

REMOTE SENSING SPECIALTY GROUP
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

2001-2002 REPORT

I. Mission Statement (no change):

The purpose of the Remote Sensing Specialty Group is to foster an understanding of remote sensing science. Emphasis is placed on developing a meaningful dialogue among geographers interested in understanding and applying remote sensing technology in research, instruction, public service, and private enterprise.

II. 2001-2002 Dues:

Regular Members: \$5.00; Students: \$1.00

III. Board of Directors:

Mark Jakubauskas, Kansas Applied Remote Sensing (KARS) Program - Chairperson

Tim Warner, West Virginia University - Vice Chairperson

Michael Emch, Portland State University - Secretary / Treasurer

Tom Allen, Old Dominion University - Director

Kelley Crews-Meyer, University of Texas - Director

John Althausen, Salem State College - Newsletter Editor

John Althausen, Salem State College - Web Site Editor

Ludmila Monika Moskal, University of Kansas - Student Director

IV. Accomplishments, Activities Scheduled, Future Plans and Directions

2002 Business Meeting:

Friday March 22, 2002, Los Angeles

Illustrated Paper Competition Overall Award (Co-sponsored by the Remote Sensing, GIS, and Cartography Specialty Groups)

1st Place: Erik Strandhagen, University of Oregon, Compiling and visualizing historical land cover data for the Sierra Nevadas. Awarded \$150; 2nd Place: Jennifer Miller, San Diego State University, Modeling Vegetation Alliances in the Mojave Desert with Spatial Dependence. Awarded \$75; 3rd Place: Kevin Alicia, University of Toledo, Examining Phenology and Spectral Response to Identify Crops in the Sandusky Watershed in Northern Ohio. Awarded \$50

Remote Sensing Student Paper Competition

1st Place: John Rogan, San Diego State University, A Comparison of Classification Techniques of Mapping Multitemporal Forest Cover Change Using Thematic Mapper Imagery. Awarded \$150; 2nd Place: Sunyurp Park, Kansas Applied Remote Sensing

Program and Department of Geography, University of Kansas, Land Surface Temperature Patterns of MODIS Data and Their Coupling with the Climatic Water Budget in Western-Central Kansas. Awarded \$75; 3rd Place: Jason Janke, University of Colorado-Boulder, Areal Changes in Dune Extent at Great Sand Dunes National Monument (1984-1998). Awarded \$50.

- The RSSG Outstanding Contribution Award was presented to Tom Loveland of the USGS. He was awarded a medal.
- Tim Warner (West Virginia University) was elected as the 2002-2003 RSSG Vice Chair.
- Kelley Crews-Meyer (University of Texas) was elected as a Director.
- 2003 RSSG Program Chairs were elected for the New Orleans AAG Meeting. They are Tim Warner (West Virginia University) and John Althausen, if he accepts, (Salem State University).
- Ludmila Monika Moskal (University of Kansas) will be the 2002-2003 RSSG Student Director. She will work with the 2003 RSSG Program Chairs to arrange the New Orleans Student Paper Competition.
- The web site has been recently updated. If members have contributions that they would like to make to the RSSG web site (<http://www.earthsensing.com/rssg/index.html>) then please send them to John.Althausen@salemstate.edu.
- The RSSG produced a special issue of GeoCarto International in 2002 and will do it again in 2003 if the editor, Kam Lulla, agrees. Tim Warner (West Virginia University), Jay Emerson (Western Michigan University), and Doug Stow (San Diego State University) will organize the issue.
- The RSSG Secretary/ Treasurer, Michael Emch (Portland State University), reported that the SG presently has approximately \$5700 in the bank, although none of the bills from the Los Angeles meeting have been paid.

2003 Annual Meeting

Future Directions

The RSSG will continue to sponsor and co-sponsor sessions at the meetings in New Orleans. In addition, we will again offer a student paper award competition.

V. Membership and Participation

Membership averages about 500 members, with slightly varying annual totals. This makes the RSSG one of the largest specialty groups in the AAG. In 2000, the RSSG was the third largest specialty group, surpassed only by the Urban SG (760 members) and GIS SG (1949 members).

AAG RSSG numbers:

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
492	412	475	495	522	518		498	482	504		

VI. Financial Report

The RSSG's bank account is kept with funds in the AAG Central Office. The balance appears to be relatively stable over the past two years. The statement below was forwarded from the Central Office's accounting records.

Specialty Groups Financial Report
08/31/02

Remote Sensing Specialty Group

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	Balance Forward			-
02/28/02	Dues 2001-2002	1,922.75		1,922.75
07/30/02	Deposit remaining funds	4,608.88		6,531.63
08/31/02	Dues Collected 03/01/02-08/31/02	280.50		6,812.13
08/31/02	Account Balance			6,812.13

VII. Special Requests or Questions for Council

None

Submitted by
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