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About APCG

Treasurer's Report

Founded in 1935 by a gathering of geographers including graduate students and faculty from universities, normal schools and junior colleges, and a few from government and industry, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers has a long and rich history promoting geographical education, research, and knowledge. Members gather at the annual meetings for social and intellectual interaction. They receive the annual Yearbook, first published in 1935, that includes abstracts of papers from the meetings and a number of full length peerreviewed articles. Members also receive the biannual newsletter Pacifica, first published in Fall 1994. Since 1952 the APCG has also been the Pacific Coast Regional Division of the Association of American Geographers, serving AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, BC, and YT.

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President's Column Paul's Presidential Message...

Paul Starrs University of Nevada, Reno

As bit by bit days grow longer, and in particular those afternoons stretch into usable evenings, we're greeted by familiar scenes and rituals: returning to work. That applies whether we're students or teachers preparing for class, gearing up for another quarter or semester, or for you geography practitioners may you work up a brisk business fiscal quarter. For those into looking ahead, there is consideration of what to do during Spring Break, considering how to show up in New Orleans for the AAG meeting, or getting back to research or coursework (or both) that were set aside for the tumult of holidays. Or all the above. It's a matter of getting revved up and generating enthusiasm, which is always elusive, until we again make a discovery: not only is this what we do, it's fun. Sometimes I envy the folks immersed in the commercial geography world, whether ESRI, manufacturing tools-and-dies, piloting jets, working as realtors, serving the planning and cartographic communities: you're applying what many of us teach, but spicing that up with unique insights and knowledge. All of us are given a "new year" — and the means to forget the old and embrace novelty.

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Feature Article:

Hari hari bhaji khao, kod-kutki khao, bina khad wallah sabse original cheez khao!

Eat fresh greens! Eat millets! Eat fertilizer-free, original things!

Carly Nichols
Doctoral Candidate
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Recipient of the APCG Margaret Trussell Scholarship

In the Mandla and Dindori districts of Madhya Pradesh, India this was the rally cry of many of the community nutrition mentors whom I have worked with the last year.

They were employed by a large national non-governmental organization (NGO) named Ajeevika that was now introducing nutrition objectives into its work of improving livelihoods through agricultural development.

This has come to be termed "nutrition sensitive agriculture" (NSA), and it has become something of a buzzword over the last 5 years.



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announcements and reports for the Spring issue is April 1, and for the Fall issue is a fortnight after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

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Visit the APCG web site at http://www.apcgweb.org for information about the organization and for a new member application form.

APCG member dues, raised starting 2009, are:

Regular \$25,

Student or Retired \$15,

Contributing \$30 or more (any contribution over \$25 is tax deductible).

A Second (Joint) member may be added to any of these categories for another \$3.

Second (Joint) members receive a ballot but not another copy of the Yearbook.

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Unless indicated otherwise, checks dated before November 1 will be credited to the current year, while those dated after November 1 will be credited to the next year.

Only current year members receive the Yearhook.

Current members will be sent a membership renewal notice near the end of the calendar year.

President's Column

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In other words, greetings, and may 2018 continue to be cheery and productive. That we can all use. I'd especially like to thank the CSU Chico department for putting on a grand meeting, with weather and beer and meals to match. Thank you, thank you, and Reno is only a hop-skip-and-jump away; it is, indeed, the "Hub of the West" for our late October 2018 meeting.

Now, a few APCG reminders: First, if you haven't renewed your membership in the APCG, do it now; the URL of WildApricot is below. And while renewing, please consider (oh, PLEASE!) donating to some of the funds that may have benefited you, or which honor the work of people you know, or which simply represent the "right thing" to do. Twenty-five or a hundred dollars here or there makes a difference. There are buttons on the website for "Membership," and another for "Donate," and instructions for their use (quick start: login first, then all becomes easier). The system is at times a bit buggy: You may need to renew first, and then go back in and donate; if the integration isn't perfect, we're working on that. Contact our erstwhile and indefatigable Treasurer Bob Richardson if you get stuck; he can even send out a USPS renewal form if you'd rather. But it is important to preserve our numbers in the APCG as a demonstration of solidarity and because the informative meetings offer good company and a chance to share results, ideas, and news. If you're going to only one meeting, try ours in Reno, this year, 24 to 27 October, with a theme to be cherished: "Reno, Hub of the West."

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My greatest interest for the APCG, right now, is making sure that any of you who wants to participate in the organization's governance and progress forward can do that. There are positions for undergraduate and graduate students, for judges for paper and poster competitions, for any of you interested in seeking office in the APCG — it is about what you want to do, or at least, what you're willing to ask about doing. Ask, if you're interested. It is my feeling that our several hundred membership is reasonably diverse, but that isn't always reflected in decision-making. Please consider inquiring about serving on committees, about elected office, about helping out with the networks or competitions, about assisting with events like the Geography Bowl, which provides a great run-up to the national event. Junior faculty, lecturers, students at all levels will add to the success of the organization, and, come fall, the next APCG meeting.

And make attending easier on yourself, and if you're in the teaching business, help out and encourage students, who get the best APCG deal of all *and* plenty of chances to get support for going. There's funding to help with attending meetings, and lots of it will become available when the meeting registration details go up on the APCG website. Do you want to make an impression by going deep on a given topic? Consider organizing a session with specified speakers, panelists or presenters; maybe even a couple of them, with four or five speakers each on a common theme. Are you concerned with giving recent graduates further direction in their GIS or fieldwork pursuits? Want to preach good communication, and organize a session to highlight student work that fits with Edward Tufte's exhortations about striving for graphic excellence? Yep: Have at it. Funds available for the meeting will include travel grants, monies from the Women's Network, a small stipend for cultural geography fieldwork, funds for students of color, for less-represented populations, for presentation awards. In the past, the APCG has made it easy for good works to be done, and for sometimes-controversial topics that can and should be discussed and laid out for the membership.

I'll close with an example. In the Tucson meeting, in 2014, a number of you went on field trips. I visited the Tohono O'odham Nation with trip organizer Ken Madsen, who did a sterling job, returning from Ohio to lead a trip that took us right to part of "The Fence," erected on traditional T-O Nation land. That was an eye-opener. More recently, Arizona State University lecturer Scott Warren, working on his own time in the rugged Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge with the group No More Deaths, was arrested and charged for harboring fugitives, soon after No More Deaths released video collected by the group over several years that showed border patrol agents emptying water containers that had been laboriously packed in and then placed in varied locations where a water source could save lives along the US-Mexico border. [Payback?] The story is in part told here: https://www.theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water. Granted, some of you may be fans of the idea of building a "big and beautiful wall." Others will take the approach of geographer Michael Dear, whose 2013 book Why Walls Won't Work: Repairing the US-Mexico Divide received the AAG's Globe Book award. (Truth in advertising: I chaired that awards committee.) These are real topics; geographers are doing the real work; be proud of what you do, but share that. Membership in the APCG, and speaking out at this year's meeting, are each worthy goals and sizable contributions to our "field."

Feature Article

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At the 2nd International Conference of Nutrition (ICN2) in Rome in 2014, NSA was defined as a type of agricultural development that "puts nutritionally rich foods, dietary diversity, and food fortification at the heart of overcoming malnutrition and...also also entails targeting poor households, promoting gender equity, and providing nutrition education" (FAO 2014). Since ICN2, agricultural development programs across the global south have increasingly tried to incorporate these goals, with some big funders such as the Gates Foundation and International Fund for Agricultural Development requiring integrated nutrition approaches be taken in new projects.

To those that have witnessed the negative social and environmental fallout of the Green Revolution, NSA seems like a potentially radical alternative that can reorient food system planning to more regionally specific ecosystems and food palates. I found that though development professionals and community members generally agreed with the tenets of NSA—there was a central barrier to these practices being embraced—the wily paddy plant.



Kodo millet (Paspalum scrobiculatum) is a traditional grain that people grow in upland soils. Very drought resistant it is also highly nutritious and increasingly being packaged and found in health stores across Indian metros. In rural areas it is being quickly abandoned as households that are occupied in paddy production complain they do not have the time to cultivate it.



Sathiya paddy is known locally as *kala dhan*, or black paddy, since the grains have a black husk. When it is sent to the mill and made into rice the rice grains have a reddish tint to them. Young people often shied away from eating this *lal chawal* (red rice) saying they wanted white rice, and that Sathiya and other coarse-grain indigenous varieties were for poor people.

This was, perhaps, unsurprising, as the last 10+ years have been dominated by a conventional agricultural paradigm of promoting

paddy (rice) production using improved high-yielding varieties, chemical inputs, and irrigation where possible. Through a mix of governmental subsidies for seeds and fertilizers along with the opportunity to have lands converted to paddy fields suitable for flooding—many smallholders in the area have abandon their traditional production practices of broadcast sowing indigenous paddy varieties in lowlands and minor millets in uplands.

Therefore the nutrition mentors' pleas for villagers to eat the minor millets grown in the region largely went unheeded. Most villagers were eager to apply to have this upland converted to grow more paddy. If this was not possible then often households left the uplands fallow, devoting their scarce labor hours in the early monsoon period to maximizing paddy production. In addition to these factors of labor and land in the retreat from minor millet production, there was also diminishing household demand for these grains. Millets are among the many coarse cereals that have come to have negative connotations in the village, with many younger people having never eaten them and considering

them old foods. One woman tells me if she tries to feed millets to her son he will refuse

and demand rice; another woman, laughing, told me her daughter will run to the neighbors' home and try to trade the millets for rice. As other scholars have noted, as green revolution crops have come to dominate, a wide range of other cereals that are often both more climate-resilient and nutritious have come to be seen as poor peoples' food (Finnis 2007, 2008; Bezner-Kerr 2016, Nichols 2016).

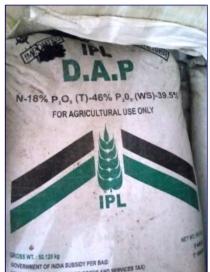
This is because although agricultural development's goal is to change production practices, it has simultaneously (though unintentionally) had the effect of changing people's identities—or the way they view themselves in relation to others. Specifically, through development efforts, the concept of a 'progressive farmer' has emerged as one that grows improved rice using line sowing and adequate fertilizer, and then sells surplus to the market. This new 'progressive farmer' figure has the effect of marginalizing other forms of knowledge and practices. Thus the farmers who are unable to or choose not to use improved practices often speak about this fact defensively, guarding themselves against being labeled ignorant or backwards. This is true for not just millets but also which type of rice people choose to grow—a choice that I found has consequence for food and nutrition habits.



Farmer in Madhya Pradesh with traditional, drought-tolerant and early maturing *Sathiya* rice. Villagers often reported that *Sathiya* was the most nutritious variety of paddy they grew although it was quickly being abandoned in favor of high-yielding varieties promoted by the government. Many roadside villages more exposed to markets were not even able to recognize the rice variety anymore.

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A 50 kilogram package of diammonium phosphate (DAP) produced by the highly state subsidized company Indian Potash LImited (IPL). When people switch to new HYV varieties they need to apply more DAP and urea (a nitrogenous fertilizer). People frequently narrate that though chemical fertilizer gives the higher yields it strips the crops of their taste and their nutritional value.

To take one example, as I passed through a village I began informally speaking with a young man who told me that they currently grow indigenous varieties of rice using traditional methods but they were thinking about growing improved rice from next year. When I asked him why, he quickly asked me whether I was from an NGO or the government (and therefore promoting the improved varieties). When I told him that I was a researcher interested in agricultural change and food habits in the region he instantly smiled and said that his family was not interested in changing, as he did not want to become dependent on using chemical fertilizer and irrigation. He then patted his stomach, and explained with a laugh, "didi, ham kisan ko moti chawal acche lagte hai, agar patli chawal khate hai toh jaldi se bhook lagte hai" ("sister, for us farmers, coarse grain (literally, fat) rice is good, if we eat fine (literally thin) rice we quickly are hungry").

When I asked the man why he thought that was, I found that the improved and indigenous varieties aren't just different on the fields, they also have different effects in people's stomachs (also see Bonnin and Turner 2012). One of the main reasons people said they grew indigenous paddy is because it produces a coarse grain rice (called *moti chawal*—literally 'fat rice') that did not digest as quickly and kept them full for longer. Conversely the newer varieties of paddy produced finegrained rice (called *patli chawal*—literally thin rice), and people frequently complained that no matter how much *patli chawal* they would eat in the morning, they very quickly would become hungry. Moreover, due to the difference textures of the rice, the way they were consumed was also different with people telling me it was required to eat more *daal* (a common soupy dish of pulses) and *sabji* (cooked vegetables) with *moti chawal*, whereas the fine grains of *patli chawal* meant that you couldn't add as much of these nutritious accompaniments.

These nuanced changes in food practices that are a result of agricultural development are important to understand if governments and NGOs are interested

to improve nutrition through changes in agriculture.

However, perhaps more important than understanding the material ways that new types of agriculture impact food practices is to understand the new types of aspirational identities they also bring forth. Just like young people frequently talked with chagrin about eating millets, people also had strong associations of *moti chawal* being farmer's food — with one person telling me that office workers eat *patli chawal* but not farmers. It is undeniable that development efforts have created a politics of knowledge where new 'urban' things are celebrated and traditional practices quietly hidden.

This cultural shift in the village makes it difficult to suddenly revitalize traditional practices that have become coded as backwards. Thus, if a new nutrition-sensitive and sustainable agriculture is to be realized it must do so through cultural means. It must create a new politics of knowledge that celebrates the traditional and takes from the modern agricultural paradigm selectively and with caution—not because the modern is better or more advanced but because it can improve upon the traditional systems that are already brilliantly designed.



Paddy fields in Jharkhand, India. The paddy (rice) in the far field is an indigenous variety (known locally as "bare dhan" or "big paddy"). The nearer field is improved high-yielding variety (HYV), Swarna, which has been promoted by the government for the last 2 decades. Swarna is a dwarf variety and so though the grain yield is much higher, it grows to be much shorter than traditional varieties. People commonly complained that this presented a problem since the paddy stalks are valuable material, which they feed to their cows, oxen, and buffalo.

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Report on the 80th Annual Meeting

From October 25th to 28th, over 200 academic, professional, and student members of the APCG gathered in Chico, CA for the 80th annual meeting of The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. Though we met in late fall, attendees experienced an "Indian Summer" with warm days and brisk cool nights. The term can also be used metaphorically. In his 1886 novel of the same name, William Dean Howells' refers to *Indian Summer* as "a time when one may recover some of the happiness of youth." For those of you who joined us in Chico, the pleasant weather and vibrant spirit of our college town may have inspired such feelings of nostalgia.

The meeting began on Wednesday evening. Department Chair Dean Fairbanks greeted the gathering before the opening plenary and shared a bit of the "Chico Story." Fairbanks recounted geography's history at Chico State and described Chico's regional context so that guests knew where they were. David Little, an editor for our local newspaper-- Chico Enterprise Record, gave the Opening Plenary, Why Locals Are So Dam Mad: The Crumbling Oroville Spillway (a story that didn't have to happen). Little peppered his richly illustrated presentation with humor and insightful analysis that demonstrated how essential local journalism is.

On Thursday, five field trips offered different looks at the Sacramento Valley area. Chico State geographers LaDona Knigge, Scott Brady, Dean Fairbanks, Don Hankins, and Ryan Miller led tours of Oroville Dam, local agricultural landscapes, Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuge, Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, and Chico's Historic Downtown. No one got hurt.

Every year the American Association of Geography (AAG) selects a different regional meeting for its Executive Committee meeting, and this year they picked the APCG in Chico. Former AAG president Glen McDonald (UCLA) spoke at the Opening Reception in the Sierra Nevada Brewery Big Room on the value of these gatherings for students. Our Provost, Debra Larson and College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean, Eddie Vela, provide warm welcomes and stories about Chico. Also in attendance was AAG Vice-President Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach. Sheryl was born and raised in Red Bluff, CA., 40 miles up the road from Chico. She and her husband Tim Beach graduated from our department in 1982, and we were thrilled to have her back, along with her parents John and Barbara Luzzadder (also alums).

For the 2017 meeting, poster and paper sessions took place on Friday and Saturday. APCG members from all around the country (Alaska, Alabama, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Illinois, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and up and down California) presented over 140 papers and posters in 3-5 concurrent sessions. The layout allowed for a lazy 10am "Chico" start time. Session topics spanned the gamut of interests held by the members of our organization. On Saturday 38 people attended lunch sponsored by the APCG Women's Network.

As hosts, we wanted to give attendees a taste of the Chico *Terroir*. All the food on the field trips was local—from the Wagon Wheel, the only deli open after the Oroville spillway evacuation, to John Scott (Scotty's Landing) and his blue tomatoes. We drank local beer and wine at the opening reception at Sierra Nevada Brewery, and again at the Banquet. Our Farm to Fork banquet meal—provisioned by Rancho Llano Seco and other local farms, and prepared by Chef Thomas Rider—was fantastic and likely to be remembered for many years! Even the conference swag bag was local. Chico Bag was started here in 2004 after an alumni made a trip to our local landfill. We hope everyone found the little stuff-sac sewn inside.

The Student's Awards Banquet took place in the Bell Memorial Student Union ballroom, providing a fitting conclusion to the meeting on Saturday evening. Chair Dean Fairbanks welcomed everyone and MC'ed the event. Doug Richardson, executive director of the AAG, provided brief opening talk about achievements and future direction of the AAG. The student awards were presented, with Bill Crowley giving the annual resolutions roast (case of the missing potato salad!?). Finally, APCG President Dennis Dingemans of UC Davis shared his extensive research on Village Homes development in Davis an example of an early 1970's sustainable living master plan.

This year's meeting came together thanks to the efforts of many APCG members and people at Chico State. We want to recognize Bob Richardson as a co-organizer of the Chico meeting. We really cannot thank him enough for his participation and his many years of service to the APCG. David Deis and James Craine of California State Northridge designed the meeting program.

The Chico State Department of Geography and Planning staff (Jessie, Ian and Melissa) were instrumental in helping pull everything together before, during and after the meeting. The success of the meeting was also due to the hard work of our student volunteers: Carlee Agar, Natalie Kinney, Suzanne Hartman, Raymond Santana, Jamie Martin, Maggie Bostic, Mark Budd, Oscar Rodriguez, Italia Cardenas, Michaela Marr and Sophia Bednar. Special thanks are extended to BSS Dean, Eddie Vela and Provost Debra Larsen whose contributions and support proved invaluable. Thanks to everyone who helped put the conference together and thank you to all the participants!

--- Mark, Dean and Scott



The meeting in the Bell Memorial Building Room 205, at CSU Chico's campus, was opened by Paul Starrs standing in for Dennis Dingemans at 5pm on Saturday, October 28, 2017 with 25 people present.

Minutes from Fall 2016 APCG Business Meeting in Portland, Oregon were approved.

Election Results: 118 ballots were returned according to Bob

Richardson.

Paul Starrs - President

Brian Pompeii – Vice President

Secretary: Yolonda Youngs (re-elected)

Continuing:

Bob Richardson – Treasurer Sriram Khé – AAG Councilor

Past-President: Dennis Dingemans

Treasurer's Report: Bob Richardson's Treasurer Report was distributed. The first page is a narrative of the budget, a brief overview of the twenty-six-year snapshot, the special funds, APCG Yearbook, and membership numbers. See page 12 for a summary.

From Bob's budget overview on page one of his report, the Budget looks good, with receipts exceeding disbursements by about \$10,457.75 in excess of disbursements; much of this is due to Portland turning a huge profit of \$8,048.49. Palm Springs shows up as adding \$500, but their actual net loss of \$1,500 when the \$2,000 advanced to them two budgets ago is added in. AAG gave us \$1,500 as usual, but changed how they help with GeoBowl, giving only \$500 this year (versus \$850 last year). Hawaii Press is absent—no royalty payouts, now invoices (the expenses for v78 & v79 are direct to our copy editor). One new major expense appears: WildApricot, for which we've paid \$2,847 this FY (including \$300 to Steve Graves to help set it up). That covers more than one year. The ongoing cost right now is \$1,404 if we pay for a year (rather than monthly). Bob expresses mixed feelings about this after spending countless hours working with it in the past 15 months. Our PayPal costs have also gone up with so many renewals coming through it via WildApricot. Membership costs are down, with fewer mailed renewals, but nowhere near offsetting the combined increase in WildApricot and PayPal costs.

Twenty-Six Year Snapshot: The uptick in dues is misleading as it includes \$1195 from the year before. A large increase in administrative fees stands out to PayPal and WildApricot, but they will be \$1000 lower next year with just one WildApricot annual payment. Yearbook costs reflect no royalties this year, but we'll be way

ahead next year.

Special Funds: The Trussell, Bailey, and McKnight/Clemons funds continue to draw down on principal. Women's Network is also drawing down, with a drop-off in contributions from what was typical a few years ago. Using WildApricot might be partly to blame: it has generated very little in donations, which are not integrated into the membership renewal process. With that concern in mind, Bob mailed renewals to members who had made donations the year before. Bob noted that without this action, donations might have been extremely low this year. Based on the previous fiscal year, the Larry Ford fund received solid donations again and for the first time did not make an award, so it is up and doing well. LATS made two awards but still grew, thanks to donations with mailed membership renewals and Bill Koelsch's continued generosity. Neither ISTS nor ADSTS made awards in Portland and each grew a bit from donations with renewals. The GeoSystems awards were covered by unused funds from a year ago and remain on a year-to-year sustaining basis. In all, \$4,541 in contributions came to these funds this year, about the same as last year, of which \$3,371 was with dues renewals—down \$466 from last year. Our membership remains quite generous, but Bob is concerned about what will happen if we go to WildApricot only for renewals.

APCG Yearbook: The UHP did not send an invoice again this year but Bob worked with them on this issue in August and things may be in better shape next year. After that we'll be doing better with two royalty checks (\$19,000 total). V79 will be very expensive (long, with some extra-charge articles). Just before sending this issue to MUSE this summer, we decided to try adding color to some of the online articles. Check them out, including Zia Salim's article on murals in East Los Angeles. We also have a new editor. After eleven volumes, Jim Craine has passed the baton to Craig Revels for Volume 80. They worked together on V79. Good luck Craig! Rick Cooper will continue as our copyeditor. Volume 80 will be his twenty-first.

Membership Numbers increased last with the very well attended Portland meeting. As of November 11/11/2017, we have 491 members (which includes regular members, student members, retired members, etc) and might hit 500 by the end of the Chico meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Elena Giventhal gave the budget committee report. The Budget Committee reviewed Bob Richardson's books and bookkeeping and found the APCG Treasurer's Report to be in good order and well done. The committee thanks

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Bob for his many years of superior service as Treasurer. But he is doing too much. Bob is now dealing with Wild Apricot and collecting the money for each meeting. There is a snowballing of duties. On that note, Paul Starrs shared with the group that the Executive Council discussed a possibility of an Associate Treasurer position to work with Bob to help him on some of these duties. The Executive Committee moved and approved this and Bob agreed with this and there is now a process in the works to help him find an assistant. Paul Starrs discussed this in more detail in his President's report.

AAG Councillor: Sriram Khé continues to serve as the AAG Councillor. Set up an email distribution list via his university to reach out to our regional membership. There was not a formal and easy way to connect to AAG members in our region. The information distribution can go beyond Sriram's time in service in this role. We can now send out emails to our group more easily. Does this impact people from our region being nominated to AAG? There are plenty of AAG awards that our regional members qualify for yet we do not have as many of our members in these roles. The next annual meeting is in New Orleans in 2018. Geography Awareness Week theme is geography of civil rights. Questions or comments please email Sriram.

Women's Network: Katie Meehan and Jessie Clark are stepping down in 2017. Lily House-Peters, CSU Long Beach and Katherine Sammler, CSU Maritime are taking their places. Suggestion by Dolly to make donations in honor of a mentor. As you renew, contribute to funds. The Executive Committee's will work to encourage contributions. The Women's Network also encourages diverse students to be active in APCG and the WN.

Women's Network had three travel grant winners too. They each received \$200 plus a year's membership and a WN lunch ticket. For the record, they are: Deseret Weeks (SFSU), Sophia Borgias (UA), Genie Bey (CSU-Long Beach)

Pacifica Report Vienne Vu will continue on as the editor for the online *Pacific*. She requested that all input for Fall *Pacifica* for publication be submitted by November 20, with a possible Thanksgiving publishing date. New feature articles possible with the online publishing, color photos, and others. Students receiving some grants are required to submit essays and be included in the *Pacifica*.

President's Report: Paul Starrs volunteered to run the meeting for Dennis Dingemans. He presented the President's Report with updates on the 2018 conference in Reno, future conference sites, and committee updates.

<u>2018 Conference</u> will convene in Reno Nevada from October 24 to 27, 2018. Scott Bassett is meeting coordinator. He has secured price estimates for properties from the Reno Sparks Convention Authority. The Whitney Peak Hotel will be a good spot for the meeting, if prices and schedules work for that venue site. The conference should be about the same prices as Chico. There will be a shuttle from hotel to campus since there is a significant walk up hill and down between the two locations. Fieldtrips are planned to a variety of spots: Tesla Giga Factory, Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake all day trip, historic Reno walking tour, Virginia City Tour, beer crawl of new brewpubs in Reno, and maybe a cannabis tour of Reno-Truckee. The Reno conference is in good order and moving ahead.

<u>Executive Council</u> There is a long list of conference locations ahead. These include Bellingham, Sonoma State, Northern Arizona, San Luis Obispo, Fullerton. (As an update in November before *Pacifica* goes to press, Western Washington University geography faculty have voted and agreed to host the APCG 2019 meeting in Bellingham, WA.)

Other Items Discussed: The Executive Committee discussed comments from members and the interest in broadening the reach of the APCG to increase membership, be more inclusive, and seek additional donations and nominations for officer roles. The EC discussed opening the group up to all, but decided against this. The EC encouraged members who are interested in APCG service to consider the many committees that need new members and help: membership, awards, and nominations committees, for example. The Executive Committee is working with the Secretary to collect procedures and documents and place them in prominent places on the APCG website and/or distribute to members in an effort to better clarify the types of committees in APCG, who serves on these committees, and where members can best offer their service time. Paul will send his incoming president's column to Vienne for inclusion in the Fall Pacifica in which he will spell out how to serve on the membership committee. Leading fieldtrips at the annual APCG con-

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ferences is another way to serve. The EC also encouraged members to consider the range of committees, including short term service, such as the Awards Committee, Membership Committee, Nominations Committee, and Budget Committee that do not require many hours each week throughout the year (such as the Executive Committee). These short-term committees are great for early career faculty looking to provide service and become more involved in APCG. We want to increase membership numbers and participation in meetings.

<u>Associate Treasurer:</u> As noted in the discussion after the Treasurer's Report was provided at the Business Meeting, there may be a need for an Associate Treasurer. The amount of work for the Treasurer to work with Wild Apricot is growing. The Executive Committee is looking for someone to volunteer for several years as Associate Treasurer. The job requires good computer skill and comfort with working with websites and cascading style sheets. The person would serve as a right-hand person to the APCG Treasurer.

<u>Investment Enhancement Advice Committee</u>. The Executive Council also discussed the creation of an Investment Enhancement Advice Committee. The Executive Council and the President will seek out members to help us earn more on some of our funds. There will be significant consulting with and approval of Bob Richardson.

<u>Nomination Committee</u>: The Executive Council is aware that we should have two people running for VP in the future. The committee is seeking more potential for a variety of nominations in the future.

Student Awards: Elena Giventhal lead the student awards committee this year and read the names of this year's award winners.

Elena also offered comments about the new awards structure this year (after last year's discussion and vote) and provided a comparison of how the process has changed from last year to this one. Stephen Cunha did not attend the Chico conference this year, but gave the duty of award committee leadership to Elena to run after he proposed changing it. Elena noted that this was awkward as this was the first year the new system was in place, it was Stephen's design, but he was not present at the meeting this year to help with its enactment. This left the committee with the task of enacting a system that was not theirs. The committee is not happy with it. For example, there are three levels — undergraduate, M.A., and Ph.D. All were judged by separate people. We can transfer between levels. But there is a problem because this is too random. There were seven judges this year. Very few students applied this year. We need a better-oiled system. A brief discussion on the meeting floor started. Do we stay with this system or go back to old system? After discussion, the feeling was to use the system a second time and ask Stephen Cunha to run it. Also, the committee noted that not that many students applied for awards this year. Did the advisors tell their students to apply? For the 2018 conference, it would be desirable to get more students to apply for awards.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

From the Floor:

What reasons are there to bring students to the meeting? Members said that a reason is to understand the breadth of geography. Some suggested that students get 1 credit to attend the meeting as part of their coursework. Others noted that if students are interested in attending grad school, the annual conference is a great way to talk with faculty, better understand the breadth of geography through the various papers and sessions, and potentially win an award to help with travel expenses.

How can students get more involved with APCG? There is a new AAG undergraduate student affinity group. Students can be engaged there. Paul Starrs sent an email to department chairs before the Chico meeting and will do this again before the Reno meeting next year, encouraging early career faculty and students to attend the conference.

Executive Council Meeting: The Executive Council meeting was held on Friday, October 27 from 7:30am to 9:45am and then a second session was held from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in Sylvester's 104 Hall on the California State University Chico's campus.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM Respectfully submitted by Yolonda Youngs, APCG Secretary



Tom McKnight and Joan Clemens Award for an Outstanding Paper, Doctoral Level

Name: Sean Pries

Affiliation: University of California, Davis

Title of Paper: "The Past is the Key to the Present:" Landscape

of the Upper North Fork American River

Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Paper (Graduate)

Name: Katherine Hayes

Affiliation: University of Oregon

Title of Paper: Reconstructing Paleofire in Old Growth Coast Redwood Forests of Northern California Using Pyrogenic Car-

bon and Soil Charcoal

Christopherson Geosystems Award for Best Applied Geography/Earth Systems Paper (Undergraduate)

Name: Logan Simpson

Affiliation: University of Portland

Title of Paper: Computational Modeling of Industrial Odors in

Portland, Oregon using AERMOD

Harry and Shirley Bailey Award for the Outstanding Physical Geography Paper

Name: Joe Walker

Affiliation: University of Portland

Title of Paper: Forecasting Air Pollution Using K-Nearest Neighbor and Genetic Machine Learning Algorithm

President's Award for an Outstanding Paper, Doctoral Level

Name: Birendra Rana

Affiliation: University of Nevada, Reno

Title of Paper: A Temporal and Spatial Assessment of Small Hydropower Production, Services and Values in Nepal

President's Award for Outstanding Paper, Master's Level

Name: Genie Bey

Affiliation: CSU Long Beach

Title of Paper: Cultivating Social-Ecological Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation through Green Infrastructure in

Long Beach, CA

President's Award for Outstanding Paper , Baccalaureate Level

Name: Annemarie Morach Affiliation: University of Portland

Title of Paper: Measuring and Modeling Microclimate Impacts

of Sequoiadendron giganteum

President's Award for an Outstanding Student Poster

Name: Jonathan DeBoer

Affiliation: University of Nevada, Reno

Title of Poster: Ecological Modeling of the New Caledonian

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Margaret Trussell Scholarship, \$1000 each

Sophia Borgias, Doctoral Candidate, University of Arizona Genie Bey, MA Candidate, CSU Long Beach

Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography, \$500

Jonathan Bratt, Arizona State University

Latina/o American Travel Scholarship

Not Awarded in 2017

African Descent Student Travel Scholarship

Not awarded in 2017

Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship

Not awarded in 2017

Women's Network Travel Grant Recipients, \$200 each,

a one-year APCG membership, and lunch at the APCG Women's Network Luncheon.

Deseret Weeks, San Francisco State University

Sophia Borgias, University of Arizona

Genie Bey, CSU Long Beach

AAG Council Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper

at a Regional Meeting, \$1,000 in funding for use towards registration and travel costs to the AAG Annual Meeting

Sean Pries, University of California, Davis

2017 Student Awards

2017 Travel Grants

The student membership of the APCG was very well-represented in Chico, with numerous excellent presentations. The APCG was able to support many of these participants, awarding a total of 14 travel grants for student presenters from ten different campuses. Students were awarded \$200 each.

Genie Bey, CSU Long Beach
Sophia Borgias, University of Arizona
Dongmei Chen, University of Oregon
John Crowell, John University of Northern Alabama
Jonathan DeBoer, University of Nevada, Reno
Brian Garcia, University College London
Katherine Hayes, University of Oregon
Cheryl King, CSU Fullerton
Brenden Lawrence, University of Nevada, Reno
Kyle Loewen, University of British Columbia
Sean Pries, UC Davis
Birendra Rana, University of Nevada, Reno
Marcella Rose, CSU Northridge
Zachery Thill, University of Oregon

Geography Trivia Scavenger Hunt

Step 1: Start in a world capital with a four-letter name, in a country with a four-letter name.

Step 2: Travel exactly 2000 miles in a straight line from that capital and arrive in a country with at least one star on its flag.

Step 3: Travel to the capital of the country in which you arrived in Step 2.

Step 4: From this capital, travel due north until you encounter the land territory of another country.

Step 5: This land, however, is also claimed by another country. The two countries claiming the land competed against one another in a sporting event in 2014 that had a controversial outcome due to some poor officiating. Travel to the venue where this event took place.

Step 6: Driving less than ten kilometers from the venue will put you in another place with ambiguous sovereignty. NAME IT!

Submit your answer to vvu@occ.cccd.edu. Results will be available at the 2018 meeting in Reno, Nevada. Prizes to be awarded to attendees who submit correct responses!

Contributed by Jon Rossiter, Irvine Valley College



Asher Patel, geography bowl enthusiast, with Paul Starrs, APCG president.

Treasurer's Report

October 28, 2017, Bell Memorial Union, CSU Chico Robert T. Richardson, Sacramento State Univ. Transactions for July 1, 2016--June 30, 2017

Forward at close of books, 7/1/16		\$126,812.87
RECEIPTS		
Dues		\$14,252.75
AAG Regional Allocation		\$1,500.00
YEARBOOK (UHP yr ending 6/30/14)		\$0.00
Interest on Regular Accounts		\$177.93
General contributions (Mahmoudi, Besser, Hennigh,	Mason)	\$95.00
Cash from J. Craine from Palm Springs	,	\$210.00
Net Palm Springs money I hold (but their net loss was	s \$1,500, inc. \$2000 loaned 12/20/14	\$290.00
Net Profit from Portland—YOWZA!		\$8,048.49
AAG contribution for GeoBowl (pass-thru from AAG-	-\$500 +\$350 we matched)	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	\$25,074.17
DISBURSEMENTS		
APCG '15 Annual Meeting Grants & Awards		\$5,800.00
Student Travel Awards (inc. \$1,000 GeoBowl)	\$4,800.00	
President's Awards (inc. Area Studies)	\$1,000.00	
Corporate Filing Fee (Olympia, WA)		\$10.00
PayPal charges		\$319.85
WildApricot annual fees (inc. \$300 to Steve Graves fo	or setup & 2 years)	\$2,847.03
Membership: renewals, ballots, etc.		\$483.04
YEARBOOK v.78		\$1,606.50
YEARBOOK v.79		\$3,550.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$14,616.42
Balance on books, 6/30/17		\$137,270.62
SPECIAL FUNDS		
Bailey Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/16)		\$1,799.38
(\$200 award and \$2.52 interest)		-\$197.48
Balance 6/30/17		\$1,601.90
McKnight/Clemons Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/16)		\$11,116.18
(\$500 award and \$16.32 interest)		-\$483.68
Balance 6/30/17		\$10,632.50
Margaret Trussell Memorial Fund (forward 7/1/16)		\$46,178.05
(2 Trussell awards, \$68.26 interest*, and \$325 contri	hs)	-\$1,606.74
Balance 6/30/17	55,	\$44,571.31
Women's Network Travel Grant Fund (forward 7/1/16) (\$1,575 grants, \$1,199 contributions, \$67.78 lunched	an and \$7.30 interest)	\$5,230.47
	on net, and \$7.30 interest)	-\$300.92 \$4,929.55
Balance 6/30/17		\$ 4,929.33 \$26,836.17
Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/16) (\$0 grants, \$1,673.00 contributions, and \$41.78 interest)		\$1,714.78
(30 grants, \$1,675.00 contributions, and \$41.76 interest) Balance 6/30/17		\$1,714.76 \$28,550.95
Latin American Travel Scholarship Fund (forward 7/1/16		\$8,793.54
(\$400 in grants, \$833 contributions, and \$13.33 inter	cost)	\$6,795.34 \$446.33
Balance 6/30/17	estj	\$9,239.87
Indigenous Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/1/16))	\$3,121.27
(\$0 in grants, \$253 in contributions and \$4.91 interes		\$257.91
Balance 6/30/17		\$3,379.18
African Descent Student Travel Scholarship Fund (fwd 7/	1/16)	\$2,677.26
(\$0 in grants, \$263 in contributions and \$4.25 interes		\$267.25
Balance 6/30/17	,	\$2,944.51
Christopherson Geosystems Award Fund (forward 7/1/16	6)	\$1,003.74
(\$1,0000 in awards and \$.51 interest)	-	-\$999.49
Balance 6/30/17		\$4.25
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Members

New Members

Welcome to these 98 new members who have joined since the list in the Spring 2017 issue (*asterisk denotes a former member who has rejoined). Most of them joined in conjunction with attending the Annual Meeting in Chico.

Amanda Adams Joel Adams Michael Andrews Genie Bey

KumKum Bhattacharyya

Khaled Bloom Theodore R. Brandt* Madeline Brown Dani Castillo Philip Clinton* Kenia Conner John Crowell Nicolas Dae Jonathan DeBoer Mausumi Dey

Brian DiBartolo Michelle Drehobl Patrick Duffy* Ian Dunham **Austin Evans** Robert Farnum Meleiza Figueroa Michael Fischella

Matthew Fuller Brian Garcia* Jesse Gebauer Megan Gosch Kevin Grisham Elisabeth Haggard

Maranda Hamilton

David Hassenzahl Holly Hay Kate Hayes

Mark Hedlund Jeffrey Jenkins **Bethany Johnson** Scott Kelley Cameron Krek Henry Krichbaum Jennifer Elizabeth Kusler*

Brendan Lawrence Naomi Lazarus Lindsev Legaspi Michael Lemmon Jake Letofsky Haifeng (Felix) Liao

Jing Liu Catalina Llanos Kyle Loewen Sasha Lower

Sheryl Luzzader-Beach* Alexander Lyon Corinne Mcclenahan Klaus Meyer-Arendt

Lidia Mezei Helen Mino Faukner Annamarie Morach Leora Nanus Avishesh Neupane

Sandra Nichols* Dean Olson Nancy Orr Asher Patel Juan Perez

Kati Perry

James Newman

John Phillips Robert F. Pierce* Lorne Platt Richard Price Birendra Rana

Sasha Pesci

Elizabeth Ridder Mark Roberts Marcella Rose Jonathan Rossiter* Noelle Ruggieri Tom Sanchez

Mathew Schmidtlein*

Jeff Schwein Daniel Scollon* Elisabeth Sedano **Kevin Sinnott** Michael Strong Zachary Sugg* Chelsea Teale Zachery Thill* Arielle Tolchin E. Jamie Trammell* James Walker Jason Ward Kylie Warne Maya Weeks

James(Jim) Wickes* Antoinette WinklerPrins Micah Wright

Gregory Weisberg*

Raman Zamanian

Special Funds Contributions

Since the Spring 2017 listing \$665 in new contributions have come to our Special Funds, as follows: \$70 to the Women's Network Travel Grant fund, \$70 to the Larry Ford Fieldwork Scholarship in Cultural Geography fund, \$500 to the Latina/o American Travel Scholarship fund, and \$25 to the African Descent Student Travel Scholarship fund. Thanks to the following for their support:

Mel Aamodt Jessie H. Clark James W. Harrington, Jr. William A. Koelsch Alison McNally James (Jim) Wickes

Members

Eugene Hoerauf Scholarship

We have received \$6,200 in donations for a new scholarship, honoring Eugene Hoerauf at Western Washington University for his years of help with maps, map making, and GIS. The scholarship is intended to help cover the costs for an undergraduate or graduate student focusing on Cartography and/or GIS to attend our annual meeting. The goal is to raise \$25,000 and have the scholarship be self-sustaining. Application details are on our apcgweb.org site. Contributors to date, including two former APCG members and the widow of a third, are:

Paige Andrew

Kathryn Utter Batchelor

Chris Behee
Roland Behee
Janet Collins
Ron Cubellis
Philip M Everson
Stefan Freelan
Carole Hoerauf
Tim Hostetter

Peter K House

Darcy Jones

James Loucky

Mary Jill Miller

Debnath Mookherjee
Merrie O'Meara
Joseph Roubal
Alice Ruby
Bruce Sarjeant
Barta Scott
Suzanne Shull
James L Talbot
Daniel Taylor
Lucky Tedrow
Thomas A Terich
Dan Turbeville III
Gerald R. Webster

Special Recognition!

For the ninth year in a row, **Bill Bowen** has covered the cost of the fabulous award banquet dinner for all student first-presenters who applied at the Chico meeting—twenty-one in all, for a total of \$525. Of course Bill and Kathy attended the conference, including the banquet, and plan to repeat in Reno next October, once again assuring that the banquet will be a fun occasion with many students attending.

Speaking of students, I am again pleased to see past recipients of travel grants and presentation awards taking on APCG duties. The new co-chairs of the Women's Network, **Lily House-Peters** and **Kate Sammler**, were student attendees not too many years ago, each receiving multiple travel grants. Both completed their PhDs at Arizona in 2016. Lily now is on the faculty at CSU Long Beach, Kate at CSU Martime. Our new Vice President, **Brian Pompeii**, received a travel grant and President's Award in 2008 at the Fairbanks meeting, and travel grants in 2011 and 2014. His PhD is from Arizona State (2014) and he is now at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Did you know the APCG has a **Registered Agent**? It's a requirement of our non-profit incorporation in Washington. She is **Aquila Flower**, recipient of at least ten travel grant and presentation award checks going back to 2009 (San Diego meeting). Her PhD (2013) is from Oregon and she's at Western Washington University now. In fact, I've just received an email from her saying they are willing to host the APCG in 2019, which will be fabulous. She's also a new mom—congratulations!

Thanks once again to **Robert** and **Bobbé Christopherson** for funding their two GeoSystems awards, first presented at the Olympia meeting in 2012. The awards are \$500 each, but just for good measure I received a check from Robert recently for \$1,100. They were unable to attend the Chico meeting (Chico is Robert's Alma Mater), being instead in Hawaii checking out the new magma dynamics on the Big Island.

Finally, thanks to **Mark Stemen, Dean Fairbanks** and their **Chico colleagues** who hosted our excellent Annual Meeting, including the finest banquet meal ever. A few bills are yet to be paid, but they will turn a goodly profit over to us when it is all settled.

-Bob Richardson

In Memoriam

Clyde Perry Patton 1923-2017 Emeritus Professor Department of Geography University of Oregon

Clyde was born in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, on Bastille Day (July 14), 1923, and grew up speaking English, French, and German— Alsatian too. They moved back to the US in 1935 (his father was from California, mother from Alsace), lived in New York for a year or two, and were living in Berkeley by the 1940 Census. As an undergrad at Cal, before being drafted, Clyde had taken Japanese. The Army quickly recognized his linguistic skills and sent him to the Intensive Japanese Language School in Ann Arbor. Shortly before VJ Day he was sent overseas to the Philippines, then to Tokyo during the occupation. After the war he returned to Berkeley on the GI Bill, earning his BS (in 1948—Phi Beta Kappa), MA ('50), and PhD ('53) from UC. His dissertation, "Climatology of Summer Fogs in the San Francisco Bay Area," was done under John Leighly, and he published multiple papers on climate themes. He was Vice President of the APCG in 1966-67, serving as master of ceremonies at the Chico meeting that year (my first!), the banquet being held at Richardson Springs Resort (no relation). As APCG President the following year he gave his Presidential Address in Bellingham, "The Origins and Diffusions of the European Universities." His intellect was phenomenal, easily encompassing topics in physical and cultural geography. His first teaching position after Berkeley was at Syracuse, which he didn't particularly like. In 1958 he moved to Oregon, happily abandoning his snow shovel (only to find he now needed one to stoke their sawdust-fired furnace) where he remained until retiring. I immediately took to him upon arriving in Eugene in 1966, TA'd for him, and did my dissertation on a climate topic under his direction. He treated me and the other grad students as colleagues, which was wonderfully encouraging. As his colleague Al Urquhart wrote, "I know that many of you remember Clyde fondly for his wit, intelligence, and his warm embrace of friends and students." After retiring from Oregon, Clyde moved to New York City (Kew Gardens area, near PS-99 where he'd been a student for a time) and taught a course for many years at Hunter College. They awarded him their Anastasia Van Burkalow Award for Distinguished Service, in 2003. He also led tours at The Museum of Natural History, surprising the many Japanese tourists with his ability to speak their language. I'll always regret not making a trip to New York specifically to visit with Clyde for a few days. He was fascinating to listen to, incomparably witty, a loyal friend always, and totally remarkable.

—Bob Richardson

Conrad Joseph Bahre 1942-2017

Emeritus Professor Department of Land, Air and Water Resources University of California, Davis

Conrad was born (June 8, 1942) in Indianapolis, IN. He attended Verde Valley School in Sedona, AZ, where he was introduced to the arid landscape. He pursued an undergraduate degree at Indiana University, but he returned to Arizona for his master's degree in geography at the University of Arizona. Conrad's Master's thesis in 1967 examined historic changes in the Seri Indians of Sonora. He moved to the Geography Department at the University of California, Riverside for his doctorate to work with Homer Aschmann and continue his focus on arid landscapes. His Ph.D. dissertation, examining the human transformation of the natural vegetation of Coquimbo Province, Chile, was completed in 1974 and published in 1979. He joined the Department of Geography at the University of California, Davis in the fall of 1975. Conrad taught cultural geography, arid lands, cartography, and remote sensing. He enthusiastically pursued expanding the cartography and remote sensing facilities at UCD, and he devoted several summers to acquiring skills that equipped him to provide advanced instruction in these techniques. His research focus throughout his career was on the effects of historic land use on the landscape with a regional emphasis on southern Arizona. Among Conrad's numerous publications, his A Legacy of Change, published in 1991, was considered a major contribution to understanding vegetation change in southeastern Arizona. Conrad's passion for field research never declined and was evident in his publications, several of which appeared in the APCG Yearbook. He was a loyal friend and a gracious host for frequent gatherings of colleagues and students. He was a gourmet cook at home, on research expeditions, and on hunting and fishing outings. In 1996, Conrad moved to the soils and biogeochemistry program in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources at UCD where he continued his teaching and research until he retired in 2004. He returned to Tucson to enjoy retirement, to be close to the Arizona landscape he loved, and to be near his many friends and former colleagues in the Tucson area.

----Marlyn L. Shelton

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