

Monday, Mar. 2, 2026 (7:00 pm EST)
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Agenda review, changes, and approval

3. Review and approval of February 2026 meeting minutes

4. Public comment

Any current member of the Council, including Directors, may speak in relation to an issue of general interest or an item on the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

5. President's Report

Creating a professional geographer [classroom ambassador](#) program for NCGE

6. Announcements/Updates

- a. [Letter](#) to Texas State Board of Education
- b. Committees and work groups - scheduled meetings and work plan development
- c. Responses to Ed Week commentary by Hess: <https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-do-students-still-need-to-learn-geography/2026/01>

7. Old Business

- a. To implement the Board's designation of a grantee under the What Works in Geography Education funding opportunity, funds were disbursed and Grant Agreement 26-01 was established with University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

8. New Business

- a. Awarding of a grant - The Executive Committee recommends that NCGE make one award under the What Works in Geography Education Program based on submissions received in the second submission window that closed January 31. A review panel judged the proposal to have excellent merit.
Proposed motion: The Board approves a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay to support Dr. Kelly León in completing the work described in her proposal 'Enhancing Elementary Students' Understanding of Geographic Interconnection: A Design-Based Study Using Layers of Inference.'
- b. Distribution of reward travel opportunities - Our partners in the Around the World (previously GeoCamp) program have typically set up our deals such that we receive one free trip when selling the minimum amount of tours. This year we have earned one free trip to Morocco, but it was possible that we would have also earned a free trip to the Peruvian Amazon as well. It is recommended that the Board establish a policy determining how any free trips will be distributed.
Proposed motion

9. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee report (President)

- i. The Executive Committee met via Zoom on 2/23/26. In addition to preparing the motion to recommend for action, discussions covered organizing of committee

work, conference planning, the President's proposed initiative, and responding to requests for support from members in Texas regarding proposed changes to state standards.

b. Finance Committee report (Treasurer)

- i. The Finance Committee met via Zoom on 2/23/26. The committee received updates on the alignment of all investments in our LPL accounts to align with Board policy to prioritize ESG considerations, discussed financial and sustainability goals, and began to plan for fundraising campaigns in 2026.
- ii. Year-to-date financial activity is reported here.
- iii. Our current account balances are shown.

c. Publications Committee report (Chair, Kyle T.)

- i. T&F account lead Kaitlyn Shokes met with the journal editors and ED on 2/12 and has produced publishing reports for both journals. Note that the reports are confidential and should not be shared with anyone outside of the Board.
- ii. The committee met on 2/26 to review publishing reports and the publishing agreement in place with Taylor & Francis. The committee identified points for further discussion with T&F representatives during a meeting scheduled for 3/24.

d. Conference Committee report (President)

- i. Proposals received = 55.
- ii. A lecture description and biographical info have been submitted by Johnny Finn, Christopher Newport University, our keynote speaker for mid-day Saturday.

e. Awards Committee report (Pres.-Elect)

- i. The Executive Committee will be serving as the Awards Committee in 2026. Awards nominations are open now (earlier than last year), and we will be calling on all committees and work groups to help identify prospective nominees and nominators.

f. Elections Committee, as needed (Past Pres.)

- i. No meeting.

10. Program Reports

- a. Webinars and Educator Resources (Julie)
 - i. Upcoming webinars: [GIS for Good](#) on 3/4; [Redlining in Omaha and Chicago](#) on 3/18; [Anza Expedition](#) on 3/25
 - ii. Upcoming GeoCircles: [Ripped from the Headlines](#) on 3/17
- b. Journals (Editors or Ed. Board members)
 - i. Journal of Geography, Volume 125, [Issue 1](#) (2026)
 - ii. The Geography Teacher, Volume 23, [Issue 1](#) (2026) special issue on U.S. National Parks and Protected Areas
- c. Around the World
 - i. 2 trips called off - Revolutionary Crossroads, Peruvian Amazon
 - ii. Morocco trip full! (Thanks GEEO)

11. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

- Exec & Finance Committees: Mar. 30 at 7 & 7:45p E / 4 & 4:45p P
- Elections Committee: Mar. 9 at 7:00p E / 4:00p P
- Publications Committee: TBD
- Pre-service Work Group: Mar. 3 at 2:00p E / 11:00a P
- APHG Work Group: Mar. 3 at 7:00p E / 4:00p P
- Partners Work Group: Mar. 4 at 2:00p E / 11:00a P
- Board Meetings for 2026:
(All on Zoom at 7p Eastern / 4p Pacific unless otherwise specified)
 - March 2, 2026
 - April 6, 2026
 - May 4, 2026
 - June 1, 2026
 - July: no meeting
 - August 3, 2026
 - September 7, 2026
 - October 15, 2026 (5-8 pm in Richmond, VA)
 - November 2, 2026
 - December 7, 2026