

NEWSLETTER

North Carolina Geography Alliance



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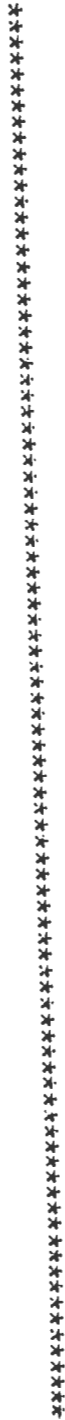


NCGS MEETS AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

The North Carolina Geographical Society met at Wrightsville Beach, September 18-19, hosted by the Department of Earth Science at UNC-Wilmington. More than 50 persons attended including several spouses and four of the five NC Geography Alliance teachers who had participated in the National Geographic Society Summer Institute in Washington, DC.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the Saturday morning session in which the Alliance teachers, Richelle Bragg, William Crawford, Sara Miller, and Blanche Nichols, gave their reactions to summer institute experiences and their perceptions of the impact Alliance activities can have on the teaching of geography in the public schools. Their enthusiasm and missionary zeal on behalf of the discipline was encouraging. Joe Webb, Social Studies Coordinator for the Southeast Region, and Joe Johnson, Curriculum Coordinator for New Hanover County, provided state and school district perceptions of the potential impact of Alliance activities.

The old adage "the best laid plans of mice and men..." caused some anxious moments for Frank Ainsley, the program chairman. The unseasonably warm weather (it was 95 degrees Friday afternoon) and calm air brought out the bugs which



feasted on attendees as they feasted on a scrumptious seafood hors doeuvre buffet at poolside. Saturday afternoon, the bus for the fieldtrip to the Port of Wilmington never showed up. And in the middle of the guest speaker's presentation at the banquet Saturday evening, a tripped circuit breaker killed the power to the slide and overhead projectors. The fickle finger of fate hasn't been this active at a meeting since the banquet at the Bottom of the Top on Beech Mountain when attendees were treated to a feast of five kinds of potatoes and cold, raw chicken. Or maybe it was the fieldtrip in Boone when fog reduced visibility to 10-20 yards and we were admonished to "imagine" the splendid leaf display.

At the banquet Saturday evening, William B. Farris, City Manager, spoke on "Wilmington: Present and Future" which gave attendees his insights into the problems and directions of the city. He also told of the role Computer Assisted Mapping is beginning to play in the planning process and in the solution of city problems. More than fifty persons attended the banquet.

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ATTEND THE SEDAAG ANNUAL MEETING--CHARLOTTE--NOV 22-24

The weather was nice; Frank promised uncrowded beaches and warm ocean water temperatures and that's what we got; the company was good; but, we missed those of you who couldn't make it. Next year, it's back to the mountains. Bob Reiman, program chairman, and the Department of Geography and Planning at Appalachian State University are hosts. See you there.

 EASTERN AND WESTERN NCCSS
 CONFERENCES BIG SUCCESSES

The Eastern Conference of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies was held in Goldsboro, August 14. Doug Wilms of East Carolina University worked with Joe Webb, Social Studies Coordinator for the Southeast Region and other members of the planning committee in providing a geography focus. Several geography sessions were included in the program and Kit Salter, Director of the National Geographic Society's Geography Alliance Program, was the luncheon speaker for the 141 attendees. Richelle Bragg, Allen Conway, Sara Miller and Blanche Nichols, NGS Summer Institute participants, presented a session on their experiences.

The Western Conference, held on the campus of UNC-Asheville, was attended by 460 teachers. Bill Imperatore of Appalachian State University and Jeff Neff of Western Carolina University, participated with the planning committee and Bob Kimzey, Social Studies Coordinator for the Western Region. Seven geography sessions were in the program including a session by Sara Miller and Bill Crawford, NGS Summer Institute participants.

Both conferences provided a full day of concurrent sessions on all aspects of the Social Studies and at all grade levels.

Cliff Lovin, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Western Carolina University, delivered the luncheon address.

Several companies, organizations and agencies provided an outstanding array of door prizes, instructional materials and registration favors. The National Geographic Society provided several copies of their Atlas of the World, and filmstrip/cassette sets for door prizes. Participants also received inflatable globes, information packets on NGS services and AV materials available to teachers, and maps depicting the five themes in geography. The George F. Cram Company provided five 12 inch raised relief globes for door prizes. Rand McNally provided multiple sets of their Classroom Atlas and Exploring Geography: Using the Atlas classroom materials. They also provided several sets of their teacher and student editions of Essential Skills in Geography: A Workbook of Basic Geographic Concepts. Several copies of Emerging Patterns in the Southern Highlands: A Reference Atlas were provided as door prizes by the Appalachian Consortium. Registration favors included a jacketed note pad impressed with the name, date and location of the western conference provided by Walsworth Publishing Company. The Geography and Planning Department at Appalachian State University gave each teacher a poster-sized sheet of black-line outline maps of North America, the United States and North Carolina at various scales for duplicating for classroom projects and activities. Many thanks to all these folks for adding a considerable degree of excitement to both conferences.



Minutes of the Business Meeting
THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
Eighteenth Annual Meeting -- 19 September 1987

The meeting was called to order at 11:00AM in Bryan Auditorium on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Brooks Cates, President, presided.

The minutes from the Seventeenth Annual meeting were distributed and approved. The Treasurer's report also was accepted. Simon Baker audited the treasurer's report and stated that the numbers agreed with the bank statements. The Steering Committee had approved the expenditure of fifty dollars for each of the Geographic Alliance teachers to help defray expenses in attending the 1987 meeting. (Four attended.)

Mrs. Terry Epperson sent a letter thanking the organization for the memorial gift to Appalachian State University. In response to the NCGS resolution passed in the 1986 meeting, the North Carolina Library Organization sent a letter informing the NCGS that the depository system for state documents has been approved.

Committee Reports:

Non Academic Employment: The chair, Bob Reiman, was not present. There was some sentiment that the organization should try to work with planners.

Public Relations: The chair, Bill Imperatore, is also editor of the newsletter. There was a question about the relationship between the newsletters of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance and the NCGS. The NCGA newsletter must now be published quarterly. The NCGS newsletter has been published once a year--that is not often enough to meet the alliance guidelines. The last NCGS newsletter was duplicated on a copy machine and it is hoped that future newsletters will have a higher quality appearance. Two or three thousand copies of the newsletter will be printed so that they can be sent out to all of the teachers participating in the workshops. The cost may amount to \$200--the society's recent dues increase should help cover the cost. Postage costs will go up, since most of the newsletters have been sent through the UNC courier system in the past. Doug Wilms reported that the National Geographic Society prefers that the Alliance newsletter eventually should be separate from the NCGS newsletter. Eventually, it is possible that the Alliance newsletter could be sent out in batches of 20,000 copies in order to reach all the social studies/geography teachers in the state. Currently the NCGS newsletter is sent out in July--that is a good time to announce the schedule of the fall meeting. It was suggested that this year a November newsletter would be a good medium to announce the SEDAAG meeting in Charlotte and the February meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. The same newsletter would also include the minutes of the 1987 NCGS meeting. It was agreed that two issues should be sent annually--in November and in May.

B. Imperatore urged members to contact the local media if there is any news item of geographic importance. He suggested that academic people should make use of campus public relations directors.

Membership Committee: Directories of geographers in North Carolina were distributed. Thirty-nine people paid membership dues for the 1987 meeting. It was pointed out that the organization is not very efficient in the collection of dues from those members not attending the annual meeting.

The following amendment to the by-laws was approved: Article IX, Section 5. "Committee on North Carolina Studies. Committee to promote (1) research on the geography of the state and (2) dissemination and use of this knowledge."

North Carolina Geographical Society Minutes (1987)

There was a request that the amended By-Laws be printed in the November newsletter.

It was announced that Geography Awareness Week will be set for the week of November 15 to 21 as a result of a resolution introduced by Senator Bill Bradley and passed by Congress. There was a question whether the National Geographic Society will be issuing a packet of materials that could be used by the departments.

Continued from previous years was the discussion of how the society should make the best use of its money. It was suggested that the NCGS could distribute a souvenir of geography to the teachers attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. It was moved by John Florin (seconded by C. Browning) that up to \$250 (to be matched by the North Carolina Geographic Alliance) be spent to print and distribute the North Carolina "Firefly" map. The motion passed.

President Cates questioned whether the NCGS should try to get the status to become eligible for tax-deductible gifts. Dues are now considered tax deductible, but it is unclear whether other gifts are. The issue will be researched by the next president.

B. Imperatore announced that John Ellington, of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, wants to have a meeting of at least three area social studies coordinators, three geographers, and one institute teacher to help plan the 1988 summer workshops. This matter will be referred to the Education Committee.

Members of the NCGS were urged to attend the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies meeting to be held in Greensboro in February 1988.

J. Florin presented the report of the Nominating Committee: The proposed slate of officers for the next year will be:

President: Frank Ainsley, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Vice President: Robert E. Reiman, Appalachian State University

Secretary/Treasurer: Harlow Z. Head, Atlantic Christian College

At-large Members of the Steering Committee:

Dennis P. Enberg, North Carolina Central University

Thomas E. Ross, Pembroke State University

Leo E. Zonn, East Carolina University

As Vice President, R. Reiman will be responsible for hosting the 1988 annual meeting. He has agreed to this. S. Baker moved that the proposed slate be elected by acclamation. The motion was approved.

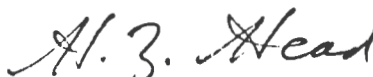
The following resolutions were proposed by Michael Spyrou and seconded by D. Wilms:

1. That the North Carolina Geographic Society thank the National Geographic Society for helping the status of geography in North Carolina.
2. That the North Carolina Geographic Society express its appreciation to the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for hosting the 1987 meeting.

The resolutions were approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

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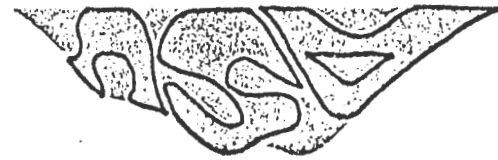
Respectfully submitted by,



HARLOW Z. HEAD, Secretary-Treasurer



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Southeastern Division of the
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS
Annual Meeting
Charlotte, NC
November 22-24
Adam's Mark Hotel
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North Carolina
COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
Annual Meeting
Greensboro, NC
February 25-26
Holiday Inn Four Seasons
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