

Annual Report for 3/03 – 3/04

Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group The Association of American Geographers

I. Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster and maintain interaction, cooperation and community among individuals interested in the analysis of geo-referenced data, modeling of spatio-temporal processes and the use of analytical and computational techniques in solving geographic problems. The specialty group promotes the scientific study of physical, environmental and socioeconomic geography and the development, use and teaching of analytical cartography, geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, spatial statistical, mathematical and computational techniques for spatial analysis.

II. Membership Dues

Regular: \$3

Student: \$1

III. Board

Chair – David Wong (term expires 2006)

Vice Chair/Treasurer – Stuart Sweeney (term expires 2004)

Board member – Jonathan Comer (term expires 2004)

Board member – Tom Cova (term expires 2005)

Board member – Mark Horner (term expires 2006)

Student representative - Jared Aldstadt (term expires 2005)

IV. Accomplishments, Activities, Future Plans and Directions

Transition to the New Chair:

- The SAM website was moved from OSU to GMU with its own domain name: www.sam.gmu.edu
- To ensure that SAM can use the Discussion List (managed by Harvey Miller and hosted by University of Utah), we compared the list of SAM membership and list of subscribers on the Discussion List. Then I invited those SAM members not on the Discussion List to subscribe to the List. The response was very positive. On February, there were 257 subscribers on the List, and some of them are not SAM members.

National Meeting

SAM is very active and visible in the 100th AAG Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, 14-19 March, 2004. SAM sponsored or co-sponsored 18 sessions, up from 15 sessions in 2003. A total of 83 papers (up from 62 papers in 2003) and a panel session were scheduled.

Though we have identified a long list of possible renowned speakers for the plenary session, we canceled this event due to scheduling difficulties. Surely, we will resume the

plenary session next year and looking forward to the *Geographical Analysis* sponsorship of the reception.

Student Paper Competition was also canceled. We have received only two entries. After discussion, and with the consent of the authors, we will include these papers into next year competition. Please encourage your students to participate.

Elections

At the business meeting of the Centennial Meeting, SAM new officers were elected. Fahui Wang (Northern Illinois University) was elected as Vice-chair/Treasurer, replacing Stuart Sweeney. Phaedon Kyriakidis (University of California, Santa Barbara) was elected Board member, replacing Jonathan Comer. The new board is as follows (effective immediately):

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Congratulations to our new board members and thank for the great services provided by Stuart Sweeney and Jonathan Comer.

New Initiative

At the business meeting, the Chair proposed to create a research specialty database of SAM members through the SAM's website. SAM members can provide information through a web interface to enter their data in a form similar to the one below. Then search capabilities will be provided to users to query this database. The purpose are

- to facilitate SAM members to identify peers for research collaboration, consultation, and organizing conference sessions.
- to provide a channel from outside to find SAM members with the appropriate expertise.

Members concurred that this was good idea. The Chair will modify the form slightly to facilitate data inputs, and will launch this effort in early summer.

Welcome to the Spatial Analysis and Modeling (SAM)

Specialty Group Database

Items	Input
First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Affiliation (s):	<input type="text"/>
Current Position:	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>
Education:	<input type="text"/>
Area of Expertise or Research Interest	<input type="text"/>
Personal web page:	<input type="text"/>

V. Membership and Participation

Membership numbers:

2004 – 200

2003 – 427 (unofficial)

2002 – 366

2001 – 261

2000 – 204

1999 – 219

1998 – 244

1997 – 285

1996 – 339

1995 – 309

Current balance: \$1896.45 (8/31/2003)

Respectfully submitted,

David Wong
April 6, 2004