Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 650

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
The Anthropology and Environment Society had a very productive year as evidenced at the 2014 meetings in Washington DC. Our membership numbers are solid (650) and we had a large footprint at the annual meetings in terms of panels, roundtables and working groups, as well as other activities of the membership, including a great social event.

We sponsored or co-sponsored five invited sessions and Program Chairs Megan Styles and Laura Zanotti did a wonderful job putting together the program. Critically Engaging the Anthropocene was sponsored exclusively by AES while the remaining four were co-sponsored and included Ethics for the Anthropocene (with Society for Cultural Anthropology), Silt, Sand and Soil: Earthy Engagements between the Bio and Geo (with Culture and Agriculture), Operationalizing Resilience Theory within Anthropology (with the Biological Anthropology Section) and Assembling the Biosocial: Embodied Environments, Health and Modes Interdisciplinary in the Life Sciences and Anthropology (with the Society for Medical Anthropology). There were also 33 panel and roundtable proposals received of which all were accepted plus an additional 9 sessions constructed from individually submitted abstracts. Also, a Dissertation Workgroup provided mentoring for graduate students by linking graduate students to senior mentors. Members have been very active including a large turnout to our annual social event. We had an incredibly successful social event at a local restaurant/bar at this year’s AAA meeting in DC. A good time was had by all and the membership had the opportunity to meet new people and talk about interesting stuff. We are looking to replicate this in Denver next year.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 38341

Publication Sponsored budgets.
not applicable

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Our budget has been adequate to support section activities and we are now working towards creating new forms of support for our membership, particularly a new scholar award to encourage young faculty just entering the job market.

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: Invited
Session: Critically Engaging the Anthropocene

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Cultural Anthropology
Session: Ethics for the Anthropocene

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Culture and Agriculture
Session: Silt, Sand and Soil: Earthy Engagements between the Bio and Geo

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Biological Anthropology Section
Session: Operationalizing Resilience Theory within Anthropology

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Medical Anthropology
Session: Assembling the Biosocial: Embodied Environments, Health and Modes Interdisciplinary in the Life Sciences and Anthropology

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Dissertation Workgroup

Session Type: Other
Session: 4-0815: Anthropology and Environment Poster Session

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: The Rappaport Student Award
Date: 11/21/2014
Recipient: Stefanie Graetner and Jerry Zee
Affiliation: UC Davis, UC Berkely

Award: AES Photo Contest-Profile Picture
Date: 11/21/2014
Recipient: Sarah La Borde
Affiliation: Ohio State University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ?Just Look at My Hands?

Award: AES Photo Contest-Cover Photo
Date: 11/21/2014
Recipient: Mascha Gugganig
Affiliation: University of British Columbia
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "Cardboard Hawaii"

Award: Junior Schola Award
Date: 11/21/2014
Recipient: Nikhil Anand and Sarah Besky
Affiliation: Haverford College and University of Michigan
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "Leaky States: Water Audits, Ignorance, and the Politics of Infrastructure in Mumbai? and "The labor of terroir and the terroir of labor: Geographical Indication and Darjeeling tea plantations?"

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
No
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
not applicable
List spring meeting activities
not applicable

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.
A Dissertation Workgroup at the meetings provided mentoring for graduate students by linking graduate students to senior mentors. Graduate students were paired with senior members of the section to provide mentoring on student's dissertation work.

Early career scholars.
Normally at the AAA meetings we announce the recipients of the AES small grants for applied environmental projects. This year’s announcement has been delayed and we are extending the deadline until April 2015. Information about the competition and extension will be announced on the web site.

Independent scholars.
NA

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 US Geological Survey (USGS) reached out to the AAA to discuss potential opportunities for anthropologists to be involved in multidisciplinary response teams following environmental disasters. In meeting with the AAA leadership and the USGS we expressed AES willingness and support for such a partnership.

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.
We continue to communicate with our membership and the outside world through our Facebook page, AES website (http://www.aaanet.org/sections/ae/), the Eanth-l listserv and, of course, the Anthropology Newsletter. The Anthropology Newsletter editors are Patrick Gallagher and Arriela Zychermen. We are moving forward with some changes in the Eanth-l listserv as currently done by expanding into online venues that will not only serve the traditional listserv function but also will provide a venue for communicating work and other materials to the membership. The AES Facebook page, coordinated by Amelia Moore, is well done and the AES website has lots of good information including featured research, an engagement blog and other resources.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

NA

Initiatives:

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

We are moving forward with some changes in the Eanth-l listserv as currently done by expanding into online venues that will not only serve the traditional listserv function but also will provide a venue for communicating work and other materials to the membership.

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.

NA

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

NA

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

NA