are other future priorities. Lastly, we have not recently hosted a poster session, and this would be a great way to encourage more graduate and undergraduate students to participate. We will explore doing this for the Detroit meeting.

15. What are the biggest challenges facing your group?

Maintaining membership is not a unique challenge to our group, but it does continue to be a concern. We have had a slight decline overall in membership in recent years, and while it is by no means precipitous or alarming, it does challenge our efforts to expand and grow the group.

16. Do you have any suggestions for AAG Council related to Specialty and Affinity Groups (e.g., anything AAG could do better, to support your activities or your leaders, suggestions for related programs, etc.)?