2012 Qualitative Research Specialty Group Annual Meeting
New York, New York

Meeting minutes

I. Welcome from Chair, Hilda Kurtz

II. Nominations
   a. Three positions were filled:
      i. Secretary [2012-14]: Tiffany Muller Myrdahl
      ii. Treasurer [2012-14]: Remi Alapo
      iii. Board Member [2012-14]: Melanie Barron

III. Student Research Proposal Competition
   a. This year, 29 proposals were submitted (15 were received in 2011).
   b. Winners of 2012 QRSG Student Research Proposal Competition
      i. Ujjaini Das, University of Georgia, for her PhD project entitled: Confronted with Managing E-Waste in Delhi: Embedding the Developmental State in Environmental Justice Research
      ii. Vanessa Sloan Morgan, Dalhousie University, for her MA project entitled: The Maa-nulth Treaty: Moving beyond Colonial Confines.
   c. For next year’s competition:
      i. Students MUST BE MEMBERS to be awarded the QRSG dissertation proposal award
      ii. Add language in the call for proposals about how to add QRSG membership
      iii. Add explicit language in the call for proposals about incorporating qualitative methods into proposal
   d. Panel judges for 2013 student proposal competition
      i. No one at the meeting volunteered, so a call for judges needs to be circulated.

IV. Session report
   a. 171 sessions sponsored by QRSG. This equals about 10% of all AAG sessions.

V. Revitalize regional meetings
   a. This idea was raised during the Chair’s lunch and the AAG would like feedback about the possibility of pursuing: pairing regional meetings with specialty group concentrations. The idea is that smaller meetings might offer a space for greater –and more focused–discussions.
   b. Creating a constellation of specialty groups at a regional meeting might be a way to pursue this (e.g., Qualitative Research + GIS at the SEDAG meeting). Existing connections may be discerned by considering which groups have done pre-conference meetings together.
   c. Another idea: choose a topic that would bring together researchers with similar interests (e.g., education; children’s geographies; ethics and human rights).

VI. Ideas for next year’s sessions
   a. Best practices in teaching qualitative methods (Hilda)
   b. Method/ology within qualitative GIS (LaDonna)
   c. Qualitative research: Method and Methodology (Meghan Cope?)
d. Author-meets-critics (possibly inviting Jim Tyner?)
e. Positionality within anti-racist research: Reflexivity and racialization (Josh?)
f. Mixed methods
g. Oral histories as qualitative research (Tiffany)

VII. Changes in dues proposed and passed
a. Student dues: Change from $2 to $3
b. Faculty dues: Change from $3 to $4

VIII. Treasurer’s report
a. Distributed $750 in student awards
b. Paid $100 for award banquet tickets

IX. Discussion about newsletter, listserv, social media (Facebook). No action items were determined.

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