Committee on Practicing Applied and Special Interest Anthropology 2011 Annual Report

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1) Please list your Committee, Commission or Task Force Objectives and Responsibilities as stated in your group’s charge:

Objectives
To explore and engage the range of issues that have emerged or are emerging as a result of the increasing employment of anthropologists outside of the academy doing work as practicing anthropologists, applied anthropologist and anthropologists in the public sector.

Responsibilities
1. Foster the scholarship of practitioners, applied anthropologists and anthropologist in the public sector and strengthen the dialogue between theory and practice.
2. Establish liaisons with appropriate Sections to help serve the interests of practicing anthropologists, applied anthropologist, and anthropologist in the public sector. Diffuse information about practicing, applied anthropologists, and anthropology in the public sector at AAA meetings, in AAA publications, on the AAA website, in Section newsletters, and other media.
3. Help develop recommendations for training practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector.
4. Collaborate with a range of AAA Sections to encourage and develop sessions to increase the participation of practitioners, practicing and anthropologists in the public sector in AAA meetings.
5. Determine skills and training needed for practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector and provide feedback to academic programs.
6. Advise staff and Board in the development of specific benefits that will attract greater numbers of practicing, applied anthropologists and anthropologists in the public sector to join the Association.

2) Please list your Group’s goals, activities and accomplishments/products for the designated Period in relation to the AAA’s long range plan:

Goal 1:
2. Establish liaisons with appropriate Sections to help serve the interests of practicing anthropologists, applied anthropologist, and anthropologist in the public sector. Diffuse information about practicing, applied anthropologists, and anthropology in the public sector at AAA meetings, in AAA publications, on the AAA website, in Section newsletters, and other media.

Activity:
Section Summit at the AAA Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Accomplishment/Product:
Follow-up article in AN and further planning and development of materials.

Explain any Gaps or Lack of Accomplishment Product:

Relevant Objective in Long-Range Plan:
6, 7, 8 and 9

Goal 2:
5. Determine skills and training needed for practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector and provide feedback to academic programs.
Activity:
Produce and have adopted a statement on the value of applied research in tenure and promotion decisions.

Accomplishment/Product:
Document drafted following the Section Summit in 2010 and submitted to the Executive Board. Executive Board adopted statement. Statement has been posted on the AAA website and widely distributed.

Explain any Gaps or Lack of Accomplishment Product:

Relevant Objective in Long-Range Plan:
2, 3, 8, 9 and 11

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Goal 3:
2. Establish liaisons with appropriate Sections to help serve the interests of practicing anthropologists, applied anthropologist, and anthropologist in the public sector. Diffuse information about practicing, applied anthropologists, and anthropology in the public sector at AAA meetings, in AAA publications, on the AAA website, in Section newsletters, and other media.

Activity:
Publish "AnthroWorks" column in each edition of the AN.

Accomplishment/Product:
Articles.

Explain any Gaps or Lack of Accomplishment Product:

Relevant Objective in Long-Range Plan:
1, 2, 3, 4 and 8

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Goal 4:
3. Help develop recommendations for training practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector. 5. Determine skills and training needed for practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector and provide feedback to academic programs. 6. Advise staff and Board in the development of specific benefits that will attract greater numbers of practicing, applied anthropologists and anthropologists in the public sector to join the Association.

Activity:
Complete and disseminate "Changing Face of Anthropology" report on MA Anthropologists

Accomplishment/Product:
Report completed, posted on web, article in AN and sessions held in Montreal.

Explain any Gaps or Lack of Accomplishment Product:

Relevant Objective in Long-Range Plan:
7, 8, 9 and 11

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3) Provide any additions or proposed changes to goals, activities, products or outcomes for the designated period:
Goals:
not applicable

Proposed Changes:
None

Activities:
None

Proposed Changes:
None

Products/Outcomes:
None

Proposed Changes:
None

4) Provide plans for 2012 in relation to existing or new goals/activities and relationship to the Objective in the Committee's or Commission's Charge and Long-Range Plan Objective (if not self-evident). Identify if they represent significant changes or elaborations on existing goals, objective activities, charge etc:

Committee/Commission Objective 1:
Foster the scholarship of practitioners, applied anthropologists and anthropologist in the public sector and strengthen the dialogue between theory and practice.

LRP Objective 1:
2, 3, 4, 6 and 8

New Goal and or Activity 1:
Expand on Tenure and Promotion Statement by developing an "expert panel" to help with external review.

Committee/Commission Objective 2:
3. Help develop recommendations for training practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector.

LRP Objective 2:
8 and 9

New Goal and or Activity 2:
Provide access to members to the "Virtual PhD Project".
Committee/Commission Objective 3:
5. Determine skills and training needed for practitioner, applied anthropologists, and anthropologists in the public sector and provide feedback to academic programs.

LRP Objective 3:
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New Goal and or Activity 3:
Make data available from the "Changing Faces" survey to anthropology programs for use in methods classes

5) List financial and other resources in hand to complete the proposed work of the Committee, Commission or Task force for the coming year and explain any additional resources. Please list separately:

a. Resources in hand or being sought independent of the AAA:

b. Requests for additional resources from the AAA. Specify clearly which specific goals/activities etc. require additional resources from each source:

6) Have there been or do you propose any changes to the Objective or the Responsibilities of your Committee, Commission or Task Force If so, what are they and what is the rationale for them:

Current Objective 1:

Responsibility:

Proposed Change:

Rational for Change:

7) Are there issues you would like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board related to the work of your committee commission or task force?