Committee Charge

The Anthropological Communication Committee (ACC) is responsible for reviewing matters concerning intradisciplinary communications, focusing on publications and the AAA Annual Meeting. The committee receives the report of the Annual Meeting Program Chair and reviews manuscripts submitted for the Special Publication series.

Membership

In 2010, the members of the ACC included: T. J. Ferguson (Chair), Lee D. Baker, Charles L. Briggs, Laurie Graham, Hugh Gusterson, Gwendolyn Mikell, and Jason Miller. Ex Officio members of the committee included Virginia Dominquez, Leith Mullings, and Ed Liebow.

Committee Performance in 2010

In 2010, the ACC fulfilled its charge, meeting in person at the Spring meeting and Annual meeting, and conducting phone conferences as needed. The Chair of the committee served as an ex officio member of the Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publication (CFPEP) to monitor advice regarding the AAA publishing program.

Actions during a Conference Call on April 1, 2010

On April 1, 2010, the ACC conducted a telephone conference call to review the Specification Advisory Committee Recommendations about changes in six publications. After discussion these six recommendations were accepted and motion was prepared for action by the EB. These recommendations included approving requests to include as part of the profit-share a supplemental on-line issue of the Journal of Linguistic Anthropology, the cost of an Electronic Editorial Office for Journal of Linguistic Anthropology, and redesign of the cover for the NAPA Bulletin. The ACC decided not to recommend for the EB approval as part of the profit-share requests from the Journal of Linguistic Anthropology and City & Society to increase the number of issues, and a request from the Anthropology of Consciousness to increase their page count. During this phone conference, the ACC also discussed the progress of publishing partner recommendations being prepared by CFPEP.

Activities at the Spring Meeting of the EB

At the Spring meeting, the ACC reviewed the 2011 price recommendations from Wiley-Blackwell, and discussed these in a phone conference with Michelle Sathan and Terri Teleen from Wiley-Blackwell. The ACC prepared a motion for the EB that the 2011 prices for the Wiley-Blackwell online journal subscriptions be increased by 3% from the 2010 prices. The print plus online prices would be 115% of the online only list price.

The ACC also approved a motion to the EB to receive CFPEP report on Editors survey and to accept its recommendations, which included sharing this report with Section leadership and Editors, requesting CFPEP solicit examples of problematic copyediting and discuss these with Wiley-
Blackwell and report findings back to ACC, and asking the AAA Director of Publications to request clearer financial reporting from Wiley-Blackwell.

The ACC discussed the search for a new editor for *American Anthropologist*, and created a selection committee to undertake this search. Laura Graham volunteered to chair the AA editor selection committee, and Lee Baker, Charles Briggs, T. J. Ferguson, and Ed Liebow agreed to serve on the committee. This search committee was tasked to invite further members, in order to seek representation of former editors and the four sub-disciplines.

Other items discussed by the ACC during the Spring meeting included the Arizona immigration law, the annual meeting report from the AAA Director of Meetings, and how to best share information about publishing costs with the membership of the AAA.

**Activities at the Fall Meeting of the EB**

In-coming committee members were welcomed to the ACC, including Ana L. Aparicio, Susan D. Gillespie, Ida S. Susser, and Alisse Waterston.

Laurie Graham discussed the plan of work and actions to date taken by the AAA editor search committee. ACC members were encouraged to help recruit potential editors, and the Director of Publishing was asked to post the call for a new editor to the Executive Board listserv.

The ACC reviewed the CFPEP recommendation on a AAA publishing partner, and approved a motion for action by the EB to (1) seek to renew the publishing contract with Wiley-Blackwell on current or better financial terms and level of service, (2) develop five-year and ten-year plans for the future of electronic and print publications, and (3) charge CFPEP with recommending a process for developing long-range plans, and to monitor the implementation of AAA/publisher agreement.

During the fall meeting, the ACC also discussed the future of the AAA publishing program with the Director of Publications, proposed author agreement revisions, and the annual meeting program chair’s report. The Director of Publications was asked to summarize the recommendations made by the annual meeting chair, and present those to the ACC at the Spring, 2011, meeting.

**Review of “How to Get Published” Manuscript**

The manuscript for an edited volume on “How to Get Published,” prepared by Oona Schmid and Jason Watkins, was received and sent to two peer reviewers for an external review. These reviews were disseminated to the entire ACC after they were received the by Chair, and the manuscript was discussed by the ACC via email. At the Fall meeting of the ACC, the editors of the “How to Get Published” manuscript withdrew the project from consideration as a publication of the AAA, informing the committee that they intend to seek publication in another venue.

**Commendation of AAA Staff**

The ACC would like to commend Oona Schmid and Emilia Guevara their work in supporting the activities of the committee. Their competent professional and administrative abilities facilitated the work of the committee and significantly helped advance the mission of the AAA.