

PAIGH U.S. National Section Monthly Meeting – September Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Meeting attendees: Deirdre Bishop, Dana Caccamise, Emily Carlson, Emily Day, Christina Heifferon, Erick Langer, Lidia Lopez, Emilio Lugo, Gustavo Maldonado Davila, Roger Payne, Paul Riley, Sergio Rodriguez, David Salisbury, Tom Sandoval, Corry Shaffer, Charlotte Smith, Tim Trainor, Evan Ward

1. Welcome

- Deirdre Bishop welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Update on the 24th General Assembly and related meetings of PAIGH

- The 24th General Assembly and related meetings will take place October 30-November 4, 2023 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Paul Riley mentioned that the U.S. State Department has approved the delegation for the 24th General Assembly. The U.S. Delegation includes Deirdre Bishop, Paul Riley, Erick Langer, Evan Ward, and Lidia Lopez. The State Department is preparing a diplomatic note to send from the Mission of the Organization of American States (OAS) to PAIGH.
- Christine Heifferon advised that if anybody has any issues or questions about travel and visa requirements to reach out. She confirmed there is a visa requirement for the Dominican Republic if traveling on a diplomatic passport, but no visa requirement if traveling on a personal passport.

Action items: Members of the U.S. Delegation should confirm with Paul Riley whether they are traveling on a diplomatic or personal passport if they have not yet done so. Post meeting note: All delegation members have confirmed how they are traveling, and the appropriate travel guidance has been shared.

3. Vacant USNS Leadership Positions

- Deirdre Bishop announced that due largely to responsibilities at the University of Arizona, Chris Castro will need to resign his position as Geophysics Commission Lead. Deirdre thanked him for his years of service and let him know he's welcome to join the USNS meetings whenever he is free. There is a vacancy for the Lead of the Geophysics Commission.
- With Paul Cooper's retirement, there is a vacancy in the Vice President position.
- Deirdre Bishop asked interested USNS members to reach out to her if interested in serving as either USNS Vice President or as the Geophysics Commission Lead.

Action items: USNS members that are interested in serving as either USNS Vice President or as Geophysics Commission Lead should reach out to Deirdre Bishop.

4. History Commission Presentations

- Dr. Erick Langer presented on "Rethinking the 19th Century Economy in Latin America." See presentation (Rethinking the 19th Century Economy in Latin America.pdf), attached with these meeting notes.
- Dr. Evan Ward gave an oral presentation on "The Internationalization of Caribbean Airports."
- Paul Riley thanked the History Commission for the quality presentations.

5. Walk on Items

- The next USNS monthly meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2023.