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AAG REMOTE SENSING SPECIALTY GROUP

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1. Nominations of the 1983-84 Remote Sensing Specialty Group

Slate of nominees for the positions of vice chairperson, director (non-student) and director (student) was developed by a nominations committee comprised of John Jensen (chairperson), Jack Estes, and Robert Holz. The February issue of the RSSG Newsletter indicated that nominations from the membership at large could be made if the guidelines published in that newsletter were followed. Through these mechanisms the following slate of nominations for officers in the Remote Sensing Specialty Group are:

Vice Chairperson: The person elected to this office in 1983-84 will become the chairperson at the RSSG at the April meeting of the AAG in 1984.

Merrill Ridd. Professor of Geography and Director of the Center for Remote Sensing and Cartography, University of Utah. Ph.D. in Geography specializing in remote sensing and cartography from Northwestern University (1963).

Donald Rundquist: Research Scientist, Conservation and Survey Division/Remote Sensing Center, University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Ph.D. in Geography specializing in remote sensing and land use from the University of Nebraska/Lincoln (1977).

Steven Walsh. Associate Professor of Geography, Oklahoma State University. Ph.D. in Geography specializing in remote sensing and resource geography from Oregon State University (1977).

Director (Non-Student)

John Harrington Jr. Assistant Professor of Geography, University of Oklahoma. Ph.D. in Geography specializing in climatology, biogeography and remote sensing from Michigan State University (1980).

Roland Mower. Professor of Geography, University of North Dakota. Ph.D. in Geography specializing in remote sensing and land use from the University of Kansas (1971).

Larry Tinney. Research Scientist in the Geography Remote Sensing Unit at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Director (Student)

John Cotter. M.A. in Geography from SUNY-Buffalo (1977). Currently he is in the Ph.D. program at the University of Texas. Major areas of interest include remote sensing, cartography and medical geography.

Steven Dicks. M.A. in Geography from the University of Florida (1982). Currently he is in the Ph.D. program at the University of Florida. Major areas of interest include remote sensing and physical geography.

Michael Hodgson. He currently is working on an M.A. in Geography at the University of South Carolina. A major area of interest is remote sensing applications.

Please fill out a copy of the following ballot and send it to:

Dr. John Jensen
Chairman, Nominations Committee
Department of Geography
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Please vote for one person only in each position:

Vice Chairperson:

Merrill Ridd _____
Donald Rundquist _____
Steven Walsh _____

Director (Non-Student)

John Harrington, Jr. _____
Roland Mower _____
Larry Tinney _____

Director (Student)

John Cotter _____
Steven Dicks _____
Michael Hodgson _____

All official ballots must be received by April 22, 1983. The chairperson of the Nominations Committee will report on the vote at the Remote Sensing Specialty Group business meeting held at 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 25 in the GOLD ROOM.

2. February Newsletter

Many of you will receive the February RSSG Newsletter with this one. Due to a mix-up, an old mailing list was used to send out the February newsletter and your name may have been omitted. Sorry.

3. Remote Sensing Specialty Group (RSSG) Business Meeting-Denver

The AAG has provided a room for the RSSG business meeting in Denver. Unfortunately only 40 minutes has been reserved for this meeting which will be held at 5:00 p.m.-5:40 p.m. Monday in the GOLD ROOM. This will be the RSSG official meeting, but we will acquire additional space to conduct informal discussions on Monday evening.

We strongly encourage all RSSG member to attend the formal business meeting. This meeting, albeit brief will have the following items on the agenda.

1. Election results
2. Committee Chairpersons reports
3. Treasurer's report
4. Chairperson's comments about current and future plans for RSSG (identification of goals and needs).
5. Chairperson's comments about 1982-83 RSSM activities
6. Voting on selected RSSG proposals

At this meeting there will be an opportunity for persons to indicate an interest in serving on RSSG committees for 1983-84. Also, plans/schedule (probably via an "open house" Monday evening) for informal discussions about remote sensing and RSSG activities at the Denver meeting will be announced at the business meeting.

4. Selected Items for RSSG Consideration

At the Denver meetings various aspects of the RSSG and remote sensing in general will be discussed formally and informally. Some of the topics of discussion are indicated below. All RSSG members are invited to suggest other topics of interest/concern and to make suggestions/comments about the topics below and others that are suggested.

1. Procedures (e.g. write in nominations) for future RSSG election of officers.
2. Types and mechanisms for giving awards for outstanding work in remote sensing (papers, reports, etc).
3. Feasibility of RSSG sponsored publications (if feasible what is the nature of the content/format).
4. Election of the RSSG chairperson for two years instead of one year.
5. Role of the RSSG in developing, coordinating and submitting proposals to NSF, etc.
6. Role of the RSSG in: promoting the sharing of remote sensing facilities/data between universities; assisting in sabbatical/leave exchanges between remote sensing people at different universities/laboratories; and promoting joint remote sensing research between universities.
7. Develop methods which will promote better coordination of remote sensing activities (paper session, poster sessions, workshops, and field trips) by the RSSG and under the banner of the RSSG.
8. Discuss the feasibility of a RSSG lecture board which can assist universities in acquiring good lectures on designated remote sensing topics.
9. Discuss the role of the student director of the RSSG and provide insight into how his/her responsibilities can best be met.
10. Develop and disseminate instructional thematic slide sets that have a narrower focus and greater depth than existing available sets.

5. Remote Sensing Activities in Denver

There are ten or eleven separate activities planned for Denver - 4 paper sessions, 2 poster sessions, 2 workshops, one field trip, the specialty group business meeting and probably a remote sensing 'open house' following the business meeting. The following is a chronological summary of these activities:

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd

1-5 pm and 7-9 pm	Gold Room	Workshop #2	- The Use of Landsat in Regional Analysis
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SUNDAY, APRIL 24th

8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Gold Room	Workshop #4	- Applied Remote Sensing
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MONDAY, APRIL 25th

8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Gold Room	Field Trip #9	- Boulder and Environmental Management
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8:00 am - 11:40 am	Vail Room	Poster Session	- Remote Sensing Applications using Data Enhancement
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5:00 pm - 5:40 pm	Gold Room	Business Meeting	- Remote Sensing Specialty Group
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planned for evening	not yet known	Open House	- Remote Sensing Specialty Group
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TUESDAY, APRIL 26th

10:00 am - 11:40 am	Gold Room	Paper Session o	- Remote Sensing of Rural Environment Features
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1:00 pm - 2:40 pm	Gold Room	Paper Session n	- Remote Sensing
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3:00 pm - 4:40 pm	Gold Room	Paper Session n	- Remote Sensing
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th

8:00 am - 11:40 am	Vail Room	Poster Session V	- Cartography and Remote Sensing
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3:00 pm - 4:40 pm	Gold Room	Paper Session m	- Remote Sensing as a Basis for Regional Studies in China
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Details of the sessions can be found in the program. Details of the open house will be available at the business meeting, or contact an RSSG committee member. As of April 4th both workshops were full, with waiting lists. The field trip still had a few openings.