Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 665

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.

The massive change in all of the AAA membership numbers reduced virtually all of the section member numbers, as well as the AAA numbers as a whole. So the marked decline from last year's numbers is uninterpretable in terms of real behavior.

The AD is concerned, however, about archaeologists' sense that the AAA is not a welcoming place for archaeologists. It's perceived as a cultural anthropological organization despite the efforts of countless years of AD board members to change this perception.

There is also the issue of lack of funds on the part of faculty to join multiple professional organizations. The AAA dues are perceived to be quite high (in comparison with the SAA for example), and with the reduction in university support for meetings travel, faculty generally can't afford to attend two national meetings. The SAA (Society for American Archaeology) is generally considered more important to belong to than the AAA.

Despite lip service to 4-field education in Anthropology, there has been a trend, particularly at the graduate level, towards specialization in only one subfield in anthropology, resulting in less knowledge of one another's perspectives and interests.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).

Financial Balance: 104,716

Publication Sponsored budgets.

$23,720

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.

The AD's financial situation has been stable for quite awhile. Diminishing membership continues to be an issue.
Sessions:

List the titles of your Section's AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated.

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** AD Sponsored session: Inscribing History, Making Place: Investigating Historically-Charged Spaces, Practices, and Institutions in the Archaeological Record of North America

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** AD Sponsored session: The ?Hidden Intelligence? of Kitchens: Techniques and Traditions of Making Meals

**Session Type:** Volunteered
**Session:** AD Sponsored session: Afghanistan?s Cultural Heritage 2014 and Beyond

**Session Type:** Special Events
**Session:** Archaeology Division (AD) Annual Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture by Joe Watkins: Past Matters

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

**Award:** Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture  
**Date:** 12/05/2014  
**Recipient:** Dr. Joe Watkins  
**Affiliation:** NPS  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Past Matters

**Award:** Gordon R Willey Prize  
**Date:** 12/05/2014  
**Recipient:** Christopher Morehart  
**Affiliation:** Arizona State University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** AA article: What if the Aztec Empire Never Existed? The Prerequisites of Empire and the Politics of Plausible Alternative Histories

**Award:** Student Diversity Award  
**Date:** 12/05/2014  
**Recipient:** Juan Argueta  
**Affiliation:** Wichita State U  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Paper is not required for the award

**Award:** Student Membership Award  
**Date:** 12/05/2014  
**Recipient:** Maia Dedrick  
**Affiliation:** UNC Chapel Hill  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** ?If you Dig in Old Places You?ll Find Old Things?: The Obvious and the Hidden In Public Archaeology of Memory Sites
Award: Student Membership Award
Date: 09/05/2014
Recipient: David Mixter
Affiliation: Washington University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Remembering Divine Kings: Memory and Reorganization following the Maya Collapse at Actuncan, Belize

Award: Student Membership Award
Date: 12/05/2014
Recipient: Jon Spenard
Affiliation: UC Riverside
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: b. Constructed Natural Spaces: An Architectural Study of the Modified Karst Landscape in the Classic Period Maya Polity of Pacbitun, Cayo District, Belize

Award: AD grant for archiving digital data
Date: 10/13/2014
Recipient: Michelle Hegmon
Affiliation: Arizona State U
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Archiving the West Collection of Mimbres pottery into MimPIDD.

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
No
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Incomplete
List spring meeting activities
Incomplete

Mentorship:
Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following (e.g., special activities, funding, awards, guidance/advising on professional matters, etc.)
Undergraduate and/or graduate students.
The AD provides dues awards to up to 20 undergraduate and graduate students presenting a paper or poster at the Annual Meeting. These awards cover the costs of both AAA and AD dues for one year. We also provide up to four $600 awards to students from historically underrepresented populations who are presenting a paper at the annual meeting.

Early career scholars.
We have no formal initiatives in this regard but do encourage early career archaeologists attending the Annual Meeting to attend the archaeology reception, which provides an informal opportunity to meet board members and other colleagues.

Independent scholars.
We have no initiatives in this area.

Outreach:
Additional outreach efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to other sections, interest groups, and scholarly societies, government agencies, public education/community engagement, and underrepresented minorities.

The AD President is a member of a larger group of presidents of archaeology-related organizations and brings to the attention of the AAA Officers or relevant AAA task forces and committees issues of wider concern to archaeology. Television programs focused on unprofessional excavations (e.g., NGS "Diggers" program), and the World Bank and the International Development Bank guidelines for addressing cultural heritage issues in the context of development were the primary topics of our focus in 2014.

Communications:
Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or newsletter (if applicable): Please list internal communication tools you use and what they are used for.

The AD president communicates with the AD membership at large monthly via email, providing information on AD initiatives and other activities of interest to AD members in the larger AAA.

The AD webpage provides information on AD officers, awards, endowment, and the like.

Governance:
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
Not applicable

Initiatives:
What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

We have just had the Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture Quasi Endowment approved and will be focusing some of our efforts on fund raising for the endowment.

AP3A will be completely digital in 2015. Our Publications Director Lynne Goldstein is organizing a virtual issue of AP3A that collects all of the Annual AD Distinguished Lectures given up to this point.

Ask AAA:
Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC)? Please be specific.

Making collaboration possible among sections should be a high priority. Right now this is left to individual sections, particularly program chairs, on an ad hoc basis. More synergy would be possible if collaborations were one focus of the SA and SAEC.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.
The place of archaeology within Anthropology is an issue that not only archaeologists should be grappling with. How do we bring cultural anthropologists' attention to the common topical interests that we have that could be immensely illuminated by collaborations among cultural anthropologists and archaeologists? The occasional symposium at the annual meeting that brings archaeologists and cultural anthropologists
together is insufficient to develop the kind of dialog that is necessary.

**What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.**

I'd recommend that the staff be congratulated on accomplishing herculean efforts each year with such professionalism and grace.