

Duties & Responsibilities of the Regional Councillor

The Regional Councillor serves a term of three years, beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. The Councillor is expected to perform the following duties:

1. Attend Two Council Meetings Each Year

One meeting takes place at the annual AAG conference and the other rotates among the regional divisions (coinciding with an annual meeting) and the AAG headquarters in Washington, D.C. AAG pays for expenses associated with meals and lodging to both meetings, and in addition pays travel costs to the rotating meeting. It is assumed members will be attending the AAG conference, so travel is not covered for this council meeting, and food & lodging are covered only for the days of the council meeting (generally before the conference begins).

2. Report on the Status of Departments in the Region

Regional Councillors are asked to report on the status of departments within their region at every Council meeting. Reports are brief (less than five minutes) and are typically given orally. Problems that departments are experiencing can be brought to the attention of Council, and early intervention strategies can be suggested. Good news concerning growth in geography departments and the creation of new geography programs is also welcomed. Some regional divisions have state representatives who survey programs in the state and provide important information to the Regional Councillor. APCG does not. Councillors may want to contact the President of their division for help with the report. Councillors can also get an email list of department chairs in the APCG region from the AAG, and query all the chairs before a meeting.

3. Report Back to the APCG and Attend APCG Meetings

Urgent information from Council meetings should be communicated directly to the President (and Treasurer and Vice President if necessary). In addition, at least two formal reports should be prepared each year: a fairly succinct summary of key AAG messages, directives, and news affecting APCG members for the *Pacifica* (coordinate with editor – may want two reports/year), and a more detailed report (oral is fine, 5-10 mins. plus any discussion) at the APCG Business meeting.