



**PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
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UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECTION

Agenda

**2015 Meeting of the U.S. National Section
Pan American Institute of Geography and History
SUNY Buffalo State University
Buffalo, NY
March 4 and 5, 2015**

Wednesday, March 4

- 11:00 – 12:00** **Optional U.S. Delegation Lunch**
Buffalo State Campus House
1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222
- 12:00 – 12:30** **Welcoming Remarks**
Cleveland Hall 418
- Bettina Martinez-Hackert, Department of Earth Sciences and Science Education, SUNY Buffalo State University
 - Jorge Bajo Sanchez, Department of Geography, University of Buffalo
 - Meeting Room and Safety Logistics
- 12:30 – 12:45** **Opening Remarks**
- Deirdre Bishop, President, USNS
 - Introductions
 - Overview of Meeting Agenda
 - USNS Updates

- 12:45 – 1:15** **USNS Discussion Items**
- USNS Roster Update – Ally Johnson
 - USNS Annual Report Discussion – Deirdre Bishop/Paul Cooper
 - USNS Membership Recruitment – Paul Cooper
 - To get people involved in recruiting
 - Set our process for getting a person to commit
 - Determining commitment level for a new person
 - USNS Brochure – Paul Cooper

- 1:15 – 2:00** **Remarks from the Secretary General of PAIGH**
- Rodrigo Barriga, PAIGH Secretary General

2:00 – 2:15 **Break**

- 2:15 – 3:00** **Institute Updates**
- Significant Institute Dates and Deadlines – Jean Parcher
 - Cartography Commission Award – Dolly García Jové

- 3:00 – 5:00** **Invited Presentations by USNS Members and Guests**
- Overview of Volunteered Geographic Information – Elizabeth McCartney
 - PAIGH attendance at Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference - Paul Cooper

5:00 **Meeting Adjourns**

6:00 **Delegation Dinner**

Thursday, March 5

9:00 - 9:15 **U.S. Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States - State Department**

- Melissa Kopolow McCall, U.S. Mission to the OAS

9:15 – 10:15 **Review on Status of Approved 2014/2015 Projects**

- 2014 Projects
 - Advanced Degrees in Geoscience (2013 and 2014)– Jorge Bajo Sanchez

- 2015 Projects
 - Network for Geographic Learning – Osvaldo Muñoz-Solari
 - Study of the Santa Ana Volcano in El Salvador – Jorge Bajo Sanchez

10:15 – 11:15 2016 Project Proposals

- Project Proposals Timeline – Deirdre Bishop
- Guidelines for Submitting Proposals Electronically– Patricia Solis
- Presentation on Project Proposals Available for Submission
 - Gulf of Fonseca Project – Paul Cooper
 - Eruption of San Miguel Volcano, El Salvador – Bettina Martinez-Hackert and Jorge Bajo Sanchez
- Brainstorm on Possible Multi-Commission Project Proposals

11:15 – 12:00 Reports by Commission Representatives

- Commission on History – Erick Langer
- Commission on Geophysics – Jorge Bajo Sanchez
- Commission on Geography – David Salisbury/Diana Sinton
- Commission on Cartography – Paul Cooper

**12:00 – 1:45 Informal Lunch Discussion with Buffalo State Professors
Buffalo State Campus House**

1:45 – 2:00 Group Photo

**2:00 – 3:15 Invited Presentations by USNS Members and Guests
Room Change – Cleveland Hall 205**

- Resource Conflict in Perú– David Salisbury

3:15 – 4:00

- History of the Americas – Erick Langer

4:00 – 5:00 Final Recap for Open Discussion

5:00 Meeting Adjourns