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2000-2001 Relevant to long-range plan objective #1, dissemination of new knowledge

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The following activities, as reported by the CNA Executive Board, have been completed since last year. Although other activities did take place, those reported below are most relevant to the AAA long-range goals.

Relevant to long-range plan objective #1, dissemination of new knowledge

- Periodic updates of CNA webpage in conjunction with AAA website
- Published 12 columns in AN
- Published Spring and Fall 2001 issues of Nutritional Anthropology newsletter
- Sponsored 2 invited sessions (i.e., “Nutritional Anthropology and the Anthropological Enterprise: Retrospective and Prospective Applications” and “Food and Feminism”) and 1 session on individually submitted papers (i.e., Consuming Choices: Deciding What to Eat and How to Prepare It” at the AAA meetings.
- Sponsored CNA Distinguished Speaker Lecture and Reception at the AAA meetings. This year’s speaker was Dr. Sidney Mintz and his talk was on “Heroes Sung and Unsung: Toward a History of Food Studies.”
- Presented Wilson Award at the AAA meetings. This year’s winner was George Luber (University of Georgia) for his paper “Second Hair Illness in Two Mesoamerican Cultures: A Biocultural Study of the Ethnomedical Diagnosis of Protein-Energy Malnutrition.” This paper will be published in Nutritional Anthropology.

Relevant to long-range plan objective #XIII, promote the attraction of practicing anthropologists (and others interested in nutritional anthropology)

- Sent out 60 notices to lapsed CNA members encouraging them to rejoin the section
- Sent out over 200 CNA brochures to Society for Nutrition Education Public Health Nutrition members
- Sponsored a CNA and Society for Nutrition Education session at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Society for Nutrition Education (i.e., “Delivering Culturally Sensitive Messages: The Role of Nutritional Anthropology’). Approximately 150 people attended this session
- In process of organizing join CNA and SNE sponsored session at the 2002 AAA meetings
- Formed ad hoc committee to look at curriculum recommendations for nutritional anthropologists involved in applied community nutrition research
- With assistance from the AAA, Nutritional Anthropology has been assigned an ISSN number by the Library of Congress, which will be attached to all future issues.

Relevant to long-range plan objective #XIII, state of the art communication…:
• CNA webpage now includes an unedited version of the AN column as well as a list of food web sites highlighted in the past
• Graduate programs in nutritional anthropology still highlighted in CNA webpage. Plan to update these programs in 2002

Other Important Activities include:

• Approved final changes in by-laws
• Efforts underway to develop a portable CNA display
• Elected new Board Officers