



National Council for Geographic Education
Report to GENIP
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1. Under the direction of President Kenneth Foote, NCGE will launch an initiative to work more closely with University and College faculty members. NCGE will work with the Southwest Division of the AAG to sponsor NCGE sessions at the regional meeting in Oklahoma City, OK in October 2006.
2. The final report from the GeoSpatial Conference held in August 2005 will be available soon. Osa Brand is preparing the report.
3. NCGE will proceed with the one-year NASA grant to develop curriculum materials for elementary students.
4. Ben Smith, Special Publications Editor, has announced that a new publication on Islam and the Middle East is forthcoming in 2006.
5. The annual conference will be held in Lake Tahoe, October 5-8, 2006. **PLEASE NOTE:** the meeting will begin on a Thursday this year and end mid-day on Sunday. This change is in response to teachers' requests so that they do not have to have as many days away from the classroom.
6. Thanks to funding received from GENIP, two participants were able to attend the NCGE AP Human Geography workshop in July 2005. The summer 2006 workshop will be held in Baltimore, Maryland under the direction of Sari Bennett. Please contact Sari Bennett or Michal LeVasseur if you know of teachers who would be interested in attending.

Request: NCGE would like to request potential funding from GENIP to support the travel of participants to the 2006 AP Human Geography Workshop, if participants have no other source of funding. In 2005, GENIP approved the support of up to 10 attendees at \$300.00 maximum each. Two teachers were awarded a total of \$400.00 in 2005 to support travel.

7. NCGE seeks proposals for a new home for the central office and a new executive director. The new executive director would assume office July 1, 2007. Please see the attached announcement.

Respectfully submitted,
Michal L. LeVasseur, Executive Director

NCGE Seeks New Home, Director in 2007

NCGE is seeking a new home for its central office and a new executive director. The current contract naming Jacksonville State University as the National Council for Geographic Education Central Office location, including Michal LeVasseur as executive director, will conclude on June 30, 2007. Dr. LeVasseur will step down as executive director of NCGE at the conclusion of her five-year term of exemplary service.

The NCGE Executive Planning Board has appointed a Central Office Relocation Task Force to solicit applications and to recommend a new Central Office location and executive director to the board. The task force is chaired by NCGE Past President Robert W. Morrill. Letters of intent (or interest) should be directed to him at the address below by May 1, 2006.

Institutions and departments interested in serving as the site of the NCGE Central Office are invited to apply for consideration. Letters of application should include information on support (e.g. release time for an executive director, staff support, and adequate office space for the office staff); why the applying institution would be a suitable site for the Central Office; qualifications of the candidates for executive director and, if possible, the associate director (including a statement of philosophy on how they would see their roles relative to interaction with the Executive Planning Board); a vision statement on how the applying institution sees the NCGE Central Office operating over the next five years (including the Office's role and vision for facilitating further growth of the organization); and other related support documentation.

In addition to Morrill, members of the task force include Bob Bednarz, Osa Brand, Teresa Bulman and Mark Bockenbauer. Potential applications are encouraged to contact the committee if they have questions about preparing proposals. For information on current NCGE budgetary commitments to its Central Office at Jacksonville State University, please e-mail Michal LeVasseur at levasseur@jsu.edu.

Final applications are due by September 1, 2006, and should be submitted to Robert W. Morrill, 238 Cox Landing Road, Topping, VA 23169, phone 540-552-7285, e-mail: Morrill@vt.edu.