1) Accomplishments.

* Membership numbers (for 2004); list any factors affecting Section memberships.

Regular 102

Student 69

**TOTAL** 171

* According to AAA membership statements for 2004, ALLA's membership increased from 166 in January to 171 in December.

* **Financial balances for 2004 budget**

Net Assets Beginning of Year $12,117.87

Revenues to Date $2,722.00

Expenses to Date 1,475.00

Changes in Assets 1,247.95

Net Assets at End of Year $13,365.82

* Figures confirmed by Suzanne Mattingly, AAA Controller 2/14/05

* **Factors affecting Section finances.**

* Expenses (airfare, hotel) for the Section President and Student Representative participation at the AAA Annual Meeting were not utilized during the 2004 fiscal year due to the change of venue from San Francisco in November to Atlanta in December and these board members inability to attend (prior commitments in December). However, hotel and airfare expenses will be allocated for the President to attend two meetings in 2005, the SfAA and AAA, and will appear on this year's (2005) budget. ALLA voted to hold our 2004 annual meeting at the SfAA Meetings in Santa Fe this April
* Additional expenses were paid to develop a new and more interactive ALLA web site (see below, "Web site development").
* The ALLA Board approved an unanticipated contribution of $500 paid to the SfAA for ALLA's participation in the SfAA's 2005 annual meeting. This contribution was voluntary as the SfAA did not ask ALLA for any funds to cover the expense of the conference meeting rooms, etc.

* **AAA meeting activities**
* ALLA Board and session members elected not to attend the 2004 AAA Annual Meeting in Atlanta to instead, hold our annual section meetings and scholarly sessions at the SfAA Meetings in April 2005.
* However, ALLA is on record as having reviewed and sponsored nine sessions that would have participated in the 103rd AAA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Two were Invited Sessions, five volunteered sessions, one a session comprised of volunteered papers and a workshop for mentoring ALLA graduate student members.
* Executive Board and General Membership business meetings were also scheduled. Nominations to fill ALLA board positions would have been made during the General Membership meeting. As ALLA will not meet before the AAA's January 31, 2005 deadline for Section Board candidates, we will have no candidates for the 2005 Spring Ballot. Nominations will be solicited at the General Membership meeting at the AAA 2005 conference and submitted to the AAA for the next scheduled ballot in Spring 2006.
* A special award was to be presented during the General Membership meeting as well to former ALLA President Ruben Mendoza for the new and more interactive ALLA web site that he and his assistant developed in 2004. This award will be presented instead at the 2005 AAA Annual Meeting.
* ALLA is also on record as having cosponsored a reception with the Society for Latin American Anthropology (SLAA) for the 103rd AAA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. SLAA and ALLA share many members and have held cosponsored receptions and sessions over the years. This was canceled due to the change of the 2004 AAA Annual Meeting venue.
* ALLA Executive Board Members were very active during the discussions regarding the San Francisco hotel employees' lockout and the AAA's options for a new meeting place. ALLA President Paule Cruz Takash sought information to find a new venue that would allow the greatest number of AAA sections and members to still attend our 2004 Annual Meeting while supporting the HERE union from the AAA Executive Board, Section Assembly, UNITE HERE union representatives and City of San Jose leaders and
relayed that information to all parties throughout the weeks of deliberations.
* The ALLA Executive Board voted for the San Jose option and when that was rejected by the AAA EB, it voted to hold our section meetings and sessions at the April 2005 SfAA Meetings.
* As ALLA President Takash and other Board members could not attend the AAA Meetings in Atlanta in December, Takash made known to the Section Assembly, the ALLA board's position on resolutions discussed in Atlanta and provided a contact number where she could be reached during the conference.

* **2004 Spring meeting activities:** None

* **Website development.**
* In 2004, ALLA contracted former President Ruben Mendoza (web editor @aaalla.org) who together with Christian Graves of ASL Computer Services (christiangraves@sbcglobal.net) significantly redesigned the ALLA Website to make our association more visible to the world at large.
* The new ALLA website and Discussion Forum was officially launched in October 2004. This website and domain name is http://www.aaalla.org/. The new site includes a "Discussion Forum" that may be accessed via http://forum.aaalla.org/, and a "Members Only" section accessible via registered "Password" and "Username" at that portion of the site identified with "Sitemap." The new domain name is based on the acronym for American Anthropological Association Latina Latino Anthropologists.
* Whereas the original ALLA website was posted to a CSU Monterey Bay campus server in 1995, the new site has been posted with a commercial web hosting service that allows both php MySQL server database management as well as an internal email service that makes use of the ALLA domain name (e.g., president@aaalla.org). Under the parameters of the service agreement, ALLA is permitted 999 independent email addresses managed via the http://www.aaalla.org domain that we have made available to any interested ALLA member.
* The ALLA website's three active database features, the "Discussion Forums," internal "ALLA Email" accounts, and an "ALLA News" page, permits the ALLA Executive Committee to auto-post announcements and related news items..
* Discussion Forums http://forum.aaalla.org provide a site for ALLA members or their departments/ organization(s) to post Employment Opportunities, discuss Race & Ethnicity, or submit related commentaries about their Research.
* In the near future, the ALLA Web may serve as a host for independent Latina and Latino anthropology websites - particularly
as this pertains to the posting of ALLA member curricula vitae or employment resumes and related resources.

* Outreach efforts both International and Domestic.
  * ALLA sought alternative venues for our 2004 Section meetings and sessions including the CASCA (Canada)/SANA (US)/ UADY (Mexico) meetings in Merida, Mexico in May 2005. They were unable to accommodate us as a section.
  * The SfAA Executive Board has invited ALLA Board Members to meet with them at their annual conference in April 2005 to discuss renewing collaboration between our organizations.
  * Five ALLA sessions survived the 2000 AAA annual meeting changes, one an Invited Session. Session members will present on designated ALLA sessions at the April SfAA Meetings. ALLA will hold its Executive and General Membership Meeting there as well.
  * ALLA contributed funds to and is co-sponsoring the SfAA's "Santa Fe/New Mexico Days" at its Annual Meeting in April 2005.
  * On-going collaboration with members of the AAA AINAAN (American Indian Native American Alaskan Native) Interest Group and sponsorship of their organized sessions at the AAA Annual Meetings.
  * Collaboration with the AAA Committee on Minority Affairs; co-sponsorship of sessions and other events

* Changes in the bylaws or governance structure.
  * ALLA President Paule Cruz Takash will solicit 2004 Executive Board Members to form a By-Laws Committee to review and revise where needed the existing section by-laws to bring them up to date with the AAA governance structure in particular section board member nominations and balloting.

2) Future plans or activities (3-5) year time frame
* What projects does your Section have underway?
  * Active Membership drive
  * Maximize number of co-sponsored Invited Sessions at AAA annual meetings and recruit more volunteered session submissions.
  * Plan publication on Latino public policy issues and anthropology
  * Development of ALLA web-site based Archives. Suggestions, commentaries, and additional materials have been solicited from the membership for consideration in the "ALLA Archives" to be managed by ALLA web editor Ruben Mendoza. At this time, ALLA is particularly interested in good quality photographs that might be reproduced in a Latin@Link slide show portion of the site.

* What (if any) collaboration is your Section doing with other Sections or outside groups on these projects?
* Will use our meeting at the 2005 SfAA Meetings to discuss renewing our collaboration with that organization on Latino public policy issues and anthropology. *

3) Other Items
* What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Long-Range Planning Committee?
* ALLA recommends that the current three-year Long Range Plan be made available on the AAA website. While the Long Range Plan's Mission, Vision and Specific objectives are posted on the web site ("About AAA") the actual working document, (the Committee's 3 year plan) is not posted. As far as we can determine while this information is made available to the membership and "individual members are encouraged to review and comment on the plan," current practice is to publish changes in the plan "...annually in the Anthropology News, following adoption of the plan by the Executive Board. Sections..."(AAA Web site, "Committee", "Long Range Plan Committee"). The posting on the AAA web site of the actual three year plan (the Long Range Planning Committee's annual evaluation) would more readily allow Section heads and members to ascertain how and if the Plan's objectives are actually being met and facilitate Section Heads' ability to review and make additional recommendations in our Section Annual Reports. *

* What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?
* The ALLA Executive Board recommends that the EB adopt the SOLGA Resolution voted upon and supported by the overwhelming majority of the AAA Sections (Feb 2005). ALLA Board members voted to support the SOLGA Resolution calling on the AAA Executive Board and its Sections to restrict AAA annual meeting venue contracts to union hotels/conference centers in municipalities (states, cities) with no anti-sodomy laws and preferably, supportive of the living wage. *

* Please include within the report the names and e-mail addresses of the Section officers during the period covered. *

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