American Anthropological Association
Committee Annual Report
Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing

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Question 1
Please report on the activities your group undertook during the year. Indicate how these activities correspond to the group’s charge (objectives and responsibilities, provided above). If there has been any shortfall in accomplishing those objectives, please explain.

CFPEP chair and committee members authored an article in the May 2013 Anthropology News, describing findings from the 2012 CFPEP survey and findings from Raym Crow in October 2012.

Committee developed Values statement for long-term oversight of the program and brought in additional section representatives to help author this document.

Committee worked with Raym Crow to develop individual reports for each section's journal, as a response from sections raised at the 2012 Section Assembly.

Committee organized a webinar on other journals that converted to digital, to help section leaders think through such a transition.

Committee requested memos from section leadership, read these, and incorporated this advice into its recommendation to the ACC.

Working group of the committee compared editorial office software and developed recommendation for best means to support editorial offices. This working group also included additional outside assistance.

CFPEP authored a major report with its recommendations for the future of publishing and submitted to ACC for the November agenda, attended the 2013 Section Assembly to answer any questions.

Question 2
Please indicate your group's plans for activities in the coming year. If they represent significant modification or elaboration of the stated objectives and responsibilities, please explain.

CFPEP's major activities will focus on implementing the future plan for the publishing program. This will include:

1. Sponsoring webinars on publishing options for sections.
2. Working with the consultant selected to develop alternative proposals for revising the Willey-Blackwell royalty allocation.
3. Consulting with publishing sections and the AA in developing their sustainability plans.
4. Collaborating with the Publications Director and Section Assembly to create the publishing oversight working group.
5. Consult with publishing sections as they develop their sustainability plans.
6. Work with the Publications Director and consultant to customize open source publishing platform software for AAA.
7. CFPEP will also provide feedback to Willey-Blackwell as they develop the next version of AnthroSource.
8. CFPEP will continue to monitor the experience of Cultural Anthropology with Open Access.

In addition to activities related to the future of the publishing program, CFPEP will also assist in developing language for guidelines for members about publishing predators and will continue to monitor government guidelines and policy regarding access to data and publications generated with government funds.

Question 3
This question refers to any specific tasks or activities in the current Strategic Implementation Plan. They are briefly reported separately so that they can be reviewed by the appropriate staff. If your unit was not assigned any activities in the current SIP, please skip Part II.

Please briefly report on how you have fulfilled, or plan to fulfill, those specific tasks or activities, whether new or ongoing, that appear in the current Strategic Implementation Plan. Please refer to each one by their item number.

As indicated in the Strategic Implementation Plan, in advance of the November, 2013 meeting, CFPEP submitted its report and recommendations for the future of the publishing program and the actions necessary to shift to fully digital publishing.

Question 4
Please comment on any issues or recommendations you would like to bring to the special attention of the Executive Board. These might be problems in fulfilling group objectives and responsibilities or in fulfilling tasks listed in the SIP, the need for additional resources, recommended changes to the group charge (objectives, responsibilities, products/outcomes), and recommended changes to the committee structure or membership. Any problems or recommendations listed here will be discussed by the Association Operations Committee and then considered at the EB meeting for possible action.

CFPEP will have a very full plate in the upcoming year to take the steps outlined in the recommendations adopted by the Executive Board for to develop a fully digital and sustainable publishing program.