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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 SPA maintains a website (http://www.aaanet.org/sections/SPA/), a listserv, and a Facebook page. The website has announcements, links to other pages, and an archive of past newsletters. The listserv is used for announcements and questions (e.g., postdocs, panels looking for participants, help with scholarly references, etc.). The FB page has announcements and opportunities for members to post their comments.
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.

When I asked our secretary-treasurer and our journal editor about issues to be addressed, these concerns about publishing and the link of these to section membership was expressed as the major concern that we feel has not been adequately addressed.

The future and the best ideas that have been developed for responding to these issues. It is a bit late, but this will... would be gratified to be able to attend such a meeting, and that they would then convey what they have learned to their... of the AAA and the section assembly leaders.

What society is responding to individual proposals, with the sections trying to make plans without the benefit of much of the great work already done by the AAA and the section assembly leaders.

Great deal has been learned about these issues. However, each society was essentially asked to do their own research and... I feel that there... of section membership, which comes as a major benefit of section membership, and that change in... are very difficult issues -- for all academic journals, and for academic presses. I know from chatting with staff that a... lead to changes in membership in the sections. I assume that membership in sections has traditionally been supported by... One major... of these issues and their broader implications without the benefit of many of the previous efforts.

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

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

The SPA will continue its strong support for student mentorship at the AAA meetings and support for travel for international... of the American Anthropological Association.

The Boston biennial meeting in April 2015 will provide scholars with another opportunity to receive feedback on conference papers and to present from senior scholars, other panel participants, and discussants. The SPA board has worked to ensure that this conference is centrally located and designed to foster conversation and collaboration for both undergraduates and graduate students in the field, and to more recently faculty counterparts in other institutions.

Early career scholars.

A senior scholar is selected to meet as speaker with the awardees of the International Early Career Scholar Travel Grant. This year it was awarded to Fahimeh Mianji, an Iranian psychologist from McGill University, and Prof. Renee Goyet who will be as mentor for fellowships.

The SPA has an independent scholar's fellowship program.

Outreach:

Additional outreach efforts (as well as beyond the AAA meetings) to other sections, interest groups, and scholarly societies, government agencies, public education/community engagement; and underserved/underserved.

The SPA has an invited speakers program -- e.g., ESP. Many of the members of the SPA are individually are deeply involved in advocacy activities -- on behalf of global mental health, improvement of American mental health services, human rights activities in the US and globally, and other areas of interest to scholars. A publication and support/guidance on adolescent mental health policy development in student/professional collaboration and advocacy for a working meeting. However, there have been limited formal outreach initiatives in past years.

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Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structures.

Members voted to:

(1) delete the following bullet to allow inclusion in association with AAA policies and procedures, which allows a change at the level of the AAA to be automatically reflected in our bylaws

(2) add "all social media" to the responsibility of the Electronic Media Editor in addition to the website and blog

(3) delete in annual meeting of the SPA board from student, the AAA Annual Meetings

(4) modify meetings reflecting what we actually do.

(5) delete also to approve a conflict of interest and recusal policy for selection committees.

Initiatives:

What initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, etc.

The SPA's Biennial Meeting will be held in Boston on April 9-12, 2015.

Full information on the Biennial Conference can be found on the Biennial Conference webpage.

There will be three plenary sessions: a Friday morning plenary entitled "Policy Choices in Mental Health and Psychosocial Anthropology: A Conversation with Mary Embree," featuring a conversation with Dr. Steven Embree, keynote speaker at Harvard University, organized by Prof. Angela Nierman (Harvard); and a Friday morning plenary on "Violence and Mental Health in the Middle East," organized by Prof. Mary Embree (Harvard) and Prof. Mohammed Al Ouafi (UNH).

The conference will be held at the historic Omni Parker Hotel in downtown Boston.

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Ask AAA:

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

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