2004 annual report

1) Accomplishments

* Membership number seems to be stable around 146-152.
* Financial balances: very good. Our only expense has been the luncheon/business meeting November 2003 ($1578.35) and December 2004 ($403; attending members contributed $5 each), and $40 that Paul Doughty, Secretary, requests for postage and telephone. Total as of November 29: $8,845.83; 154 members.
* 2004 AAA Meeting Activities. We hosted a luncheon at the Max Lager Brewery in Atlanta, December 16, 2004, during which we conducted our Business Meeting. Twenty members attended.
* 2004 Session: "The 1960s Radical Restructuring of Anthropology: The Making of Anthropology as We Know It," was presented as (re-)scheduled (2-030) on Friday, December 17, with the following speakers:
  * Herbert Lewis: The Role of the 60s Counter-culture Zeitgeist in the Radical Transformation of Anthropology.
  * Dell Hymes: Linguistic Anthropology
  * Susan Trencher: American Culture and the Opening of the Ethnographic "I."
  * Nathalie Woodbury - "My People"
  * Robert Denton: "Honey Out of the Lion": Peace Research Emerging from Mid 20th Century Violence
  * Norman Whitten: "What Are You Doing Here?"
  * Paul Doughty: Justifying Applied Anthropology to a Conservative Discipline.
  * Tom Weaver - From Applied to Practicing Anthropology (received too late to read)
* We are amalgamating this and the 2003 session, "Breaking New Ground," to constitute a publishable volume, and will be seeking a publisher.

Paul Doughty has regularly published our column in the Anthropology Newsletter. We have a website.

* Outreach.
  o As of December 22, 2004, there had been no request from Kendall Thu to me about disbursing the "Walter Goldschmidt Initiative" $1000 to the COPP-proposed Center for Human Studies and Public Policy.
  o As of December 22, 2004, I had not received anything from Linda Rabben about ASA contributing to the Human Rights Commission,
as she had proposed at our 2003 business meeting.
O Changes in by-laws, approved 2004: New wording, Article VI.
Officers, #1. "The officers shall be a Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer," separating Secretary-Treasurer into two offices.

Present Officers: President, Alice B. Kehoe
President-elect: Ernestine Friedl
Secretary: Paul L. Doughty - doughty@gator.net
Treasurer: M. Estellie Smith

3) Other Items:
* ASA agreed to be part of AAA's AnthroSource. We understand it could link topics to older AAA publications via AA indices so that earlier work on topics would not be overlooked. We recommend that if possible, National Anthropological Archives could be linked so that if a person clicked on an anthropologist's name, their papers deposited in NAA would come up. Ideally, a data base could be developed to bring up wherever an anthropologist's papers are archived.
* Robert Borofsky requested ASA to sponsor a noon meeting at AAA in which six books1 published by California in the new series Public Anthropology would be acknowledged. We agreed and it was scheduled for Friday November 19, but canceled with the change in AAA venue.

New Business
Jim Weil (president, Anthropology of Work), as a member of the group drafting the "Canterbury Statement" in San Francisco in November, asked ASA to [again] support the Durrenberger motions on union hotels and living-wage cities, and to endorse the Canterbury Statement:
* Establish AAA Committee on Labor Issues.
* AAA renegotiate contracts for Marriott in Washington, '05, and Hilton in SF, '06, to include opt-out language [if possible].
* AAA Staff should
  o Work with Committee on Labor Issues
  o Contract solely with union vendors
  o Prioritize vendors in union environments over anti-union "right to work" places
  o Increase AAA conference liability insurance.
AAA should evaluate its staff and procedures to ensure actions are transparent and accountable to the Executive Board and membership.
ASA had voted YES, in 2003, to Durrenberger's two motions. We understood this was a recommendation to the Board. At our 2004 business meeting, members endorsed the intent of the Canterbury Statement and its modification as passed by the Section Assembly.

Alice B. Kehoe  
Chair, Association of Senior Anthropologists  
12/22/04

Noted by ASA members: In the AARP Bulletin, December 2004, p. 4, a researcher notes that arrangements and costs ($3000 a month) for assisted-living and for cruise ships are virtually the same, and recommends, "Imagine ... you are unable to stay in your home alone, so let's put you on a cruise ship n the Caribbean!"