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The Association will meet in Louisville, Kentucky on April 10-12, 2003 The Seelbach Hilton Hotel. Steve Smith, 2002 president elect, has promised an excellent program with sessions exploring a wide diversity of regional topics. The sessions will begin at 4pm on the 10th and run through 6pm on the 12th.

Call for papers: Please contact Steve Smith, don't wait for him to contact you. He will need paper presenters, discussants, and session chairs. Remember this is your Association and the quality of the meetings depends on your participation. For additional information on the papers to be presented, abstracts, authors, and authors' affiliation check with Steve at <smsmith@psu.edu> or go to the SRSA web site <www.srsa.org> early spring next year.

Call for Graduate Student Papers: The SRSA is an association of scientists and educators from diverse disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in the application of regional science theory and methods to applied problems.

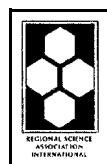
I encourage you to notify any students with whom you or your colleagues work about the opportunity provided by our graduate paper competition. The Barry M. Moriarty Student Paper Competition recognizes excellence in scholarly student work. It is open to all graduate students working on a wide variety of topics. Winning entries will receive a cash award and be asked to present their paper at the meeting.

As you evaluate term papers or other scholarly work solely authored by your students, encourage those who have worked hard and done well to consider submitting a paper.

Please circulate the attached notice to colleagues and

interested students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the paper competition.

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The North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International--

The 2002 meetings will be held November 14-16, 2002 at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico -- (800)-468-8588 or (787)-253-4390. Room rates are \$150 plus tax per night, single or double occupancy. These special room rates are good three days before and after the meeting dates (November 14-16, 2002). The Condado is 7 miles (15 minutes) from the airport and about 2 miles (10 minutes) from historic Old San Juan. It is a AAA-rated four-diamond hotel overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the Condado Lagoon.

For additional information on the meeting check out the NARSC web site <<http://www.narsc.org>>.

Greetings from the President--Where did the summer go? Surely it was only last week that I walked the streets of Georgetown with SRSA friends at the April meetings, anticipating long days and short vacations. Now the North American meetings are almost upon us. This year we have an unusual opportunity to extend those fleeting summer days by spending a few more in Puerto Rico. I, for one, certainly intend to heed John Rees' sage advice given in these pages two years ago and embark on a field trip across the island. For those of us whose travels don't often extend beyond the continental U.S., Puerto Rico offers a fantastic opportunity to observe the overlay of languages and cultures characteristic of a place confronted by "globalization" long before the term appeared on the front page of the *New York Times*. This island destination is especially timely

when so many of us around the world are reflecting on the means to achieve an easing of international tensions and a peaceful coexistence of social values in the long term. But whether on an intellectual quest or just for fun, please consider taking at least a day or two to get outside the San Juan tourist bubble and explore the rich variety of culture and landscape that Puerto Rico offers.

Regardless of your plans for the fall, now's the time to start preparing for the high point of the conference season—the April SRSA meetings in Louisville, Kentucky. Steve Smith, the 2003 program chair, is standing by to accept paper abstracts, and I'd like to encourage you to submit your abstract as much in advance of the December 15 deadline as possible to help the organizing go smoothly. Also, remember to share the fruits of SRSA membership with colleagues and friends by printing and posting the meetings announcement. There's always room for more!

I imagine that many among our membership have not visited Louisville. I had that pleasure a few weeks ago en route by car to a conference in Indiana. Unlike most sizable southern cities today, Louisville's boomtown days occurred largely during the decades of rapid industrial growth in high-density urban centers—its population in 1900 was 205,000, compared with Atlanta's 90,000 and Houston's 45,000. Though parts of the city suffer from the less aesthetically pleasing results of postwar urban renewal, Louisville still has a large storehouse of late 19th and early 20th century architecture, especially in comparison with most of its companions in the Mississippi-Ohio Basin region. Old Louisville, adjacent to the city center, claims to be the nation's largest Victorian preservation district, and its waterfront boasts the last remaining Western Rivers day packet in the country. All in all it's a city with remarkable personality. Please join us there next spring.

Finally, I'd like to second the invitation made elsewhere in this newsletter by Dan Rickman and Ronald Moomaw, the new editors of the *Review of Regional Studies*, to submit your latest paper for publication. As the *Review* enters a new life as an electronic journal, authors will find quicker turnaround times both in review and publication, which means our work gets out to colleagues faster and the field of

regional science advances that much more quickly. The journal's—and by extension, the association's—costs will be held down as well, meaning a better deal for members in the long run. Meanwhile, the potential for dissemination increases with the arrival of new electronic journal abstraction services that can link our journal to wider audience. The support of our members is vital during this transition, so remember the *Review* as you consider potential outlets for your next manuscript.

In the meantime, keep in mind that the SRSA is your association, so let me and the other officers whose names are printed in this newsletter know how we're doing, and what you'd like to see happening in the SRSA (contact me at rgibbs@ers.usda.gov). Best wishes for a happy and productive fall. I look forward to seeing you all in Louisville next April.

Sincerely, Robert Gibbs

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 advertise a position on the SRSA jobs page, please send the information to Ted; either in hard copy or e-mail.

The Review of Regional Studies a peer refereed journal is published three times a year for the Southern Regional Science Association at the Oklahoma State University

As new co-editors, Ronald Moomaw and Dan Rickman of Oklahoma State University invite regional science researchers to submit their manuscripts for publication consideration in *The Review of Regional Studies*. Starting with the 2003 issues, *The Review* will be published online and made available to those with subscriptions. In addition, submissions can be made online and most correspondence with the authors and referees will be conducted through e-mail. We are committed to a quick review process and we expect a

dramatic increase in the speed with which research results are disseminated. We also are currently

working on an agreement with EBSCO to include *The Review* in its online database, which has over 6,000 subscribers.

A revised and expanded editorial board will help facilitate a thorough and expeditious review process. Currently, there is space in the second issue of the 2003 volume. To submit papers or find additional information about *The Review*, access our website at <<http://economy.okstate.edu/rrs>>.

Treasurers Report—The Association currently has 114 members. If you have forgotten to pay your 2002 dues, please complete a membership form (attached or on the web site) and send it along with your dues to Kevin McNamara at Purdue University (see Addresses at a Glance).



Western Regional Science

Association--The WRSA will hold its 42nd annual meeting from February 26 through March 1, 2003 at the Rio Rico Resort & Country Club, a AAA Four Diamond resort situated in one of the most picturesque and historically fascinating areas of Arizona. Today, the area retains much of the look and feel of those old, romantic days.

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The call for papers deadline is October 15, 2002. If you have further questions or would like to participate as a discussant or chair a session, please contact David Plane at <plane@u.arizona.edu>.

Wanted Coexecutive Director/Secretary (Secretary)for the SRSA

Ted Trott will be stepping down as Secretary of the Association after the Louisville meeting next April. He will work with the incoming Secretary to ensure a smooth transition and to explain the duties associated with the position.

The Secretary is required to:

1. be an active participant in the Association's work, especially at the two Executive Council meetings each year;
2. maintain and update the Association's web page (currently at George Mason University but can be moved to any host of your choosing);
3. gather items for the Association's newsletters (Spring, Fall, and Winter) and prepare and edit the final copy for electronic transmission to the printer (currently Purdue University);
4. assist the Local Arrangements Chair with preparations for the annual meeting, and;
5. generally assist the Executive Council in handling the Association's ongoing business.

To apply for this position, contact any Council member (see addresses at a Glance). If you have specific questions call (703-534-3193) or e-mail Ted at <ttrott1036@aol.com>. Ted will be glad to meet with you in Louisville to work out final arrangements for the transition.