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NORTH CAROLINA NAMED ALLIANCE STATE

We're in!!! North Carolina has been designated a member of the National Geographic Society Geographic Education Alliance network. Notification came in December that the proposal for membership had been accepted. Doug Wilms, Chairman of the Geographic Education Committee of NCGS, Jesse Vuncannon, Chief Consultant, Social Studies Division of the SDPI and Bill Imperatore prepared the proposal. Doug and Bill attended a new-alliance-coordinators orientation meeting, January 31 and February 1 & 2, at the NGS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In addition to a reaffirmation of NGS support for the alliance concept, coordinators obtained some "nuts and bolts" information about alliance start-up and administration. One important point is that after the "seed" money, \$10,000 per year for three years, is expended there will be no more. However, NGS will match acquired funding up to \$50,000. The NC alliance is expected to be self-sustaining after three years.

In keeping with the charter of the National Geographic Society, President and Chairman of the Board Gil Grosvenor is committed to making a positive impact on the quality and quantity of geography instruction in the public schools. His staff is equally committed and dynamic and with this kind of support, (to paraphrase Sid Jumper speaking on behalf of last year's coordinators) if we fail at this, the discipline deserves whatever it gets.

One of the first tasks of the NC alliance is to submit applications from ten public school teachers willing to attend a four-week NGS summer institute in Washington, D.C. next summer. NGS will make the final selection of the five teachers to attend. NGS pays participant expenses, except for academic credit, supplies materials and pays a stipend. Participating teachers will be expected to conduct at least three geography workshops for their colleagues during the school year and promote geography instruction in general. **BE SURE AND ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 5 PM, AT THE NCCSS MEETING IN CHARLOTTE** (check with Doug Wilms at the meeting for location). The eight regional social studies coordinators, liason geographers and some of the Social Studies Division staff will be there to get the alliance rolling.



Stand out in a crowd

attend the NCCSS annual meeting

Feb. 26-27 in Charlotte!!



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THREE-YEAR SCHEDULE ☆ ☆

Below is the part of the proposal outlining North Carolina Alliance activities for the next three years.

1. THE ALLIANCE REGION

The Alliance will eventually include each of the state's 160 school districts. North Carolina is in an excellent position to rapidly implement a state-wide Alliance network because the State Department of Public Instruction has eight regional offices staffed by professional educators (12-month state employees) to serve all parts of the state. A resident social studies coordinator is located in each region (See state map). These eight individuals will be our key contacts initially. In addition to these personnel, three members of the Division of Social Studies are headquartered in the State Department of Public Instruction office in Raleigh. Most of the eleven social studies personnel have taught geography in the public schools and all are sympathetic to the efforts of proponents of geographic education.

2. GOALS STATEMENT AND WORK PLAN

The North Carolina Alliance will work to meet the following goals:

- a) Increase communication and cooperation between the professional geographic community and the network of Regional Education Centers.
- b) Increase the number of workshops conducted by professional geographers for the Regional Education Centers.
- c) Increase the membership of professional geographers in the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies.
- d) Increase the number of professional geographers doing sessions at the annual meetings of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies.
- e) Increase advisory interaction of professional geographers with the North Carolina Board of Education with regard to geography in the curriculum.
- f) Increase involvement of public school teachers with the North Carolina Geographic Society.
- g) Provide classroom/promotional geography materials at the North Carolina Council for the Social studies annual meeting by means of a contact booth.

A network already exists to accomplish these goals. The North Carolina Geographical Society meets annually in the fall. For the past several years the meeting has been primarily social. However, involvement with geography in the public school curriculum has increased substantially in the last two years. Indeed, during the fall, 1986, meeting Drs. Wilms and Imperatore held the first-ever workshop/presentation. Their presentations had to do with the mechanics of presenting geography workshops to K-12 social studies teachers. In addition, and perhaps more

significant, is the fact that several geography sessions were presented at the 1985 annual meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. Ten geography sessions were proposed and nine accepted for the 1986 meeting. Early indications are that the same number will be presented at the February, 1987, social studies meeting in Charlotte. These efforts by academic geographers represent a significant new outreach effort in the state. It is our goal to increase this level of activity and thereby make geography even more visible throughout the state.

In September, 1986, Dr. Wiims was elected Chairman of the North Carolina Geographical Society's Geographic Education Committee. The committee was charged with seeking Alliance status for North Carolina. Subsequent to that date he established a network of eight professional (academic) geographers linked with the eight state coordinators. As a result, one geographer is "paired" in a liaison role with each of the regional social studies coordinators (See enclosed list). This group represents the core of the Alliance Network.

Work Plan

1987

February - Meeting of the eight Liaison Geographers the day before the state social studies annual meeting in Charlotte. This will be a briefing meeting establishing expectations, commitments, and tasks of each geographer for the next three years. Social studies readings and other handouts will be made available in preparation for the joint meeting in May of the Alliance Network (eight geographers and the eight social studies coordinators).

Spring (late May) - Trainer of Trainers Workshop. This intensive 3-day workshop will be directed by Drs. Wilms and Imperatore for the 16 members of the Alliance Network, as well as the three Division of Social Studies personnel headquartered in Raleigh for a total of 19 participants. Emphasis will be placed on the 4-8 grade curriculum. This emphasis will be explained in a later section of the proposal.

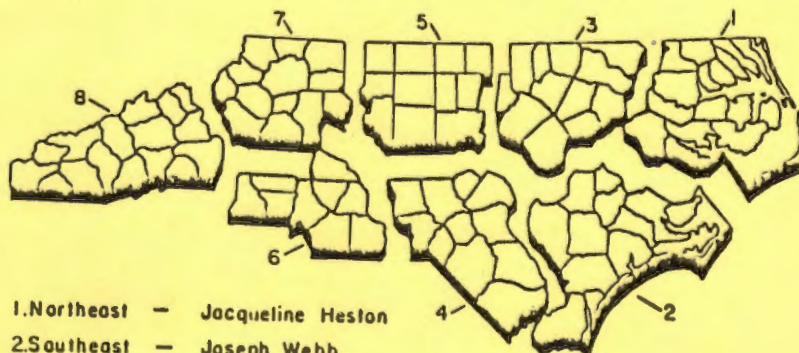
August - During this month each school district in each region (school districts in North Carolina are known as Local Education Agencies - LEAs) will send one lead teacher or supervisor to an intensive 2-day or 3-day workshop with the liaison geographer and regional coordinator. There are about 15-20 school districts in each of the eight regions. This means that by the end of August between 120 and 160 lead teachers will have participated in geography workshops throughout the state. These workshops are to be planned and coordinated by the local liaison geographer and regional coordinator.

ALLIANCE NETWORK

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REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS



- 1. Northeast - Jacqueline Heston
- 2. Southeast - Joseph Webb
- 3. Central - Roland Staton
- 4. South Central - Mary Vann Eslinger
- 5. North Central - Pam Riley
- 6. Southwest - Clifton Collins, Jr.
- 7. Northwest - Steve Harvel
- 8. Western - Robert Kimzey

Remainder of the 1987-88 School Year - During the school year the lead teachers and curriculum supervisors are to sell and set up in-service geography workshops on teacher workdays (when school is not in session) for teachers in grades 4-8. The regional coordinator and liaison geographer will serve as back-ups to the teachers and supervisors. The goal is to hold 20 workshops throughout the region during the school year. Thus, by the end of the first school year a minimum average of one geography workshop will have been held in each LEA for all social studies teachers in that district for grades 4-8. The multiplier effect of this approach is clearly evident.

1988

February - Meeting of liaison geographers to plan strategies and become familiar with problems associated with teaching geography at the K-3 levels. This briefing meeting will take place the day before the state social studies conference.

Spring (late May) - Trainer of Trainers Workshop. This will be an intensive 2-day workshop directed by the project's co-directors. Emphasis will be placed on map reading skill development. Again, the workshop is to be attended by the Alliance Network.

With one exception, the remainder of this year and the 1988-89 school year, will follow the same format as outlined for 1987 and the 1987-88 school year. Again, by the end of August between 120 and 160 K-3 lead teachers will have participated in geography workshops throughout the eight regions.

The one exception mentioned above is that Drs. Wilms and Imperatore will each hold a one-week summer workshop for teachers grades 9-12 in preparation for the project's third year. These will be held on the campuses of East Carolina University and Appalachian State University.

1989

The 1989 year and the 1989-90 school year will follow the same basic format as the two previous years. The third year will concentrate on the 9-12 curriculum.

Thus, by the end of the 1989-90 school year, three lead teachers will have been identified to represent grades K-3, 4-8, and 9-12 in each LEA in each region. A minimum total of sixty geography workshops will have been held in each region during the three year project. This represents a grand total of 480 geography workshops throughout the state during the three year period.

PLAN NOW TO JOIN THE NCCSS AND PRESENT A GEOGRAPHY SESSION
AT THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING !!