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Question 1

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

Committee Charge

Objectives: This committee reviews association administrative issues, academic and external relations, governance issues, membership benefits, section relations, and financial resources.

Duration of Committee: Permanent

Committee Reports to: The Executive Board

Responsibilities:

- Reviews new section and interest group applications and monitors continuing eligibility and membership numbers;
- Responds to concerns about the structure of the AAA, especially the liaison between sections, committees, and the AAA administration and memberships;
- Five-year review of all standing committees;
- Reviews AAA member dues and benefits;
- Reviews projects and initiatives of the AAA and the financial resources necessary to carry them out;
- Reviews external relations of the association;
- Reviews Association personnel policies that need action by the Executive Board.

Membership and Appointment: Six members of the executive board appointed by the AAA president to include the president or president-elect, secretary, and section assembly convenor.

Product: Written reports to the executive board

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.

Goal: contribute to growth of anthropology as a discipline and profession that unites science, social science, and the humanities.

Goal: help to promote diversity in AAA and the field.

Five-year committee reviews were carried out for the following:
Executive Program Committee (EPC)
Jason Watkins outlined some ways in which the EPC could become more effective in carrying out its work.

Motion passed to recommend that AAA create a task force to review EPC structure, as outlined in the EPC’s report.

Motion passed to recommend reauthorization of EPC for one year.

Anthropological Communications Committee (ACC)
There was discussion of and appreciation for the active work of ACC over the past year.

Motion passed to reauthorize the ACC for five years.

Awards Committee
There was discussion of the hard work and challenges facing this committee.

Motion passed to reauthorize the Awards Committee for five years.

Motion passed to recommend that the new annual meeting task force consider the placement of the awards ceremony on the AAA schedule in order to better promote the awards.

Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing (CFPEP)
CFPEP requested an extension until November, when the review was conducted. There was discussion of the very productive work of this committee.

Motion passed to reauthorize the committee for five years.

Motion passed to recommend that the editor of AA be an ex officio member of CFPEP as long as AA is the AAA’s flagship journal.

Annual Committee and Commission Reports were reviewed for the following:

Committee on Ethics (CoE)
Motion passed to recommend that AAA allocate up to $1,500 to fund a pilot project to review legal proceedings in the defense of anthropologists and their research subjects.

Committee on Labor Relations (CLR)

Finance Committee

Resource Development Committee

Revisions to Standardize Committee Charges were prepared by Kim Baker.
Motion passed to accept the changes.

Revision to the Protocol for Creating New Sections was proposed by AAA legal counsel.
Motion passed to accept the change.

**Revision to Audit Committee Charge** was proposed by staff so that committee members’ terms will be in sync with their terms on other committees.

Motion passed to accept the change.

**SAEC reports were presented:**

Motion passed to reauthorize Soyuz, the Melanesian Interest Group, the Interest Group on NGOs and Non-Profits, and the Music and Sound Group.

Motion passed to recommend approval of the Digital Anthropologies Interest Group.

Motion passed to recommend that the IGAPP become the Association of Policy (ASAP) section.

Discussion of preliminary letter of interest in establishing an Interest Group on Tourism

**Subcommittee on follow-up to the Commission on Race and Racism in Anthropology (CRRA) Report**, received in 2010.

Chaired by Gaby Vargas, the subcommittee’s discussion led to the preparation of an *Anthropology News* article by Ana Aparicio, and formation of a Roundtable for the 2012 AAA conference, organized by Jason Miller and Raymond Codrington (moderated by Florence Babb) and entitled “Who Counts and Who Is Counting?” The roundtable had a high turnout and received very positive feedback. The group agreed that it had fulfilled its mission and that further work would be carried out most appropriately by a AAA Task Force.

Motion passed to recommend formation of a AAA Task Force on Race and Race Relations in Anthropology. [Task Force announced by Pres. Leith Mullings at the November meeting.]

**This Is Anthropology Website**

Jason Miller and his colleagues at USF, along with AAA staff, made substantial progress in designing this website and it was launched in advance of the AAA meetings in November. The hope is that the website will serve a wide public, including prospective students and their parents, of those interested in knowing more about anthropology. The AOC agreed that it will be very important now to maintain the site, to see that it is populated with more profiles of anthropologists, and to encourage its broad use.

**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.

To be determined by incoming chair

**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.)

N/A

**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.

Not at this time

**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?

Not at this time