

KAGES

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Brief history of your society's affiliation with the KSEA

Korea-America Association for Geospatial and Environmental Sciences (KAGES, <http://www.kages.org/>) established on November 17, 2008. KSEA is a non-profit organization for Korean or Korean-American students, scientists, and professionals in the geospatial-technical, environmental science, and related fields. Dr. Jeong C. Seong at the University of West Georgia was elected as the first president of KAGES in 2009 at the first general meeting. Since 2009, a total of eleven presidents have been elected.

KAGES consists of members (regular, students, sponsor, and honorary members) and the board members (president, vice president, treasurers, three past presidents, and all elected board members including the student board member).

All members of KAGES receive a dual membership with KSEA. The majority of KAGES members have been affiliated with the Georgia Local Chapter of KSEA. KSEA has provided the financial support for hosting the annual general meetings of KAGES and the student paper awards since 2014.

Highlights of notable achievements, events, and relevance to the mission of KSEA and your society

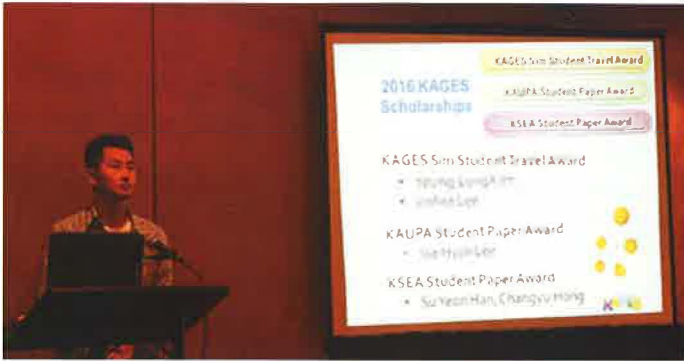
- The mission of KAGES is also aligned with the ones of KSEA as follows:
- Support for students developing their career success through education and research
- Support for members developing research, teaching, and services
- Promoting interactions between Korea and USA in geospatial technology and environmental science fields
- Every year, KAGES has actively recruited new members of KSEA at the general meeting by providing KAGES-KSEA dual membership.
- Every year, KAGES members actively organize and/or participate in academic sessions at the American Association of Geographers (AAG)' Annual Meeting to present their findings to communicate with other researchers from many countries in the world.
- Since the 6th general meeting of KAGES at AAG Annual Meeting held in Tampa, FL in 2014, KAGES has granted scholarships as paper awards to at least 1-2 student members sponsored by KSEA and other organizations and donors.
- KAGES has co-organized a workshop titled, "Controversies in

naming Geographical Features: A Specific Focus on Maritime Names and East Sea" on April 15th, 2010 in Washington DC during the AAG Annual Meeting. Vice President of KAGES, Dr. Jongnam Choi contributed to organizing the workshop significantly. Also, our members, Dr. Hosuk Lee, Dr. Sunhee Sang, and Dr. Hyejin Yoon participated in this workshop as the presenters.

- Dr. Jongnam Choi, as a KAGES member, actively participated in East Sea Workshop Program at the 2015 annual conference of National Council for Geographic Education.
- A few KAGES members, including Dr. Jeong C. Seong at the University of West Georgia attended the US-Korea Conference (UKC) on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship jointly organized by the KSEA and the Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies (KOFST) in the past.
- Since 2018, KAGES started Mentoring Program for KAGES students to support their academic and career success.
- All active KAGES members, as also KSEA members affiliated with the Georgia Local Chapter of KSEA, participate in every annual KSEA online election as well.

Other information including statistics on current and past membership, unique stories of your society and contributions to your local Korean-American and U.S. communities.

- Since KAGES has established in 2009 with a total of 30 members, we continuously have grown. Currently, KAGES has a total of 57 active members in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, including 22 regular members and 35 student members. As KAGES-KSEA dual membership, these all active members are also active members at KSEA.
- KAGES is for a group of scholars and students whose expertise is in geospatial-technical and environmental science fields who work and study in the U.S. and other countries at the national or transnational scale. Each member has contributed to their local Korean-American and U.S. communities in various ways. For example, a few KAGES members are invited from Korea, organized, and contributed to Geographic Information Science (GIS) training to local K-12 teachers. In addition, some KAGES members are actively engaged with environmental management with the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Natural Resources at their local-level as well as the state-level agencies.



2016 KSEA Scholarship at 2016 KAGES general meeting during AAG annual meeting in San Francisco, CA

2017 KSEA Scholarship at 2017 KAGES general meeting during AAG annual meeting in Boston, MA.



2018 KAGES general meeting and its first mentoring program during AAG annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2019 KAGES general meeting during AAG annual meeting in Washington, D.C.