**PEC Specialty Group Meeting – Agenda**

1. Introduction and Welcome – Dave Porinchu.

* DFP calls meeting to order and presents agenda. Introduces board members.
* Elections to take place later in spring for new board members.
* Board Members:
  + Chair – Dave Porinchu, U. of Georgia
  + Secretary-Treasurer – Matthew Kerr, U. of Tennessee
  + Director – Zach Taylor, Berry College (outgoing)
  + Director – Erik Johanson, Florida Atlantic U. (outgoing)
  + Student Representative – Talia Anderson, U. of Arizona (outgoing)
  + Past Chair – Tim Beach, U. of Texas

1. Announcements from the Specialty Group Chairs Meeting (DFP).

* 4900 registrants, 1100 sessions, 800 SG cosponsored
* About half the normal size (fully online this year due to COVID).
* Next year in Denver, third week of March (moved from Detroit).
* AAG webpage update highlighted at SG chair meeting:
  + New features: advocacy group button, support letter for Ukraine.
* DP opens floor for comments on Ukraine:
  + Tim Beach proposes moment of reflection, observed.
* Current issues:
  + AAG addressing congressional redistricting – can access a letter on AAG website to contact your congresspeople.
  + AAG set aside $1 mil to address “JEDI” justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, set goals for adopting and supporting JEDI.

1. Membership/Treasurer’s Reports (MTK).

* Currently 119 PEC members as of Jan. 31, 2022.
* PEC account balance $3891.43, expenses $275.23, income $424 from dues.
* Tim Beach – is 119 members a good number? Any good ideas of how to track and promote membership?
  + Michelle Goman thinks 119 is down from maybe 5 years ago.
  + Tim – other groups down since COVID, don’t know how that affects PEC.
  + Seems to be limited interest in student awards SGs offer across the board.
  + Stockton Maxwell – BSG has 294 members, which is a bit higher than before. Also sees limited student participation in SG awards. How to get students to apply?
  + Sally Horn – BSG award was due much earlier, came too quick for students and advisors. Advertising and announcements important. Maybe changing views as to the importance of professional organizations?
  + Tim + Michelle – geology organizations are down, too.
  + Ray Lombardi – cost is high in terms of student membership.
  + Anna K-P – it matters what students can spend the money on, particularly in COVID.
  + Megan Walsh – students not participating because COVID has made everything difficult. Student don’t sign up because they’re not attending the meeting.
  + Megan – Is anyone at AAG talking about lowering student costs? DP – not aware of it.
  + Tim – sees support for student costs in other SGs.
  + Sheryl L-B – in 2020 AAG set aside a pot of money to assist students with dues and fees, not sure of current state of this program, maybe revisit with AAG.
  + Ray – alternative to student awards – maybe a way to spend on publication fees?
  + Dave – PEC student awards are flexible, cash ($300 PhD/$250 MS) or a 14C date. Maybe we need to discuss raising the amount of the awards.
  + Tim – BSG increased award amount and flexibility of student awards.

1. Webpage (Anna K-P).

* Domain name is up and operational. <http://www.aagpec.org/>
* Hasn’t been updated since 2018 (but info is from 2016) – needs updated, Anna needs content in order to update.
* Important resource because anyone can access it, regardless of AAG membership.
* Dave – it’s challenging to get content for the webpage + the newsletter.

1. Newsletter (JP McCool).

* No notes – JP not at meeting.

1. Student Paper/Poster Presentation Awards (ENJ).

* 2021:
  + Poster – Taber Friedel (Florida Atlantic).
  + MS Paper – Ichchha Thapa (Indiana State).
  + PhD Paper – Hang Li (Indiana State).
* 2022:
  + Poster – Rebecca Vail (Cal State Sacramento).
  + Other categories still being judged at time of SG meeting.

1. Student Research Grant Awards (DFP).

* No applicants this year.
* Will discuss raising the amount/different options.

1. PEC Board Member Elections (DFP).

* Erik, Zach, Talia rotating off.
* Kerr to send message about elections and candidates later in spring.

1. PEC Honors.

* Ellen Mosley-Thompson Best Publication Award (DFP).
  + Award goes to Anna Klimaszewski-Patterson, Christopher Morgan, and Scott Mensing, (2021). Identifying a Pre-Columbian Anthropocene in California. Annals of the American Association of Geographers 111(3): 784-794.
* Karl and Elisabeth Butzer Award for Lifetime Achievement in Paleoenvironmental Change (AK-P).
  + Award goes to Scott Mensing.
  + Scott thanks the SG for the award, offers remarks.
  + Dave offers remarks, thanks Scott for contributions.

1. AAG Meeting 2023 in Denver.

* Moved from Detroit, meeting will be in the third week of March.
* Organizing Sessions
  + Dave wants to think about this in advance, earlier than we usually do it, come up with some useful themes, coordinate with other SGs. Would allow us to invite people to talk in the sessions.
  + Ideas: connecting past to present to future, open to other ideas. Continue conversation offline later?
  + Sally – tries to let sessions get organized, then pick up leftovers for sessions so papers don’t end up in AAG miscellaneous sessions.
  + Tim – geomorphology has a speaker each year, tends to bring in audience. Think about a named lectureship?
  + Michelle – we had a named lecture, what happened to it? Maybe reboot?
  + Dave – loves idea of named lecture. Maybe draw from Butzer award winners – opportunity to share their career with us. Or have a session dedicated to Butzer award recipients. Could be a formal every year lecture, either named or Butzer lecture.
* Field trips:
  + If you’re familiar with Denver, consider putting together a fieldtrip. Ideas and contacts welcome – send to Dave.

1. Other Business.

* Tim – Anthropocene having four special issues on paleoenvironmental change. Consider submitting.
* Tim – INQUA meeting in Rome, Italy, next year. Soils and Quaternary Change Binghamton meeting coming up.
* Michelle promotes PACLIM meeting.
  + Scott – lots of student funding for PACLIM.

1. Adjournment.

* Dave adjourns meeting.