

Southern Regional Science Association

May 2000 -- Newsletter

The Southern Regional Science Association met at the Wyndham Resort Miami Beach Hotel April 13-15, 2000. As usual our members were treated to an excellent program and many of them enjoyed the tastes of the area's food and the sights of South Beach.

John Rees the 2000 Program Chair put together an excellent program with participants coming from 12 foreign countries and 32 States.

The 2000 SRSA Graduate Student Paper Competition--The 2000 Barry Moriarty Graduate Paper Award was presented to A. Thomas Tomerlin of the Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida for his Paper Entitled: "*Land Use Change and Wetland Losses in an Area of Concentrated Suburban Growth.*" Mr. Tomerlin presented his paper Friday morning as part of a session on "New Firms and Regional Change."

If you have questions about or are interested in next years competition, contact David Barkley. He may be reached by telephone: (864) 656-5797 or E-mail: dbrkly@clemson.edu

Austin, Texas the site of a 2001 Regional Odyssey--The Association meets at the Driskill Hotel April 5-7, 2001. Be sure to look in the September newsletter and on this web site beginning in the Fall for further details about the meeting including a call for papers and information on the Barry Moriarty Graduate paper competition.

Greetings from the New President--Dear Members: As Program chair for the recent Miami Beach meetings, I want to convey my sincere thanks to all who participated in the meetings and especially those who helped put the program together: my wife, Joan Seagraves Rees, and the Program Committee: Roberto Azzoni (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Robert Gibbs (USDA), Charlie Karlsson (Jonkoping, Sweden), Peter Muller (Miami), Tom Regan (South Carolina), Jack Sommer (UNC, Charlotte), Dawn Thilmany (Colorado State), Bud Weinstein (North Texas) and Maria Willumsen (Florida International University). Maria also did an excellent job as Local Arrangements Chair, rescuing us from a possible disaster at our former hotel, and providing an excellent alternative at the Wyndham Resort.

A special thanks goes to three Presidents of RSAI who attended the meetings: Kingsley Haynes, Geoffrey Hewings, and Peter Nijkamp who popped over for the day from Amsterdam. I will not apologize for the weather in Miami Beach given that it helped fill many of the meeting rooms in true Isardian fashion.

This year we had 35 organized sessions with scholars from 32 states in the USA (16 states from outside the SRSA region) and 12 countries. Our international colleagues joined us from France, Sweden, Finland, Holland, Germany, Wales, Canada, Indonesia, Brazil, Chile and Peru. Our Finnish colleagues were informally awarded the Post-Nokia award for sending the largest number of international participants and showing that the need for personal communication has not been deterred by the rise of wireless communication. In the tradition of a truly international regional science, we hope that this tradition continues.

I also want to thank Judy Stallman for her thoughtful presidential address and for her continuing role as an efficient, caring and effective leader in Regional Science. Judy is the third female President of SRSA (following Carol West and Shirley Weiss) while the North American Regional Science Association celebrates its first female President (Anne Markusen), showing once again that SRSA is ahead of its time. Our gratitude also goes to David Hughes for his service on the Council as well as to Frank Hefner for his past service and agreeing to be Program Chair for 2001.

Our congratulations go to Frank for his election as President Elect and to Mark Partridge and Roger Stough for their election as Council Members for the next three years. Finally, I want to thank our conscientious co-executive directors: Ted Trott and Kevin McNamara for continuing to keep the SRSA organization in good health. I see SRSA as a thriving grassroots community of scholars and practitioners who help make our global community of regional science both intellectually rewarding and just plain fun.

As many of us approach the end of another semester and have at least a couple of hours to reflect upon our journey, I ask all of us to consider the spirit of volunteerism that makes SRSA flourish. Ask not what SRSA can do for you... And bring a friend or colleague with you to Austin in April 2001 where a real Space Odyssey is guaranteed.

In closing, I hope you will remember that during the summer months in these northern climes, your favorite place--the mountain, the ocean, the river--beckons to you with the promise of stolen days'. May we all steal a few!

Sincerely,
John Rees
President

The Treasurers Report--There are 127 dues paying members for 2000. If you did not attend the Miami Beach meeting or forget to pay your dues? please send your 2000 dues along with any changes to your title, address or e-mail address on the attached application form to Kevin McNamara (see addresses at a glance.)

SRSA Web--We think the site contains much useful information about the Association. As well as

links to several sites of interest to regional scientists, including federal data sources and several universities as well as institutions and other associations--such as RSAI and the other regional science associations.

Again, if you have any comments, suggestions for additional links, or thoughts about the site please send an e-mail to Ted Trott. If you wish to advertize a position on the SRSA jobs page, please send the information to Ted; either in hard copy or e-mail.

The site can be reached through the TIPP home page at George Mason University or directly at the following [new URL: www.srsa.org](http://www.srsa.org).

The Review of Regional Studies a peer refereed journal is published three times a year for the Southern Regional Science Association by the College of Business and Economics at the University of Delaware. Its contents are listed and it is abstracted in major indexes such as the Journal of Economic Literature. A typical table of contents is shown on the Review's web site available for viewing through the SRSA home page.

Volume 29, 1 is "in the mail". Volume 29, 3 in "in press". Volume 30, 1, a special 30th commemorative issue is nearly complete. Volume 30, 2 and 3 are undergoing editorial review.

The North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International Meets in Chicago in 2000 and



Western Regional Science Association--The Western Regional Science Association hosted what may have been the first major regional science event of the new millennium: our 39th Annual Meeting, February 26 through March 1, 2000 at the Sheraton Kauai Resort in Poipu, Kauai, Hawaii. This, the 39th Annual Meeting, marked a milestone: WRSA will have met on each of the five main Hawaiian Islands:

Developing Public Policy Applications--On June 6-7, 2000, the University of Baltimore is holding a conference on "Developing Public Policy Applications With the American Community Survey and Community Administrative Records." This conference is for researchers and federal program

agencies interested in developing enhanced state and community information systems. It will introduce the American Community Survey and ideas for using it with administrative records to improve the econometric models that provide guidance to those making public policy decisions. Detailed information about the conference, including a statement of its purpose, a preliminary agenda, and a registration form is provided at <http://www.ubalt.edu/jfc/Conf/Flyer.htm>

If you have questions, contact Cynthia Taeuber <ctaeuber@UBmail.ubalt.edu> or telephone (410) 837-6551.

Remember, an organization is only as good as its active members and leaders. We will be selecting two council members, a president elect, and an Association representative to NARSC next April. Let the Nominations Committee or any Council member know your choices for these positions (see addresses at a glance.)

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