Question 1

Please list your Committee, Commission, or Task Force Objective and Responsibilities as stated in your Group's charge:

ACC is responsible for reviewing matters concerning intradisciplinary communications, focusing on our two major vehicles: 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.

Question 2

Please identify one or more of the AAA Long Range Plan (LRP) 12 main objectives, that your Group is organized to support. Describe your Group's activities and accomplishments/products for the designated period, and how they support the achievement of LRP objectives. Account for any ways in which your Group has fallen short of supporting the achievement of these objectives. Activities of your Group that do not relate to the LRP objectives should also be mentioned and indicated as such.

ACC is organized to support 5 of the 12 objectives in the AAA Long Range Plan (#s 1, 2, 7, 8, 11). ACC’s separate actions and the sum of the committee’s activities combine to indicate enormous support of the 5 objectives in 2012. As detailed below, these actions and activities center around the publications program and its future (including existing journals, *AA*, AnthroSource, the new AAA online-only, public journal *Open Anthropology*, and planning for the future of print and electronic publishing), facilitating access to AAA publications and information about the publications program (FAQ document; use of social media/SIC; *Open Anthropology*); and the Annual Meeting. The following summarizes ACC actions, activities, and accomplishments in 2012.

Specific Actions

January 17, 2012, passed the following resolutions:

1) Building on *AA*’s current policy of encouraging non-English abstracts for research articles, beginning as soon as it is feasible *AA* will require that authors have their abstracts appear in English and Spanish. Authors may provide their own Spanish-language abstract, or *AA* will translate the abstract in question. Authors will still be permitted to have one or two additional abstracts in languages other than English and Spanish. Should authors choose to take advantage of this opportunity, when preparing a third (or third and fourth) non-English, non-Spanish abstract(s), the authors must ensure they conform to length guidelines. In addition, authors will bear all responsibility for the translations. These abstracts will appear in print and in online publications of *AA*, as determined by the Editor-in-Chief.

2) Resolved that Tom Boellstorff (then) *AA* Editor-in-Chief, write an editorial in *American Anthropologist* communicating the rationale behind the new policy that requires authors have their abstracts appear in English and Spanish.

Also, ACC recommended the *AA* Editor-in-Chief include the editorial on the new *AA* policy
in Anthropology News and AN Online.

3) Resolved that the current allocation formula be extended through 2013.

May 18, 2012, passed the following resolutions:

1) ACC recommended to the Executive Board that journal prices for institutional subscribers increase by 6% in 2013.

2) ACC recommended that starting in 2013, the author agreement be modified to eliminate the author share of the permission royalty.

3) ACC recommended the Executive Board accept CFPEP’s recommendation to explore and then implement as a pilot project, an open access digital overlay journal that will draw on current and past articles published by the Association, particularly those of interest to a general public (see Open Anthropology Editor’s Report).

4) Resolved that the ACC/SIC be a permanent subcommittee of the ACC on the use of Social Media, and that ACC/SIC receive an annual report on the use of all AAA social media from the AAA Marketing and Communications Manager.

ACC requests:

1) Information about the elimination of the author share of the permission royalty be posted on the online FAQ document (5/18/2012)

2) AAA Policy on Photographs be added to the FAQ document (5/18/2012)

3) Authorization to create a strategic fund to facilitate planning on the future of publications (5/18/2013)

ACC accepted the following reports:

1) AAA Publishing Department Report from Publishing Director, Oona Schmid (5/18/2012)

2) The 2011 Editor Reports (5/18/2012)

3) The AAA Annual Meetings Department Report from Meetings Director, Jason Watkins (5/18/2012)

4) AA Editor’s Report (11/14/2012)

5) Open Anthropology Editor’s Report (11/14/2012)

6) ACC/SIC Report (11/14/2012)

7) Annual Meeting Program Chair’s Report (11/14/2012)

New Initiatives
1) ACC created the FAQ document for posting on the AAA website ([http://www.aaanet.org/publications/Publications-FAQs.cfm](http://www.aaanet.org/publications/Publications-FAQs.cfm)); (02/2012)

2) ACC established a new subcommittee to make a recommendation regarding a process for prospective sponsor's titles for inclusion in AnthroSource (5/18/2012)

3) ACC Chair Alisse Waterston accepted the position of Editor, *Open Anthropology*, and began work towards a 2013 launch (8/1/2012).

Question 3

Provide plans for the coming year in relation to existing or recommended new goals/activities and relationship to the Objective in the committee, commission, or task force Charge and Long-Range Plan (if not self-evident). Identify if they represent significant changes or elaborations on existing goals, objective activities, charge etc.

The plans for the coming year include continuing to follow through on the actions and activities of the previous year, in particular to working with CFPEP and Section Assembly as relevant, on the future of the publications, planning for that future, and developing specific policy recommendations moving forward. In addition to its ongoing responsibilities with respect to AAA publications, including *AA* and *Open Anthropology*, the annual meeting, and the development of AAA's social media presence, ACC will focus attention on any issues that arise in relation to publications and communications.

Question 4

Identify and upcoming requirements for additional resources and explain how these funds would be used if approved. (Please note that formal requests for funding must be included in the annual budget proposal, to be considered with all other requests.)

In the effort to launch *Open Anthropology*, it has become clear that there are some expenses, however minimal, associated with its development, launch, and maintenance. The greatest expense has to do with the development (and maintenance) of the *Open Anthropology* website. It will be very important to include a budget for costs associated with *Open Anthropology* in the annual budget proposal.

In addition, ACC discussions and findings from the ACC/SIC report indicate that there is need to direct resources to radically improve the AAA website overall. It behooves AAA to include funding for the revamping of the website in its annual budget.

ACC's experience in developing and launching the ACC/SIC online survey also revealed enormous weaknesses in the survey software used by AAA. Considering the number of surveys produced by AAA in its divisions, departments and committees (including CFPEP whose survey research is so important in determining the course of the publications program future), it also behooves AAA to include new budget for more powerful survey software.

Question 5

Do you propose any changes to the Charge (Objective, Responsibilities, or Products/Outcomes) of your Committee, Commission or Task Force? If so, list the proposed changes, the rationale for the change, and additional funding that may be needed.
We do not propose any changes to ACC’s charge.

**Question 6**

**Are there issues you would like raised or recommendations you would like to make to the AAA Executive Board related to the work of your Committee, Commission, or Task Force?**

Please see the resource issues raised in Question 4: The need for 1) funding for *Open Anthropology*; 2) revamping of the AAA website; 3) more powerful survey software as the association for use by all the association's divisions, departments, and committees.