

*Annual Report of the
Human Dimensions of Global Change Specialty Group
of the Association of American Geographers*

2002 Report

I. Mission Statement: The HDGC Specialty Group seeks to promote communication and interaction among geographers interested in the human dimensions of global environmental change, and to enhance the contributions of geographers to human dimensions of global change research

II. 2002 Dues

Regular Members \$5, Students \$1

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IV. Accomplishment, Activities Scheduled, Future Plans and Directions

Business Meeting: The HDGC Business Meeting was held in Los Angeles on March 19, 2002. Bill Solecki, out going Chair, brought the meeting to order. There were 14 people in attendance. The Treasurer's Report indicated that there is \$1,311.32 in the bank account as of Feb. 1, 2002 and Solecki reported that approximately \$800 in memberships were to be transferred to the SG from the central AAG office. Last year's expenses included stipends for speakers at the NYC meeting and 2 student travel awards for the Rio de Janeiro Human Dimensions Conference. Brent Yarnal at Penn State offered to revitalize and reactivate the group website in conjunction with other projects. The group did not authorize a student paper award because of the limited number of submissions.

Our other items for discussion included:

1. The AAG timeline
2. AAG Centennial
3. Specialty group submission to Geography in America
4. New Orleans AAG meeting
5. George Clark (geographer at the Harvard Library) asked members to consider sending copies of gray papers on HDGEC

Newsletter: The chair of the specialty group develops and publishes the newsletter. Susi Moser has taken on this task. The newsletter is published 3 times per year and currently is posted on the Group's Penn State University website (<http://www.essc.psu.edu/hdgc/>). The newsletter provides an excellent source of information on the groups activities and concerns.

2002 Annual Meeting: The Group sponsored or co-sponsored 12 paper and panel sessions at the meeting on a broad range of HDGC issues, almost all of which had an explicit environmental focus.

2003 Annual Meeting: The Group remains active in the development of the New Orleans meeting. Susi Moser has organized a human dimensions and environmental change fieldtrip for Louisiana coast line for Saturday and Sunday of the meeting.

V. Membership: Our membership has increased to about 200 people. The Group includes an active core set of individuals. Most members have significant contact with the HDGC community outside of geography and are active with the Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change research community.

VI: Financial Report: The most recent account available indicated that there was \$1,311.32 in the bank account as of Feb. 1, 2002. No money has been drawn from the account since that time.