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President's Message

Hello, my name is Doug Beach and I am the newly elected president of the Southern Gerontological Society. It is indeed a pleasure and privilege to serve in this capacity.

Before I discuss the goals of my administration, I would like to thank the last three presidents, Dr. Richard Tucker, Ms. Sue Maxwell, and Dr. Lennie Poon, for leaving the organization in such good shape. Our membership numbers have stabilized and we are in the black financially. Well done.

There are still many challenges ahead. Even though our membership is up and stable, it is still not where we wish it to be. As one of the premier organizations providing a forum to blend top notch academic research with innovative practitioners in the field, our message does not always get to these fields nor to the halls of academia. Many purely academic associations would benefit from our access to practitioners, whereas many practitioner organizations would benefit from our access to academia. So, in building our membership, we need to stress that good applied research is dependent upon ready access to the field, and good programs must be built on a foundation of first-rate academic research. Clearly, my challenge and yours is to hone this message. Once we do, the membership will follow.

Our second challenge is to stabilize the administration of SGS. Dr. Tucker, Ms. Maxwell, and Dr. Poon have done an exceptional job, with our administrative assistant Lora Gage, over the last 3-4 years. Nevertheless, as we grow and become more visible, how we perform our core functions must be examined. It is my intention to examine these issues and make necessary recommendations to the Board of Directors. At the end of our first 25 years, I welcome the opportunity to begin building the next 25 years.

In closing, I hope to see and meet all of you at the annual meeting in Orlando from March 30 to April 2, 2005.

E. Douglas Beach, Ph.D.

A Successful 25th Anniversary Meeting

Our 25th Anniversary came and gone. A good time was had by all. This was very evidenced by the pictures taken at the celebration, and we hope you had a chance to view and download the pictures at <http://www.geron.uga.edu/2004conferencealbums.html> to enhance your memory of the celebration. Congratulations to Kevin Lomax and Jan Kauffman for organizing and planning the meeting.

Two hundred and thirty colleagues participated in the celebration, including 45 students. It was the first time in the history of SGS that a strong student component, the 15th Annual Student Mentoring Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics, was included. Altogether, our anniversary celebration included 12 invited anniversary and presidential symposia, 62 submitted SGS presentations representing participation from 38 academic institutions and 14 non-academic institutions. At the Student Conference, there were 36 submitted student presentations from 19 different institutions.

Many former SGS presidents organized and participated in the scientific programs. The meeting formally installed the first two named awards of the society: The Rhoda Jennings Distinguished Older Advocate Award, which was won by Dr. David Levine from the University of Georgia, and the Gordon Streib Academic Gerontologist Award, which was won by Dr. Karen Roberto.

The President's Award was given to Bill Hendrick, a reporter/writer from the Atlanta Journal Constitutions. The Applied Gerontologist Award was given to Dr. Jan Kauffman, and the Best Practice Award was conferred to the Athens Community Council on Aging for their creative and innovative delivery of services to elders in the Athens area.

Finally, I am happy to report that the financial health of the Society is in solid footing. Members of the Board of Directors are working to increase and retain membership. I am looking forward to our next meeting at Orlando under the leadership of Doug Beach, our president, and Dick Tucker, a veteran in organizing innovative programs.

Again, it has been my pleasure to serve the Society as president the past year.

Leonard W. Poon

SGS 2004 Awards

2004 Best Practices Award: Athens (Georgia) Community Council on Aging

For its leadership and vision in the aging network in improving the quality of life of older adults this year's award goes to the Athens Community Council on Aging. Established in 1967 by community leaders concerned about the unmet needs of older persons in Northeast Georgia, this program now annually serves more than 8,000 people in five counties with a comprehensive array of federal, state and locally funded programs representing the best of what the aging network can provide.

2004 Applied Gerontologist Award: Dr. Janice King Kauffman

For her sustained record of leadership in the field of aging and within SGS, including her development of innovative programs, the Applied Gerontologist Award was presented to Dr. Janice King Kauffman of the Aging Services Division, Atlanta Regional Commission. Jan has been a longtime SGS member, a member of the SGS Board of Directors and a key participant in the planning for this year's 25th Anniversary Meeting. For the past seven years, she has been the Coordinator, Outreach & Special Projects at the Atlanta Regional Commission. This followed her work as an academic gerontologist for 10 years. Under Bill Massey, Past President and past recipient of this award, she worked in the "real world" as a case manager in public housing, and it was Bill who referred Jan to the AAA here in Atlanta. In Jan's own words, "being part of Atlanta's AAA has been the most professionally challenging and stimulating job I've ever had."

2004 Rhoda Jennings Distinguished Older Advocate Award: Dr. David Levine

The Rhoda Jennings Older Advocate Award is being presented to a pioneer in geriatric social work who concluded his long academic career at the University of Georgia in 1990 as Professor Emeritus. He has as long a history of older adult advocacy as Rhoda Jennings. For more than 50 years, he served as a volunteer ombudsman and a long term care ombudsman in the Athens Georgia area. He volunteered among nursing home residents, family members and long term care staff to resolve differences, issues and potential abuses. He provided training to long term care facility staff as well as to resolve issues among facility residents. His voluntary contributions are legendary. Thus it is fitting for SGS to recognize his long-term contributions. And if Rhoda were here with us, she would have been proud for this first named award to go to Dr. David Levine.

***2004 Gordon Streib Distinguished Academic Gerontologist Award:
Dr. Karen Roberto.***

This award is presented to an SGS member at an academic institution who has a record of teaching and scholarly activities that have contributed to the quality of life of older people, and who has made significant contributions to SGS. Our awardee came to the SGS region in 1996 after four years at her Texas Tech alma mater and 12 yrs. at the University of Northern Colorado. She is Professor of Human Development and Director for the Center on Gerontology, Virginia Tech. Nominated for the award by three former recipients of the Academic Gerontologist Award, she has been recognized for both her excellence in teaching and research as a fellow of both GSA and AGHE. Her research areas cover Older Women and Osteoporosis, Family Patterns of Older Adults, Family Relations and Caregiving, Formal Support Networks of Older Adults and Rural Aging. She has received numerous grants, and just since coming to the SGS region in 1996, has over 35 journal articles, several books and numerous book chapters and over 70 presentations. Fortunately for SGS, she has been a regular presenter at our annual meetings. And SGS has also benefited from her expertise and wisdom as a member of the Board of Directors since 1998. With the very fitting assistance of Dr. Gordon Streib, SGS presented the 2004 Gordon Streib Academic Gerontologist Award to Dr. Karen Roberto.

2004 SGS Student Paper Awards

At the 25th Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 1-4th, four students were recognized for their outstanding contribution. The Student Paper Awards were established to nurture the future of our profession. They are presented to students who are enrolled in academic programs with an emphasis in gerontology who are first or sole author of a presentation at the meeting and who submit their full manuscripts for review. This year we presented four awards, a first place, two tied for second place and a third place award.

First place award (\$250): Denise Lewis of the University of Kentucky for “Rural Environments and Social Networks: Aging in the ‘Best Place’”.

Second place award – TIE (\$100):

Meldrena Chapin of the Architecture and Aging Program at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee for “The Social and Architectural History of Long Term Care: Exploring the Hidden Program and the Roots of Crisis in Long Term Care”.

Stacey Grant of the Architecture and Aging Program at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee for “Reconsidering Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC’s)”.

Third place award (\$50): Michelle Lague of the State University of West Georgia whose paper was entitled “Equine Assisted Therapy for Seniors”.

A special “THANK YOU” to all our sponsors, exhibitors, advertisers, and donors! Without your contributions the 25th Anniversary Meeting would not have reached such a magnitude. SGS would also like to extend our gratitude to Leonard Poon, President; Kevin Lomax, and Jan Kauffman, Program Co-chairs; members of the program committee; and members of the UGA staff (Emily Bower, Carolyn Walsh, Bonnie Brinegar, and Marie Durden) for organizing and executing a successful 25th Anniversary Meeting.

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SGS Membership: What's In It For You and How Do You Join?

SGS Annual Conference & Meeting: Leadership & Professional Networking

Publications: The Journal of Applied Gerontology, The Southern Gerontologist Newsletter, The SGS Membership Directory

Student privileges: Membership discount, Conference registration discount, Networking & Leadership opportunities

For more information contact **Sue Maxwell**, (sue.maxwell@leememorial.org) Membership Chair. She will gladly send you an application and information. Don't miss the opportunity to become a member of a group of the South's most respected gerontology professionals.

JOIN TODAY!

Welcome to New Members

Amy E. Cavender Laura F. Haynie Andrea C. Reese Jane Roberts Angela Marketa Redwine Leland M. Coxe Edgar L. Thompson LaVona Traywick Carole A. Wilson James L. Schwar Laura Stephenson Elizabeth J. Bergman Sarah D. Richie Katherine Leith Jacquelyn J. Lee Carolyn Wilken Anna H. Stillman Laurel Epps Gloria Yates Jeanette Jennings Stacey Grant Gerald S. Charness Roslyn K. Rudolph Karen C. Frank	Elaine Cress Joan Turner Mary F. Macomber Leigh Wade Kathy Jo Ellison Sharon Rogers Susan Fisher Lori A. Harris Sharon L. Croft Dan Gasparrini Robert Visk Ann E. Darby Scott W. Arnett Kimberly Jordan Kimberly Greenwood Richard St. Pierre April Walton Irene L. Letrero Tarsha Wilkinson Susan G. Adkins Deborah Crandall Barbara Pratt Joann F. Maslin Bradley Brady	Spike Gram Johannah L. Uriri Janice L. Fordyce David L. Sadowski, Sr. Keith Dooley Eleanor Helms Nora Ann Ziemba Marguente A. Linteau Lourdes Martinez Jill Jackson Ledford Tammy F. Ziemba Chris Johnson Audrey J. Kemp Dreama Westbrook Keith A. Gnagey M. Jean Turner Nicole L. Sullender Tracy L. Ford Kathleen Bogolea Fran Fuller Tony Locklear Lois Hood Deni A. Fholer Janice D. Wise
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SGS Member News

Bob McKinlay, MPS has entered the University of Florida's Certificate in Geriatric Care Management Program and plans to practice on Orchid Island, Florida

Joan B. Wood, PhD, Director of the Northern California Geriatric Education Center and Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, was recently elected to a two-year term on the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

The Mountain Laurel Cancer Resource and Support Center, a program of Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc., (Executive Director: **Marilyn Pace Maxwell**) was recently awarded the prestigious HOPE Award at the Inter-Cultural Cancer Council's (ICC) Ninth Biennium Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer. Another program of Maxwell's Mountain Empire Older Citizens – Pharmacy Connect of Southwest Virginia, was selected by the Ohio Valley Appalachian Regional Geriatric Education Center as one of four "Best Care Practices" in long term care. The award was presented at the University of Kentucky Annual Summer Series on Aging, June 13-16.

Tarsha Wilkinson will be graduating from Winston Salem State University with a B.A. in Gerontology. She will be graduating Cum Laude and as an inducted member of Pi Gamma Mu, the Social Sciences Honor Society.

Ed Lucas, a consulting gerontologist, and President of the North Area Council on Aging for Fulton County, GA has been elected to the Georgia Gerontology Society's Board of Directors.

Carol A. Roth, LCSW, Vice-President of ACE Care Services, Inc. announces ACE Care Services has moved offices to 16107 North Florida Avenue, Lutz, Florida 33549, 813-389-9563. ACE provides in home services, care management and financial services to senior citizens.

Sue Maxwell, Gerontology Business Leader at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers received a 'Best Demonstrated Practice' Award for Senior Affinity programs from Catalyst, Inc., the premier organization for hospital senior programs across the US.

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Southern Gerontological Society Bylaws Committee Report

2004 Changes to Bylaws and Policy & Procedures

The following changes to the SGS Bylaws were approved at the April 2004 Business Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society. Where necessary, the Policy & Procedures Manual will be updated to remain consistent with the Bylaws. These changes are in reference to the April 2001 version of the Bylaws and the April 2000 version of the Policy & Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 (Membership)

Change "Individual Member" to "Regular Member." (Rationale: to be consistent with other professional associations, e.g., GSA.)

ARTICLE IX, SECTION II (Nominating Committee)

Change "Two (2) members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected for a term of one year." to "Two (2) members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected, one per year, for a term of two years." (Rationale: to provide some continuity on the committee from one year to the next.)

ARTICLE IX, SECTION II (Nominating Committee)

Change "at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting" to "at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting". (Rationale: to be consistent with advance notice requirement for proposed Bylaws changes, allowing both documents to be sent simultaneously to the membership.)

ARTICLE IX, SECTION VIII (Development Committee)

Change "...the immediate Past President and other members appointed by President" to "and the immediate Past President. Other members and the Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President." (Rationale: to allow the President to appoint the Committee Chair; previously there was no specification regarding Chair appointment/selection/election.)

ARTICLE IX, SECTION X (Publications Committee)

Add, as the next-to-last sentence, "Both editors shall serve three-year renewable terms." (Rationale: the term limit formalizes the commitment necessary, allows editors to specify duration of support requested from their home institutions, and allows editors to opt out if desired after a specified period.)

ARTICLE X, SECTION I (Amendments)

In the first sentence, change "written notice to all Members" to "written or electronic notice delivered to each Member". (Rationale: to permit electronic balloting.)

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Add, after the first sentence: "The Board may, at its discretion, conduct an electronic ballot, pursuant to the conditions in the previous sentence, said electronic balloting to be considered as comprising a Special Meeting of the Membership, and those voting to be considered as comprising the Members present at the Special Meeting. The Board shall allow the Membership not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days to respond to an electronic ballot." (Rationale: to specify conditions of electronic balloting consistent with the Bylaws and specify a reasonable time for response by the membership.)

CHANGES TO THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL NOT REFERENCED ABOVE

SECTION II, J (SGS Policy Regarding Awards)

1. The "Print Media Award" shall be renamed the "Media Award."
2. The "Older Advocate Award" shall be renamed the "Rhoda L. Jennings Older Advocate Award."
3. The "Academic Gerontologist Award" shall be renamed the "Gordon F. Streib Academic Gerontologist Award."

Submitted by Ed Rosenberg, Committee Chair, April 7, 2004

CALENDAR

October 17 – 20, 2004

Joint Conference: Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the North Carolina Conference on Aging "Road Trip - Where Will the Journey Take You?" Visit the NCCOA website at www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/ for more information. Deadline for Submission: March 15, 2004

October 25-28, 2004

"Creating the Future of Aging Services: 2004 Annual Meeting & Exposition of the American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging" For more information, call the AAHSA at (202) 508-9434 or visit the website at www.aahsa.org/call

November 19 – 23, 2004

57th Annual Scientific Meeting of the The Gerontological Society of America in Washington D.C. Email geron@geron.org for more information.