UGSG Election Results

A new Board of Directors for the Urban Geography Specialty Group was elected in the mail election held in March 1981. A total of 115 UGSG members voted in the election, with results as follows:

- Chairperson (term ends 4/82): Thomas Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota)
- Vicechairperson (term ends 4/82): Elizabeth Burns (University of Utah)
- At-Large Board Members (terms end 4/83):
  - Chauncy Harris (University of Chicago)
  - Truman Hartshorn (Georgia State University)
  - Bonnie Loyd (Landscape Magazine)
  - Chauncy Harris (University of Washington)
  - David Lay (University of British Columbia)
  - Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries)
  - Chauncy Harris

The three At-Large Board Member candidates receiving the most votes in this election were named to the two-year terms; the next three finishers were placed on the ballot for these positions and for future elections, the Nominating Committee will name candidates for the position of Vicechairperson and the three expiring At-Large Board positions. Nominations by petition of 20 UGSG members submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by 31 January will also be placed on the ballot for these positions and for Chairperson. Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the 1982 election is Truman Hartshorn.

UGSG Finances Good, But Help Is Needed

Good news and bad news jokes are passe', but "we have good news and bad news" is still an appropriate way to describe UGSG finances. The good news is the almost $200 we have in our treasury, because the bulk of our copying and mailing costs so far have been absorbed by the Geography departments at the U. of Utah and the Science Museum of Minnesota. The bad news is that tighter budgets at these institutions will preclude such largesse in the future, and if we do not find new sources of support or new ways to cut costs, we will have a deficit of almost $200 by this time next year.

How can you help the UGSG remain financially solvent? First, let us know how you think we should proceed. Does, charges for distributing the Newsletter, and other assessments against members were discussed at the Annual Business Meeting, but no action was taken pending attempts to explore other courses of action. Please write or call one or more of the UGSG Board members to let us know what steps should be taken.

Second, discover whether your department or organization might be able to assume some or all of the costs of copying and distributing the newsletter. If your institutions would help out with one issue each, our problems would disappear.

If you think your institution could copy and mail one issue, please contact Newsletter editor Tom Baerwald in St. Paul.

Third, consider making a personal donation to the UGSG. Donations made through the AAG central office (1710 16th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009) are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the AAG and sent to Pat McWethy with a letter indicating the donation is for the UGSG. Pat has indicated that she will forward the entire donation to the UGSG. If a deduction is not needed, donations may be made directly with a check payable to the UGSG and sent to Secretary-Treasurer David Hay in Seattle.

If every UGSG member considers these three requests, and those who are able to act, we can make the "bad news" prospect for UGSG finances into a laughing matter.

SKYLINES AS INDICES OF CENTRAL PLACES?

Are profile views of city and town skylines one way of judging the character of an urban place? Eugene VanCleef thought so in 1932 ("The Urban Profile", Annals, AAG, 22:4, pp. 237-241). The eight places profiled here are from his article. Can you name them, or at least guess at their approximate size? (Hint: all are in Ohio.) Answers on page 4.

UGSG Board Members for 1981-1982

Please keep this list of addresses and phone numbers of UGSG Board Members for 1981-1982:

- Thomas Baerwald, Chairperson
  - Geography Department
  - Science Museum of Minnesota
  - 30 E. 10th St.
  - St. Paul, MN 55101
  - (612)-221-4760

- Elizabeth Burns, Vicechairperson
  - Department of Geography
  - University of Utah
  - Salt Lake City, UT 84112
  - (801)-581-5562

- Chauncy Harris
  - Department of Geography
  - University of Chicago
  - Chicago, IL 60637
  - (312)-753-3921

- Truman Hartshorn
  - Department of Geography
  - University of Minnesota
  - Minneapolis, MN 55455
  - (612)-624-7790

- Robert Zanarini
  - Upland Industries
  - 110 N. 18th St., Suite 1000
  - Omaha, NE 68102
  - (402)-271-3189

- Bonnie Loyd
  - Landscape Magazine
  - P. O. Box 7107
  - Berkeley, CA 94707
  - (415)-549-3333

- Roger Zanarini
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UGSG Committee Members Sought

UGSG members are invited to volunteer or to submit nominations for service on UGSG committees. Two UGSG members who are not on the Board of Directors are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1982. This committee will be chaired by Truman Hartshorn and will solicit nominations and select a slate of candidates for vicechairperson and three at-large board positions for the 1982 election. Also needed are members to work with Roger Zanarini on plans for UGSG activities at the 1983 AAG meeting in Denver. Indications of interest or nominations of others may be forwarded to any UGSG board member.
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UGSG Business Meeting Minutes (Continued)

A resolution was presented to the membership establishing a formal tie between the UGSG and the AAG, which included a membership fee. The resolution stated that a resolution establishing full membership in the UGSG should be presented to the UGSG membership for approval. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote (after two revisions) to establish the relationship. Full text of the agreement is published elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

The UGSG Annual Business Meeting in Los Angeles ended with some general discussion and announcements. John Adams briefly described the status of the proposal to evaluate metropolitan housing markets. The proposal was introduced at the AAG meeting in Los Angeles, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote (after two revisions) to establish the relationship. Full text of the agreement is published elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

Report from the UGSG Chairperson

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UGSG Financial Report

UGSG Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Burns presented the following report of income and expenses for the UGSG for the year ending 1981.

Income:
- AAG membership rebate: $142.50
- UGSG membership: $342.70

Total Income: $585.20

Expenses:
- Two sets of mailing labels: $45.00
- Total expenses: $45.00

Balance as of 16 April 1981: $540.20

Respectfully submitted, David C. Hodge, Secretary-Treasurer
UGSG–Urban Geography Agreement

Since last August, the UGSG and the journal, Urban Geography, have had an informal working agreement to encourage cooperation between the two bodies. At the Los Angeles AAG Meeting, UGSG Chairperson Tom Baerwald met with Urban Geography editors Jim Wheeler and Reg Goff and publisher Victor Winston to develop a more formal and expanded agreement. Their draft was discussed, amended, and approved by UGSG members present at the UGSG Business Meeting on 21 April 1981. The text of the agreement, as approved, follows. The agreement is subject to approval by the AAG Council.

"This agreement is designed to encourage and facilitate cooperation between the Urban Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (hereafter, the UGSG) and V. H. Winston & Sons, the publisher, and the Co-Editors of Urban Geography. In no way will this agreement prevent either the UGSG or the publisher and Co-Editors of Urban Geography from developing and formalizing agreements with other individuals or groups (including other publishers or other specialty groups).

1. The UGSG will nominate an Associate Editor and two members of the Editorial Board of Urban Geography. These nominations are subject to acceptance by the Co-Editors of Urban Geography.

2. The Associate Editor of Urban Geography nominated by the UGSG normally will be responsible for preparation of one issue of Urban Geography each year. Final acceptance of papers is subject to approval of the Co-Editors of Urban Geography.

3. At a time agreed upon by the Editor of the UGSG Newsletter and the Co-Editors of Urban Geography, an abridged version of the UGSG Newsletter will be published in Urban Geography. Full control over the content of this abridged version of the UGSG Newsletter will remain with the Editor of the UGSG Newsletter.

4. The publisher of Urban Geography will offer subscriptions of Urban Geography to UGSG members at discounted rates.

5. The publisher and Co-Editors of Urban Geography will be able to state explicitly that "Urban Geography is published in cooperation with the Urban Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers." The UGSG will be able to state explicitly that "The UGSG is working in cooperation with Urban Geography." No other wording may be used to describe the relationship between the UGSG and Urban Geography.

6. In order to be implemented, this agreement must be approved by a majority of UGSG members voting at an Annual Business Meeting or in a special mail ballot.

7. This agreement may be terminated at any time by the UGSG or by the publisher and Co-Editors of Urban Geography.

8. This agreement will be reevaluated by the UGSG at its Annual Business Meeting in April 1983 in Denver."

MEETINGS

L.A. Sessions Feature Discussion, Music

Call for Papers for San Antonio UGSG Session

The UGSG San Antonio Meeting Committee has developed plans for a set of programs at the 1982 AAG Meeting and is requesting submission of papers for all sessions.

The special session consisting of papers chosen from all submitted will be titled "Institutional Influences on Urban Structure." This topic is best stated by Risa Palm in Progress in Human Geography (March 1981, p. 39).

Structuralist urban geography considers the relationship between the observed spatial organization of the city (or the relationship between people and their environments) and the rules or constraints imposed by... a particular political and economic organization. This mode of explanation views the underlying social structures either as deterministic or as dialectical and emergent. Papers are invited that illustrate, critique, or advance the development of this perspective. Selection of the papers will be made by the San Antonio Meeting Committee based on originality, clarity, and their potential contribution to urban geography.

Four copies of a paper to be considered for inclusion in this session should be sent to C. Murray Austin (Dept. of Geography, U. of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614) by January 4, 1982, with all forms and payments required by the AAG Program Committee (see May 1981 AAG Newsletter). The papers will be judged anonymously by the four members of the UGSG San Antonio Meeting Committee: David Ley (U. of British Columbia), chair; Austin, Robert Lake (Rutgers U.), and James Mulvihill (Frostburg State College). Further information can be obtained from any of the committee members.

Papers should be of a nature that their content can be presented in a 20-minute oral presentation.

The San Antonio Meeting Committee is also formulating plans for several other sessions of varying formats and topics. Included in the group's considerations are the formation of sessions with commissioned papers that would synthesize the current states of the art, panel discussions, and a debate on a major policy issue or theory in urban geography. More information about the plans for the San Antonio meeting will be in future issues of the UGSG Newsletter.

Urban Land Institute Meetings

The Urban Land Institute's Spring Meeting was held in Portland, Oregon, from 23 to 27 April 1981. In addition to committee meetings, field trips, and general sessions, UGSG member Roger Zanarini reported that a number of presentations offered views of special interest to urban geographers.

Anthony Downs (Brookings Institute) spoke on "The Real Cost of Real Estate in the 80s". Downs noted that inflation rates have outpaced interest rates since 1964, but he asserted that the relationship would be reversed in the 1980s. Borrowing has been the wisest strategy over the last decade, but new forms of investment, such as variable rates, shorter terms with roll-overs, and equity participation, will make savings more attractive. Profits will be lower in real estate, and leverage, as it is now known, may disappear. Real estate will appreciate at a lower rate than during the last 15 to 20 years and at a rate lower than the rate of inflation. Downs offered counsel to the many development industry executives in attendance, encouraging them to use space more economically, to emphasize higher quality, and to consider mortgages as short- or intermediate-term rather than long-term financial investments.

Ted Dale (Coldwell Banker) examined "A Development Trends Forecast: A National Perspective", stating that industries are changing locations because of labor availability. The shift from central cities to suburbs and beyond will continue, Dale argued, and large metropolitan areas will shrink in size and importance, with growth focusing on places like Las Vegas, Tucson, Salem, and El Paso. Dale reported that developers are now pursuing high technology and R&D industries, and a shortage of traditional industrial space may occur shortly in many areas. Also discussed were forces that will promote mass transit and force developers to provide residential space to match office space. In terms of residential development, strong demand is expected to continue, with affordable housing a major problem.

The Urban Land Institute has 1,580 full members and 4,500 associate members. Upcoming ULI meetings are in Philadelphia (15-17 November 1981), Denver (23-25 May 1982), and Boston (5-7 November 1982).
PUBLICATIONS

Census Products Appear, Are Behind Schedule

The U.S. Bureau of the Census reports that the first reports of the 1980 Census of Population and Housing have been published, but tentative production schedules for subsequent publications are proving to be too optimistic. Unfortunately, the bureau cannot be specific about the timing of future releases at this time.

Data products now available are basic population counts required for congressional and legislative redistricting. Products include:

PHC80-V Final Population and Housing Counts, which provide 1970 and 1980 populations by race and Spanish origin for states, counties, county subdivisions, and incorporated places.

State reports are inexpensive ($1.00 or less).

PL 94-171 Population Counts, which provide total population counts and population by race and Spanish origin for tracts, block groups, blocks, and/or enumeration districts.

State, county subdivision, and incorporated place totals are also provided, as are totals for election precincts in states that requested them. Files are available on computer tapes ($10 per state, with "stacked" tapes of two or more states also available) and on microfilm ($1.25 to $1.25 per state).

Maps in detail showing all major census boundaries down to the tract, block, and enumeration district level are available, although reproduction costs are high. Printed sets of maps at reduced cost will be available later.

All of these products are available from the Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, telephone (301)-416-1000.

Publications available later this year will provide data based on complete count questions, including person and household relationship, and tenure. Starting in 1982, data estimates from the long-form questionnaire samples will be published, including information on income, education, and units in structure.

Over a dozen series of reports based on both types of data will be published on a state-by-state basis over 3- to 9-month periods. Small state reports generally will appear before those of larger states, with national summaries appearing after all state reports have been issued.

Urban Geography

Jim Wheeler, co-editor of Urban Geography, has announced that the next two issues of the journal "Urban Geography" will contain a variety of articles of interest to urban geographers. Vol. II, No. 1 (January-March 1981) will include articles by Judith Meyer, "A Typology of Migration to Peripheral Nonmetropolitan Regions"; William Tim Chow, "Learning from Redevelopment in Oakland"; Allen J. Scott, "The Spatial Structure of Metropolitan Labor Markets and the Theory of Intra-Urban Plant Location"; and Jim Forrest and Ron Johnston, "On the Characterization of Urban Sub-Areas According to Age Structure".


Annual subscriptions to Urban Geography are $19.50 for UGSG members; orders should be sent to V.W. Winston & Sons, 1981 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Research in Planning and Design


American Urban Guidenotes

The fourth issue of American Urban Guidenotes (Vol. II, No. 3) is a special issue on the Midwest. It includes an overview of guidebooks and background books on man-made and natural environments of the Midwestern states, and follows with reviews of guidebooks on the Great Lakes, the Midwestern countryside Ohio (including Cleveland and Cincinnati), Indiana (including Indianapolis and Columbus), Illinois (including Chicago), and Michigan (including Detroit). Summary reports are included on guidebooks for Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. Simple issues of American Urban Guidenotes are $2.50; a four-issue subscription is $9.00. For more information or to order, write: John Fondeville, Editor, American Urban Guidenotes, Box 186, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Calendars and Newsletters

The Intergovernmental Committee on Urban and Regional Research in Toronto publishes a calendar of conferences, meetings, and seminars on housing urban and regional research and planning, and related topics. The bulk of the listings are in Canada, but a number of conclaves in the U.S. and elsewhere are listed. The calendar indicates that a limited number of copies are available from: Intergovernmental Committee on Urban and Regional Research, 123 Edward St., Suite 625, Toronto, Ont. M5G 1Z2.

The Council for International Urban Liaison publishes a number of newsletters available for free or at a nominal cost. Among those publications that may be of interest to UGSG members are Urban Innovation Abroad and Urban Transportation Abroad. To place orders and obtain additional information, write CIL, 818 18th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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ANSWERS TO PROFILES QUIZ

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Landscape

End poverty? Immortality? Reliance on mega-corporations? In the latest issue of Landscape, a geographer asks why the United States has a tradition of community gardening. The reasons, Thomas Bassett points out in "Reaping the Margins: A Century of Community Gardening in America," have never been altruistic, but dependent on economic and political demands. Geographers Larry Ford and Ernest Griffin look at a modern model, "Chicago Park." Beneath a freeway cloverleaf in San Diego, bright murals proclaim the heritage and dreams of a Latino community. The park, says Ford and Griffin, strengthens ethnic identity and community. Other articles in Vol. II, No. 1 include "The Landscapes of Mitzi" by Zara Kass and "London's Urban Forest." Individual copies are $5.95. Subscriptions are $18 for one year. Write to Landscape, P.O. Box 7107, Berkeley, CA 94707. (Submitted by Kit Morgan, Associate Editor, Landscape.)

GeoJournal

GeoJournal, an international journal published by Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft in Wiesbaden, F.R.G., has published a number of issues in recent years that may be of interest to urban geographers. One entire issue (Vol. 2, No. 1, 1978) was devoted to "Urban Development" and many articles in issues in Vol. 4 (No. 1, 1980), "Human Environment in Japan," 1980 deal with urban topics. Distribution of GeoJournal in the U.S. and Canada is through Birkhäuser Boston Inc., 380 Green St., Cambridge, MA 02139.