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## From the President

I can think of no better time than now, with the transition from the end of 2007 to the beginning of the new year, to express gratitude to all those who have contributed so generously of their time and effort on behalf of the Southern Regional Science Association. And, what is a better time than this to express enthusiasm for what's to come?

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the North American Regional Science meeting in Savannah, GA. Thanks to John Kort and John Sporing for a successful, well coordinated conference. Now we look forward to the SRSA's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and cherry blossom time in Arlington, VA. Thanks in advance to Peter Schaeffer, the 2008 program director and president-elect, for what are sure to be carefully constructed and well-attended sessions and thanks to John Sporing and Santiago Pinto, our co-executive directors.

It has been a humbling experience to serve the SRSA as past program director and current president. I have grown to appreciate deeply the many ways in which all of you have participated in the organization as presenters, discussants, past and present executive board members, fellows, journal editors, and friends. It was especially fulfilling to read the abstracts of young scholars as they begin their careers in regional science and it was equally satisfying to read the masterful research from our experienced membership. I especially enjoy the disciplinary and methodological mix of papers—some theoretical, many empirical, and most policy-oriented—that are typically presented at SRSA.

Inter-disciplinary diversity has the potential to breed intellectual arrogance and division. It is quite an accomplishment that SRSA sessions are collegial and enthusiastic, where supportive exchange of ideas is typical. I encourage all of you to preserve these special qualities of the SRSA. It is inevitable that our intentions sometimes do not come to fruition. Please do your best to ensure that your abstract is a commitment to participating in a session as a presenter and discussant. If a paper must be withdrawn from a session, please contact Peter Schaeffer at least a month in advance. And, please, if you must, cancel your reservations at the Key Bridge Marriott well in advance of the March 2008 meeting. I look forward to seeing long-time acquaintances and meeting new people in DC.



Have a great new year!



## 47th Annual Meetings



Make your hotel reservations now for the 47th Annual Meetings in Washington, DC. SRSA is returning to the Key Bridge Marriott March 27-29, 2008.

We have a special rate of \$179/night plus taxes. Be sure and use the link on the SRSA website to get this special rate.

Also on the website, you will find the link to register for the conference. This year, SRSA moves into the 21st Century with online registration.

Using the NARSC database, everyone will register online (if you have registered for a NARSC Conference in the past couple of years, your information is already in the database, if not, you can create an account on the spot). You can now pay immediately with a credit card (Visa/MC) and then print out a receipt for your records— if necessary, you can mail in a check.

This new online registration will save everyone time and make the registration process more efficient.

A special thanks to Jean-Claude Thill and NARSC for helping make this a reality.

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### Attention exhibitors!

SRSA will have a small exhibit space at the 47th Annual Meetings. If you are interested in displaying your institution, group or product, please contact John Springing ([john.springing@bea.gov](mailto:john.springing@bea.gov)).

### 55th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, 2008

Mark your calendars, and join us in New York, NY for the 55th North American Regional Science Association International Conference.

The conference will be held at The Brooklyn Marriott.

**Thursday, November 20th  
to  
Saturday, November 22nd, 2008.**

Presentations will be scheduled Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon.

For more information, visit [www.narsc.org](http://www.narsc.org).



# Report from the North American Regional Science Council

This year's North American Meetings of the RSAI were held in Savannah, GA. Concerns that this location would not be attractive to conference visitors turned out to have been wrong. Attendance was excellent, comparable to the record attendance in Toronto the year before. The quality of the presentations was very high and the city was also a pleasant and beautiful place to visit.

The North American Regional Science Council met on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. The councilors voted to make the 2007 Walter Isard Award to Brian Berry, University of Texas at Dallas, and to Larry Brown, Ohio State University. Randy Jackson, West Virginia University, was recognized with the David Boyce Award for service to regional science. Some of you may not be aware that for many years Randy has maintained the web pages of the RSAI. This task will now be turned over to a professional office in Great Britain, at the location of the current RSAI headquarters. Randy and the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University will continue to maintain the SRSA web site. Finally, the Hewings Award, which honors an up-and-coming young scholar, went to Gilles Duranton of the University of Toronto.



This item is a follow-up from the report published in Summer 2007. The councilors passed the resolution for NARSC to join with colleagues and regional science associations from Latin America to form the Regional Science Association of the Americas (RSAmericas). NARSC will continue to function as it currently, except that its vote on the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), our global umbrella organization, will be turned over to the RSAmericas. To reflect the changes, the NARSC constitution was revised.

Roger Stough presented a summary of efforts to strengthen regional science world-wide by assisting with the formation of national associations. For example, the PR China already has a large association, but it is not currently affiliated with RSAI, something that both the Chinese colleagues and the RSAI would like to change. The South African RSA is experiencing some stagnation and difficulties, after a promising start a few years ago. Representatives from the RSAI will see what can be done to assist. Roger Stough also informed us that once the RSAI achieves a membership of at least 5,000, it will be recognized by the United Nations as a non-governmental organization to be consulted by UN bodies on policy issues in RSAI's areas of expertise.

Next year's North American meetings will be held on New York on November 20-22, 2008. The New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge is the conference hotel. Bill Anderson is chair of the program committee, and Michael Lahr and Andrew Haughwout are serving as local organization committee co-chairs. The 2009 meetings will be held in San Francisco and the 2010 meetings will be in Denver.

Bruce Newbold was elected as the new NARSC chair and Vernon Henderson as the new NARSC president. The North American representatives to the RSAmericas will be James LeSage, Maureen Kilkenny, Edward Feser, Mario Polèse, and Jean-Claude Thill. Terry Clower was selected by RSAI and ratified by NARSC to serve as North American Editor of the new RSAI journal Regional Science Policy and Practice (RSPP).

Peter Schaeffer, West Virginia University

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