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Statement of Purposes

of the

American Anthropological Association

The purposes of the Association shall be to advance anthropology as the science that studies humankind in all its aspects through archaeological, biological, ethnological, and linguistic research; and to further the professional interests of American anthropologists, including the dissemination of anthropological knowledge and its use to solve human problems.

Taken from the Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws, amended and restated in October 1983, of the American Anthropological Association.
Part of the role that the American Anthropological Association (AAA) fills worldwide is to advance the discipline of anthropology and engage with a diverse public to disseminate anthropological knowledge. In 2008, as your President and Executive Director, we are glad to report that the AAA moved forward in creating an engaged anthropology that improved association governance and created stronger liaisons with our sections and committees, worked with anthropological groups based in other countries through the World Council of Anthropological Associations, moved to revise and update our ethics code, created and maintained a stronger presence with both members of Congress and key federal policymakers, and continued to improve and streamline our online communications, including making critical changes to AnthroSource and establishing a “new media” initiative that saw the creation of several blogs and a popular podcast.

As AAA President and Executive Director, we are both committed to working with members of the Executive Board (EB) to facilitate greater interaction between association leadership and AAA sections and committees. Toward that end, 2008 saw proposals by the EB to make the Section Assembly convener a voting member of the EB, as well as to add two additional positions that would come from the Section Assembly, voted in by the entire membership. The EB also proposed to grant permanent section status to the Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA), the Association of Senior Anthropologists (ASA), the Society of Anthropologists in Community Colleges (SACC), the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists (ALLA), the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA), and the Association of Indigenous Anthropologists (AIA), as groups supporting underrepresented anthropologists.

One of the key functions of a membership association is to be a strident, committed advocate on issues of key importance to its members. Through the work of groups like the Committee for Human Rights (CfHR) and the Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the United States Security and Intelligence Communities (CEAUSSIC), AAA has weighed in on issues as diverse as human rights abuses in Guatemala and the implementation and budget for the Department of Defense’s “Minerva” program. AAA has petitioned the U.S. Census Bureau to create language-appropriate questions for non-English-speaking questionnaire respondents and our EB has written to Congress protesting illegal searches of electronic devices and supporting additional funding for HIV/AIDS worldwide.

Finally, we have been committed over the past year to present anthropology as a science and a discipline to diverse audiences. We have, effective later this year, made plans to offer “ungated” access to archived Anthropology News and American Anthropologist content, providing free and unrestricted online access for personal, educational, and other non-commercial uses 35 years after initial article publication. We have also been active in using new technologies to disseminate anthropological knowledge, setting up interactive new media networking tools like blogs and podcasts.

2008 was a year for AAA to build a solid foundation in engaging both internal and external audiences, and spreading anthropological knowledge worldwide.

Setha M. Low
William E. Davis
n 2008, the Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association, as a part of creating an environment of more purposeful engagement and dialogue between the leadership within the association and among its members, sections, committees, and commissions, adopted a number of changes designed to strengthen association governance.

Among the changes adopted over the course of the year, the Executive Board (EB) voted to grant permanent status to six AAA sections and work closer with section leadership, take advantage of emerging technologies to streamline EB communications, develop a new process for long-term planning to ensure continued financial stability and facilitate a fertile environment for strategic decision making. The EB also moved to institute a new AAA leadership orientation process and establish EB subcommittees to further consider matters of crucial importance to the association, such as the ongoing process to review the association’s Code of Ethics.

Comprised of 38 separate, distinct groups with a diverse focus—from linguistics to nutrition, the sections of the AAA not only provide a nexus for members of the discipline to work closely with others that share their passion in particular areas of research or interest, they are also integral to the work and the mission of the association at large.

Recognizing the importance of the various sections, the Executive Board, recommended to the membership at the end of the 2008 that permanent section status be granted to six AAA sections—the Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA), the Association of Indigenous Anthropologists (AIA), the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists (ALLA), the Association of Senior Anthropologists (ASA), the Society of Anthropologists in Community Colleges (SACC), and the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA). Although the official AAA bylaws require a minimum membership size for sections to maintain their status, the EB determined that the aforementioned sections were “too crucial to the AAA’s goal of diversifying the discipline” to be subject to this requirement.

In a related move, the EB also lowered the minimum membership requirement for section membership from 250 to 225, calculated as the average of peak membership counts over a three-year period.

The association, by a vote of the membership in December, changed the bylaws to allow the Section Assembly (SA) convener to become a full voting member of the EB, and also created two positions on the EB itself for individuals nominated from within the SA. Further empowering the SA is the establishment of an executive committee that would review and approve, among other things, proposals for new sections and interest groups, prior to being reported to the Association Operations Committee.

During the course of the past year, the EB was very active on a number of fronts—considering proposals from the SA, signing on to advocacy letters, working with new publishing partners and other association business.
In order to streamline and update leadership activity within the association, given fiscal and logistical challenges, the EB decided to explore the use of emerging online “group” technologies, such as those sponsored by Google, to complete its tasks. These “group” sites proved not only to be extremely useful in facilitating and streamlining communications, but they also proved to be an invaluable utility in storing and editing important documents.

Prior to last year, an AAA Long-Range Planning Committee was directly responsible for developing and recommending long-range goals and three-year objectives to help guide governance, program, budget and fundraising priorities for the Association. By action of the board, the responsibility of long-range planning was shifted to a committee (as assisted by the EB), chaired by the president-elect, with the request that it would issue a report outlining a new process for long-term planning and strategic decision making for years to come.

In terms of leadership development, the EB adopted a procedure, to be implemented at the start of the 2008 Annual Meeting, to institutionalize and formalize the AAA leadership transition process. Orientations were held for newer members and additional leadership transition and communication procedures will be implemented in an effort to reach out to the membership at large by the 2009 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Working through consensus, AAA President Setha Low has set up a process through which selected members of the EB have been asked to consider matters formerly handled directly by the president. This process has both allowed for a diverse presentation of views among the association leadership and has also increased the expert advice accessible to the president for decision making. Along this vein, a number of temporary subcommittees were established through the year, with the work of one of these subcommittees examined in detail in another section of this report.

In sum, 2008 was a year in which the association took great strides to streamline its governance and improve its internal group dynamics, which produced positive outcomes throughout the year and laid the groundwork for an even more successful 2009.
A crucial component of engagement is the ability to effectively communicate an organization’s key messages, initiatives, public and regulatory statement platforms, as well as formal position statements to a wide variety of external stakeholders. Indeed, it could be argued that external engagement, especially as manifested through effective advocacy strategies, is one of the most important reasons why many professionals join a membership organization.

One of the advantages of AAA membership is the unique opportunity to become involved, either through section membership or committee or commission activity, in a number of advocacy-related efforts. During the course of the past year, AAA groups were active on a number of fronts, including representing the association in National Humanities Advocacy Day, weighing in on same-sex marriage rights in California, petitioning the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Agency to stop inappropriate searches of electronic equipment at our nation’s borders, and working with Federal agencies and key lawmakers at agencies such as the National Park Service (assisting the agency in its efforts to hire a chief ethnographer) and the Census Bureau (to change the categorization of certain groups on the decennial census as "linguistically isolated").

The beginning of the year was marked by a flurry of AAA Executive Board activity involving the National Park Service (NPS). AAA EB member T. J. Ferguson and Archaeology Division President Janet Levy offered in-depth comments on the proposed rule for the Disposition of Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Regulations (43 CFR Part 10), published in the Federal Register (72 FR 58582). Supporting the fair and equitable implementation of NAGPRA, and recognizing the need to develop a process for the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains, the letter endorsed the four principles the NAGPRA Review Committee established in 1999.

Also related to advocacy efforts with the NPS, AAA President Setha Low urged Mary Bomar, NPS Director, to fill the critical post of Chief Ethnographer. As an important component of the NPS ethnography program, the holder of this post insures that ethnography continues to play a critical role in the planning, management and design of national parks, recreation areas, and heritage sites. The ethnographer also helps NPS fulfill its obligations under the NPS Organic Act, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Unfortunately, the post remained unfilled at the end of 2008.

As in past years, the American Anthropological Association was a proud sponsor of National Humanities Advocacy Day, an event sponsored by the National Humanities Alliance. Each year, representatives from AAA participate in a two-day event for educators, scholars and other professionals to promote federal support for research, education, and public programs in the humanities. During 2008 events, AAA Executive Director Bill Davis and Director of Public Affairs Damon Dozier participated in organized meetings with several members of Congress and were briefed on a variety of legislative and policy issues related to research and funding opportunities in the humanities.

A special task force on the AAA Committee for Human Rights, the Task Group on Language and Social Justice, petitioned the Census Bureau and its key Capitol Hill partners to more accurately classify individuals who do not speak English at home. Under the leadership of Laurie Graham and Ana Celia Zentella, the task force not only reached out to the Census Bureau, but also to Representatives in both the House and the Senate. These members crafted resolutions adopted by the association, and also partnered with other advocacy groups. As 2008 came to a close, the task force made plans to work with recently appointed Obama administration officials.
One of the most controversial issues of the year, for not only anthropology but for the social science community at large, was the April 14, 2008 announcement of Project Minerva by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. Described as a “consortia of universities that will promote research in specific areas,” Project Minerva is designed to fund an archive of sources on Chinese military and technology developments; work on documents captured in Iraq; and research the relationship between terrorism and religion, especially Islam. The New Disciplines Project seeks to leverage anthropology and other disciplines historically under-utilized by the U.S. military.

AAA wrote to Secretary Gates stating that while the association “wholeheartedly believes that social science research can contribute to reduction of armed conflict…its findings will be considered more authoritative if its funding is routed through the well-established peer-reviewed selection process of organizations like the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Endowment for the Humanities,” as these bodies have decades of experience in building an infrastructure of respected peer reviewers who referee individual grant proposals and give their time to sit on selection panels. Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent out in late 2008, and the Department of Defense went forward in funding these controversial projects. In response, the DoD adopted a limited peer-review process that included NSF representation, but it is unclear how much input the NSF representatives have in commenting on submitted proposals.

During the summer months, an additional controversial issue related to acts undertaken by the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Association began to surface; namely, both agencies began to search, copy, and seize the private electronic devices (including laptops) of both American and foreign visitors entering the United States. Not only were electronic devices at risk, but personal phone and email records as well.

In a series of letters to Capitol Hill, AAA President Setha Low noted that these developments were the source of great concern, as confidential research participant data could be at risk. AAA advocacy efforts, combined with the work of other associations, led to the introduction of two pieces of legislation: the Electronic Device Privacy Act of 2008 (HR 6558) and the Traveler’s Privacy Protection Act of 2008 (HR 7118).

Last year also saw the continuation of AAA’s role in one issue in which it has been historically active: the protection of cultural resources. The AAA signed written testimony in support of the ratification of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. After the United States Senate agreed to be party to the convention, it became part of a group of 121 nations invested in preserving cultural heritage. The Convention establishes terms meant to ensure the continued preservation of archeological sites, historical structures, works of art, scientific collections and other forms of cultural property. These terms compel nations to curtail the theft and vandalism of artifacts, help with the preservation of cultural property when occupying foreign territory, and avoid the targeting and use of cultural sites for military purposes.

In sum, engagement for the AAA in 2008 translated into a flurry of activity, with notable successes, with both Congress and administration agencies.
Committee on Practicing, Applied, and Public Interest Anthropology (CoPAPIA)

Coming as a direct result of plans begun in 2004 with the formation of a special commission to examine the needs of the applied or “practicing” anthropological community, the Executive Committee, in January of 2008, authorized the Committee on Practicing, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology (CoPAPIA) as a standing committee within the AAA.

The Committee, which is comprised of seven appointed members of the AAA (Linda Bennett, Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh, Patricia Ensworth, T. J. Ferguson, Shirley Fiske, Robert Hahn and Nathaniel Tashima) proved to be very busy in last year, as the group launched an ambitious agenda to increase the knowledge and understanding of applied anthropology, not only within the AAA, but with wider public as well. The group’s specific charge includes establishing relationships with appropriate sections to help serve the interests of practicing, applied, and public interest anthropology, developing recommendations for training and professional development, and serving as an advisory body to the association in the development of specific benefits that will attract greater numbers of practicing, applied and public interest anthropologists to join AAA.

Continuing an effort begun in 2007, CoPAPIA began to produce columns for Anthropology News. The column, “Profiles in Practice,” highlighted practicing anthropologists and organizations that employ substantial numbers of anthropologists, with the goal of the column rooted in highlighting the work of practicing anthropologists to the general readership. Later in the year, the column was renamed “Anthropology Works,” and covered a number of topics, including food security, homelessness and the review of the AAA Code of Ethics.

Last year also saw the committee enter into an agreement to work with the Editor-in-Chief of American Anthropologist toward naming more practicing anthropologists to the editorial board of the journal and encouraging editors to solicit research reports from government agencies and private firms for review.

Along with the new AAA Department of Practicing and Applied Anthropology, CoPAPIA continues to discuss how anthropology as a discipline can have a greater impact on social issues at home and abroad, and how the visibility of anthropology and the talents of anthropologists could be better recognized.

PROFILE: T. J. FERGUSON

One of the foremost advocates in the field of applied anthropology, CoPAPIA (and AAA Executive Board) member T. J. Ferguson has spent a career specializing in archaeological and ethnographic research needed for historic preservation, repatriation, and litigation of land and water rights.

For the last 25 years, he has conducted archaeological, ethnographic, and ethnohistorical research of Native American settlement and land use in the southwestern United States. His studies cover the Zuni, Hopi, Acoma, Laguna, San Juan, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos Apache, Yavapai-Apache, and Hualapai Tribes.

Dr. Ferguson is currently a principal in Heritage Resources Management Consultants, a private company in Tucson, Arizona, providing research services to tribal, state, and federal agencies and museums. He owns and operates Anthropological Research LLC, a research company in Tucson, Arizona, where he is also a Professor of Practice in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. He was educated at the University of Hawaii at Hilo (B.A., 1973), the University of Arizona (M.A. in Anthropology, 1976) and the University of New Mexico (Masters of Community and Regional Planning, 1986; and Ph.D. in Anthropology, 1993).
One of the significant emerging trends in communication technology over the past several years has been the increased use of “new media.” In a nutshell, new media is defined as “digital, computerized, or networked information and communication technologies.” In 2008, the AAA made, as part of its overall communications strategy, a concerted effort to take advantage of digital media and networking to interface more effectively with members and others in the social sciences through a redesigned website and associated portals.


AAA set up three weblogs (or “blogs” for short) providing information and commentary on anthropological research, publications, and issues of interest. AAA also created a bi-weekly podcast—a syndicated (through Really Simple Syndication or “RSS” web formatting) free audio file available through the aaanet.org website and Apple, Inc. iTunes service—to provide topical, timely anthropological information to audiences worldwide.

The first blog, Anthropology News (located at anthropologynews.blogspot.com)—created as a support forum for the AAA’s flagship publication—is a format through which AAA members are made aware of calls for article proposals, can suggest potential topics for coverage, submit their own comments, and link to other AAA email and resources.

Among the most popular topics posted over the course of the year was a four-part Michael Wesch YouTube video series on the anthropology student experience. Dr. Wesch, working with the Kansas State University Digital Ethnography Working Group, continues to develop ways to incorporate web technologies as core components of anthropology courses.

The second blog, Human Rights (aaahumanrights.blogspot.com), covers topics of interest and provided updates on the work of the AAA’s Committee on Human Rights (chaired by Victoria Sanford), and also provides updates on activity by the United Nations, Human Rights Watch, and other advocacy organizations committed to the cause of preserving human rights worldwide.

Finally, the most popular blog on the AAA website at the end of 2008 was Public Affairs (aaanewsinfo.blogspot.com), which covers a wide range of topics and emerging trends in the discipline. The blog has been used by members as a forum to discuss issues as diverse as anthropological ethics, same-sex marriage, immigration reform, funding to address HIV/AIDS in Africa, and academic freedom.

One of the most popular series of posts during the year was submitted by members participating in the “Pulse of the Planet” session at AAA’s 2008 Annual Meeting. Participating scholars turned their conference papers into op-ed columns that were published in CounterPunch, an online news magazine. The articles were written with the aim of reshaping public debate during the presidential race and drawing attention to critical issues in human rights and environmental policy.
Finally, last year AAA launched its popular bi-weekly podcast, proving itself to be a leader among social science organizations in taking advantage of new technologies to reach audiences all over the globe. The podcast is one of the top-rated humanities-focused podcasts on iTunes, averaging almost one thousand downloads per week.

**AnthroSource Re-Launched**

Late in 2008, AAA initiated a two-phased move to migrate AnthroSource, AAA’s signature database of full-text anthropological resources, to Wiley-Blackwell’s new content delivery platform, Wiley Online Library.

Wiley-Blackwell is AAA’s partner in the AnthroSource platform, and migration of the content will present the materials as an “online virtual storefront” that will allow visitors to browse a listing of all available titles, volumes and issues of each publication (see next page), table of contents for each issue, and abstracts for each article.

The new AnthroSource portal features an improved interface that closely mirrors the re-designed AAA homepage and has been streamlined to avoid confusion and multiple log-in errors. The second phase of the migration is expected to take place during 2009.

**AAA Creates “Open Access” to Anthropological Research**

One of the most important issues facing organizations that produce scholarly journals today is content accessibility, as a subset of journal contributors, researchers and authors to move to “open access” models of publishing. Under open access models, articles are published and made available free of charge, with the financing of printing, distribution and other costs typically either absorbed by the association or society publishing the journal, or through author payments.

In a effort to support the philosophy of spreading anthropological knowledge and facilitating greater access for the global social science and anthropological communities to archival anthropological research, the AAA Executive Board announced the release of archival content previously published in two if its flagship publications—*American Anthropologist* and *Anthropology News*.

The initiative, among the first of its kind in the humanities- and social science-based publishing environment and made in coordination with publishing partner Wiley-Blackwell, will provide open access to materials for the purposes of personal, educational and other non-commercial uses after a 35 year period.

Starting in 2009, content published from 1888 to 1973, will be made available through AnthroSource, the premier online resource serving the research, teaching, and professional needs of anthropologists. Previously, this information was only available via AAA association membership, subscription or on a “pay-per-view” basis.

The initiative, which will be re-evaluated by internal AAA committees in the next year (the Committee on Scientific Publication as advised by the Committee for the Future of Electronic Publishing), may be expanded in the future.
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AAA Journals with Current Content on AnthroSource

American Anthropologist
American Ethnologist
Anthropology & Education Quarterly
Anthropology & Humanism
Anthropology News (for AAA Members)
Anthropology of Consciousness
Anthropology of Work Review
Archeological Publications of the AAA
City & Society
Cultural Anthropology
Culture & Agriculture
Ethos
Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
Journal of Linguistic Anthropology
Journal for the Society for the Anthropology of Europe
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
Museum Anthropology
PoLAR: The Political and Legal Anthropology Review
Transforming Anthropology
Visual Anthropology Review

Bulletins and Legacy Newsletters

Bulletin of the National Association of Student Anthropologists (1990–1999)
General Anthropology Bulletin from 1995
North American Dialogue from 1998
Teaching Anthropology from 1991–2003
Voices from 1998–2002
NAPA Bulletin (National Association for the Practice of Anthropology)
General Anthropology Bulletin

Legacy Materials on AnthroSource

American Anthropologist from 1888 (1888–1996 in JSTOR)
Anthropology & Humanism from 1976
Anthropology of Consciousness from 1990
Anthropology of Work Review from 1990
Archeological Publications of the AAA from 1989
City & Society from 1989
Cultural Anthropology from 1986 (1986–1997 in JSTOR)

Culture & Agriculture
Ethos from 1973 (1973–1997 in JSTOR)
Journal of Linguistic Anthropology from 1991
Journal for the Society for the Anthropology of Europe from 1989
Medical Anthropology Quarterly from 1968 (1968–1997 in JSTOR)
Museum Anthropology from 1987
NAPA Bulletin (National Association for the Practice of Anthropology) from 1985
Nutritional Anthropology from 1992
PoLAR: The Political and Legal Anthropology Review from 1991
Transforming Anthropology from 1990
Visual Anthropology Review from 1985

Anthropology News
Over the past few years, perhaps no issue has been as highly controversial and politically charged as the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan and the associated “War on Terror.” The conflict has become a highly politicized topic even in social science circles, as associations have begun to examine what would constitute ethical standards of behavior for their members who are working directly for, or supporting, U.S. military or intelligence agencies.

The AAA is no exception. In 2007, two resolutions seeking to address ethical engagement with the military were passed by the membership during the November annual meeting, and a number of activities and reports were generated by the AAA Committee on Ethics and associated and interested groups during 2008 to try to update the Code of Ethics to more accurately address appropriate forms of engagement.

The impetus for addressing the Code of Ethics was a resolution, introduced by Terry Turner, which sought to “affirm the importance of transparency and openness in anthropological research and the need for anthropological knowledge to circulate freely.”

Specifically, the resolution directed the AAA to restore sections 1.g, 2.a, 3.a and 6 of the 1971 version of the Code of Ethics, based on a recommendation found in the final version of the AAA Commission on the Engagement of U.S. Anthropology with the U.S. Security and Intelligence Communities report release during the annual meeting. This resolution was accompanied by another from John Kelly, which directed the Executive Board to report to the membership if a decision was not made to restore, in total, the language proposed by Terry Turner’s motion.

In January, the AAA Executive Board passed a resolution asking the Committee on Ethics to draft a revised version of the ethics code that “incorporates the principles of the Turner motion while stipulating principles…that identify when the ethical conduct of anthropology does and does not require specific forms of the public circulation of knowledge.”

The Executive Board also passed a motion to add four invited guests (Jeffrey Altschul, Agustin Fuentes, Merrill Singer, and David Price) to the Committee on Ethics to assist in the development of a revised version of the Code of Ethics. Later, after some initial groundwork had already been laid, three additional guests were invited to participate (Inga Treitler, Nathaniel Tashima, and Noel Chrisman).

This group then began a series of teleconference calls and worked extensively over the summer to come up with a series of unanimous recommendations to update the Code of Ethics. Although the group was able to agree on three proposed changes to the code, they were unable to agree on a final proposal for a new section of the Code of Ethics and ended up, ultimately, issuing a majority report and a minority report.
The majority of the working group (as well as the minority) agreed to three crucial changes—

- Changes to section III.A.2, which now reads “Anthropological researchers must do everything in their power to ensure that their research does not harm the safety, dignity, or privacy of the people with whom they work, conduct research, or perform other professional activities, or who might reasonably be thought to be affected by their research;”

- Changes to section III.B.4, which now reads “Anthropologists should not work clandestinely or otherwise misrepresent the nature, purpose, intended outcome, distribution or sponsorship of their research;” and

- Changes to section III.C.2, which now reads, “In relation with his or her own government, host governments, or sponsors of research, an anthropologist should be honest and candid. Anthropologists must not compromise their professional responsibilities and ethics as a condition of permission to conduct research. Anthropologists should not agree to conditions which inappropriately change the purpose, focus or intended outcomes of their research.”

The group was not, however, able to come to agreement on the text of the new proposed section VI, “Dissemination of Results,” as the majority opined that the 1971 language does not allow exceptions for dissemination of research materials, while the minority wrote that the majority language was at direct odds with the original resolution’s principle.

Ultimately, these two reports were reviewed by a special subcommittee of the Executive Board set up for the exclusive purpose of reviewing changes to the Code. This group examined the Committee on Ethics report and solicited the input of the Committee on Ethics; the Commission of the Engagement of Anthropology with the U.S. Security and Intelligence Communities; the Committee on Practicing, Applied and Public Interest Anthropology; and the Network of Concerned Anthropologists. After examining the input of these groups, the EB subcommittee forwarded its recommendations to the entire Executive Board on August 8.

The final version of changes included the agreed-upon changes from the original Ethics Committee report, plus a revised version of their separate proposals to draft a new Section VI. The new section reads:

**VI. Dissemination of Results**

1. “The results of anthropological research are complex, subject to multiple interpretations and susceptible to differing and unintended uses. Anthropologists have an ethical obligation to consider the potential impact of both their research and the communication or dissemination of the results of their research on all directly or indirectly involved.”

2. “Anthropologists should not withhold research results from research participants when those results are shared with others. There are specific and limited circumstances however, where disclosure restrictions are appropriate and ethical, particularly where those restrictions serve to protect the safety, dignity or privacy of participants, protect cultural heritage or tangible or intangible cultural or intellectual property.”

3. “Anthropologists must weigh the intended and potential uses of their work and the impact of its distribution in determining whether limited availability of results is warranted and ethical in any given instance.”

At the end of the year, the Executive Board agreed to send to the membership the final proposed changes for ratification, and the vote was expected to take place in the first quarter of 2009.
Throughout 2008, RACE Are We So Different? enjoyed continued success and laid the groundwork for its significant expansion. RACE is AAA’s landmark public education program on race and human variation. The award-winning program targets a broad public audience, with a primary focus on the middle school to adult demographic. Through a traveling museum exhibition, an interactive website and K-12 educational materials, RACE promotes three key messages: race is a recent human invention; race is about culture, not biology; and race and racism are embedded in institutions and everyday life. Launched in 2007, RACE was developed over five and a half years with $4.5 million in funding from the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and AAA.

The RACE Are We So Different? exhibit continued to generate widespread interest and acclaim throughout 2008 as it traveled to New Jersey, Connecticut and Ohio. To date, nearly 600,000 people have seen the exhibit. Overall attendance levels for the exhibit remained high through the second year of its national tour with visitors during 2008 accounting for nearly half this number. As in 2007, museum venues continued to report larger and more diverse audiences associated with the exhibit. In April, the exhibit received the prestigious American Association of Museums (AAM) 2008 Award of Excellence in Exhibition. The exhibit’s national tour is sponsored by the Best Buy Children’s Foundation.

From January through April the exhibit was on display at the Liberty Science Center (LSC) in Jersey City, NJ. LSC educational outreach included a teacher training workshop for more than 100 K-12 educators led by former Project Director Mary Margaret Overbey and RACE Project Advisor Janis Hutchinson, and a panel discussion on the subject “Does Race Affect Your Health?” with RACE Project Advisor Alan Goodman as the featured speaker. Two New Jersey newspapers, The Record (Bergen County) and The Star-Ledger, produced two separate eight-part series on the RACE Project. Overbey worked with staff members of each newspaper to produce the series as part of the Newspapers in Education program, a national initiative that promotes the use of newspapers in the classroom.

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center (MPMRC) in Mashantucket, Connecticut hosted the exhibit from May through September. MPMRC was the first venue to modify the RACE exhibit, featuring it in conjunction with the MPMRC-produced supplemental exhibit Race Matters in Indian New England. The exhibit was on display at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in Cleveland, Ohio from September through the end of 2008. There, RACE educational programming centered on a series of town hall meetings and included professional development workshops as well as a lecture series addressing intersections of race with health, biology and politics.

In March, AAA received a second grant of $450,000 from the Ford Foundation to fund production of a condensed version of the RACE exhibit and a companion book over two years. This smaller

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Dena Plemmons teaches/co-teaches several courses in research ethics and scientific integrity at the Research Ethics Program at the University of California, San Diego. She is also an adjunct assistant professor in the Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University, with a concurrent appointment in the University’s Division of Research Affairs. She teaches a multi-disciplinary course in research ethics for graduate and postdoctoral students, and coordinates areas of training/education in research ethics across the campus. Dr. Plemmons came to the field of research ethics relatively recently, in 2003, after several years as an anthropologist in mental health services research. Her current research interests include anthropological approaches to ethics issues, institutional review board deliberations, and international research ethics.
exhibit will tour universities, museums and other institutions unable to host the full 5,000-square-foot exhibit. The purpose of the RACE book is to further develop the messages and themes found within the exhibit and website in a format easily accessible for educators, museum visitors, and others. Overseeing this phase of the project is an eight-member advisory group co-chaired by Alan Goodman and Yolanda Moses that includes Michael Blakey, Faye Harrison, Janis Hutchinson, Melvin Monette, Michael Montoya, and Carol Mukhopadhyay.

AAA is working with the Science Museum of Minnesota (SMM)—co-developers of the original exhibit—to produce the condensed exhibit as well. During the fall, AAA reached an agreement with SMM to produce a replica of the full-sized exhibit and to extend the tour schedule of the original exhibit. It is anticipated that all three exhibits—the original, replica and condensed versions—will tour the country through 2014.

S2N Media, Inc. completed final production of the RACE Are We So Different? educational dual-disc set just in time for the association’s annual meeting in San Francisco. The set includes a CD containing content from the RACE Project website, www.understandingrace.org, which drew over 1.7 million visitors during 2008 and overwhelmingly positive responses from educators for the quality and range of its content. Also included is a DVD featuring the three main videos from the exhibit: Introduction to RACE, High School Cafeteria, and Living with Race.

With the project’s ongoing success and expanding educational outreach program, AAA is well-positioned to affect real change in how members of the public view race, racism and human difference.

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João Biehl

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Rudolph Virchow Graduate Student Award
Rudolph Virchow Undergraduate Student Award

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**December 31, 2008**

(With Summarized Financial Information as of December 31, 2007)

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008
(With Summarized Financial Information For The Year Ended December 31, 2007)

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| **EXPENSES**         |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Program services:    |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Publications         | 1,098,871    |                        |                        | 1,098,871  | 1,928,643  |
| Public education     | 240,392      |                        |                        | 240,392    | 831,841    |
| Sections             | 401,524      |                        |                        | 401,524    | 513,027    |
| Annual meeting       | 426,835      |                        |                        | 426,835    | 412,368    |
| Membership           | 371,779      |                        |                        | 371,779    | 349,200    |
| Academic services and media relations | 249,377 |                        |                        | 249,377    | 237,106    |
| Government relations and minority affairs | 183,340 |                        |                        | 183,340    | 131,211    |
| **Total Program Services** | $2,972,118 | $—                      | $—                      | $2,972,118 | $4,403,396 |

| Supporting services: |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Management and governance | 1,566,709 | $—                      | $—                      | 1,566,709  | 1,340,403  |
| Development           | 76,647       |                        |                        | 76,647     | 62,957     |
| **Total supporting services** | $1,643,356 | $—                      | $—                      | $1,643,356 | $1,403,360 |
| **Total Expenses**    | $4,615,474   | $—                      | $—                      | $4,615,474 | $5,806,756 |

| **Change in Net Assets before Investment Income** | $718,706 | $286,600 | $24,789 | $1,030,095 | $612,691 |

| Investment income (losses/fees) |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| Realized (losses) gains on investments | (256,590) | $—                      | $—                      | (256,590)  | 475,626    |
| Interest and dividends         | 280,903     | 31,675                 |                        | 312,578    | 281,441    |
| Investments fees               | (78,180)    |                        |                        | (78,180)   | (75,813)   |
| Unrealized losses on investments | (1,395,833) | $—                      | $—                      | (1,395,833)| (425,285)  |
| **Total investment income (loss), net** | (1,449,700) | $31,675 | $— | (1,418,025) | 255,969 |
| **Change in Net Assets**       | (730,994)   | 318,275                | 24,789                 | (387,930)  | 868,660    |

| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 7,047,431 | 353,248 | 303,762 | 7,704,441 | 6,835,780 |
| **Net Assets, End of Year**   | $6,316,437 | $671,523 | $328,551 | $7,316,511 | $7,704,440 |
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