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From the President

The history section of The Francis Marion Hotel's web site claims that "[t]he 1920s was the Golden Age of railroads, radio and grand hotels, and the Charleston Renaissance was in full bloom and the Francis Marion Hotel was 'the place to be.'" The Francis Marion was once again "the place to be," but this time it was March 29-31, 2007 for the Southern Regional Science Association's



46th Annual meeting. For many of us who hail from the north, Charleston is known a genteel city that greets its visitors easily with warm spring air, spectacular flora, and refined southern hospitality. There were 114 registered participants at the 2007 meeting, with 31 sessions, and 92 presentations, ranging from applied research in location constraints on ethanol production in the Corn Belt to theoretical work on spatial non-linear pricing with non-convex transportation costs.

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The early morning hours on Friday and Saturday took many of us to the hotel coffee shop, where we were caught up on the details of personal and professional lives of those we see but once a year at the SRSA conference. Most conference participants seemed pleased with the tightly organized sessions and the layout of the conference rooms. We reduced the cost to the SRSA because several of our members brought projectors and participants provided an ample supply of laptops. The sumptuous buffet

lunches and the Friday evening mixers appeared to be well attended, with much jovial and spirited conversation.



Nancy White presents David McGranahan with a token of appreciation for his hard work.

The meeting of the SRSA is made possible by its membership, the details are tended to and many individuals, all volunteers. Thank you to those who organized sessions, presented papers, and served as discussants. You are the ones who continue the legacy of the SRSA with high quality research that is presented in a colle-

From the President (continued)

gial, supportive environment. We are grateful to the steadfast members and welcome the newcomers. We appreciate the many graduate advisers who prepared their students well, their poise and preparation an obvious result of careful mentoring.



David McGranahan delivers his presidential address

We thank John Sporing, our energetic Co-executive Director, who made dinner reservations in advance for groups of 10-15 at several local restaurants so that conference participants could continue to socialize without the interruption and confusion of working through a hotel concierge in the later hours of the evening. Thank you to Frank Hefner, who made many of the arrangements with The Francis Marion and supplied several capable students to staff the registration desk. We are grateful to David McGranahan who delivered a brief and insightful presidential address peppered with his trademark one line social commentary. Our profound gratitude to Ron Moomaw and Dan Rickman for shepherding the Review of Regional Studies (RRS) into the digital age and to Robert Gibbs and Mike Lahr for assuming the responsibility as its new co-editors. With the breadth of regional science interests, experience, and abilities of Robert and Mike, we expect the journal to continue the high standards set by Ron and Dan. We thank Peter Schaeffer and Eric Scorsone for serving the Executive Council from 2004-2007 and welcome James LeSage and Stephan Goetz to a three year term. We appreciate the enthusiasm and diligence of our treasurer, Santiago Pinto.

The Executive Council continues to discuss methods by which the organization might increase attendance at our annual conference. The expectation was that Charleston would have a considerably better turn out than St. Augustine, which did not come to fruition. Another concern that arose this year was the relatively high number of presenters and discussants who appeared on the final program and did not attend the conference. Please be aware that there can be financial consequences to the SRSA extending beyond the loss of membership and registration fees that result from our individual decisions. For example, when we do not fill our daily reserved block of rooms and the hotel has vacant rooms on that day, the SRSA pays the room rate on those unfilled rooms which we reserved. Of course, unanticipated events occur in our lives and we must make changes to our plans. But, on behalf of the Association, please make an effort to minimize the financial burden on SRSA of your decisions.



Santiago Pinto, SRSA Co-Executive Director and Treasurer, presents the Association's financial standing

The SRSA is host to the 54th Annual Meeting of the Regional Science International Association in Savannah, Georgia from November 7-10, 2007. SRSA's Doug Woodward is Program Chair and John Kort is in charge of local arrangements. The RSAI conference hotel is The Hyatt Regency Savannah. The deadline for submitting an abstract is August 1, 2007 and the cut-off date for hotel reservations is October 24, 2007. We plan to make the SRSA presence known at these meetings with sessions, banners, and advertisements for the 2008 SRSA meeting.



Robert Gibbs discusses his role as one of the new editors of the Review in Regional Studies.

Peter Schaeffer is the SRSA Program Chair for the 47th annual meeting of the SRSA, which will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott in Washington, DC from March 27-29, 2008. Rooms will be available at conference rates from March 26-30th, 2008. Plan to present a paper, volunteer to chair a session, or organize a session. Watch for the official call for abstracts on the SRSA web site.

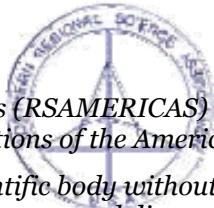
Have a happy and productive summer. See you in Savannah in 2007 and Washington, DC in 2008.

Report from the North American Regional Science Council

The 53rd North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International were held in Toronto, Canada in November 16-18, 2006. With over 520 registrants, attendance broke the record that was set at the 50th anniversary conference in Philadelphia in 2003. There 549 papers presented in 15 concurrent sessions on Friday and 14 concurrent sessions on Saturday.

The 2007 meetings will be held in Savannah, GA, November 7-11, in the Hyatt Regency Savannah. The conference home page is at <http://www.narsc.org/conference.html>. The submission deadline for abstracts is August 1, 2007. Our association, the SRSA, serves as the host of this year's conference.

Most of the business at the council meeting dealt with routine items. The one exception was the continuing discussion of the formation of a Regional Science Council of the Americas, a discussion that was started in earnest two or three years ago.



The Regional Science Association of the Americas (RSAMERICAS) would represent "the affiliated and common interests of the various regional science organizations of the American Continent.

RSAMERICAS operates as an objective, scientific body without political, social, financial, or nationalistic bias. It supports its objectives by promoting acquaintance and discussion among regional scientists and with scholars in related fields, by encouraging the publication of scholarly studies, and by performing services to aid the advancement of the field of regional science.

RSAMERICAS serves as the organizational body representative of the interests of its institutional and individual members with respect to the Regional Science Association International (RSAI). It affiliates sub-national, national or regional sections of the Regional Science Association International located on the American Continent. The sections are institutional members of RSAMERICAS and their individual associates are members of RSAI. Institutional members can simultaneously be members of other associations.

Institutional members of RSAMERICAS are: ABER—Associação Brasileira de Estudos Regionais (Brazil); SOCHER—Sociedad Chilena de Estudios Regionales (Chile); NARSC—North American Regional Science Council (USA and Canada); AMECIDER—Asociación Mexicana de Ciencias para el Desarrollo Regional (Mexico).

From draft Constitution presented at the NARSC business meeting.

As proposed and discussed, NARSC will represent all sub-regional regional science associations (SRASA, WRSA, etc.) to RSAMERICAS. The constitution not yet been voted on. There will be no additional cost to members of RSAI, SRSA, or any other sub-regional association from the possible formation of this new organization. I think that in a few short years RSAMERICAS will be a reality.



Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University

Thanks...

Thanks go to outgoing council members Peter Schaeffer (West Virginia University) and Eric Scorsone (University of Kentucky) for their hard work and dedication while serving on the council.

Thanks also to our esteemed outgoing editors of *The Review of Regional Studies*—Ronald L. Moomaw and Dan Rickman (both from Oklahoma State University).





54th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, 2007

Join us in Savannah, GA for the 54th North American Regional Science Association International Conference. The conference will be held at The Hyatt Regency Savannah.

Wednesday, November 7th to Saturday, November 10th, 2007.

Presentations will be scheduled Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon.

For more information, visit www.narsc.org.



Student Graduate Award

At the Charleston meetings, Steve Smith, the chair of the honors and graduate student papers award, presented the 2007 Moriarity Award to Robert R. Dunn with the Department of Economics and Finance at West Virginia University. His paper was titled: "Interstate Migration and Spending on Public Higher Education."

Mr. Dunn received a plaque and a check for his work. His paper was presented his paper in a session on Topics in household migration at the meetings.



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