CAE Section Report  
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I. Accomplishments during January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004

* Membership. Although membership numbers continued to decline during the first part of the year, it began to stabilize around the middle of the year. In November, 2004, we had about 742 members, which was a slight increase from October 2003 (737). Increasing memberships is still a major concern, although we are encouraged by the strong turnout at the Canterbury Convocation among graduate students. A source of deep concern as the AEQ journal moves to Anthrosource is whether people will continue to join or maintain their membership in CAE if the journal is available in other ways. At our board meeting, we held an extensive discussion of how we might increase members, and the role the various board members can take in recruiting new members. The fact that dues are likely to increase may further decrease our numbers while doing very little to affect our bottom line. One positive development is that we have been successful in creating a more diverse board of directors, and this may help resolve the concerns over a lack of diversity that were raised in past years.

* Budget. Based on the most recent financial statement available for this report (Oct. 31, 2004), we have a positive fund balance of only $15,570. At CAE's Canterbury Convocation (held in November in San Francisco), CAE Treasurer Ted Hamann noted that because membership dues are a key source of revenue and an important vehicle for subsidizing the production of AEQ, the steady decline we experienced over the last few years has had important financial ramifications for the section. Because of this membership decline and because of one-time costs taken in 2004 related to the conversion of publishing AEQ from AAA to the University of California, between December 31, 2003 and October 31, 2004, CAE's fund balance declined from $22,760 in December, 2003 to $15,570. The hope is that in 2005, new revenue streams from Anthrosource and JSTOR and the end of costs related to the change in publishers will change the direction of CAE's budget. To increase this likelihood, CAE has agreed to some substantive belt-tightening in its 2005 budget, dropping meeting expenses from $1500 to $100 and reducing the page numbers of AEQ (but not the amount of article space) by agreeing to a slightly bigger page size that is priced the same as the smaller size used in previous volumes (but hold
CAE also agreed to a long-term dues increase strategy which would move regular membership from $40 to $50 in $2 increments per year, and student membership from $10 to $15 by $1 increments over the same time. The first of the five dues increases was enacted in July 2004. As one-time effort to improve funding, CAE has also decided to encourage members to request that instead of requesting refunds for their 2004 AAA annual meeting fees that they instead redirect refunds back into CAE's accounts. There seemed to be substantial interest among the membership in doing this. But its revenue implications were unclear as of the end of 2004. As a final note, in 2004 the CAE Board agreed to move funds from its section balance over to the Spindler Award Endowment, so that the endowment held $12,500 and at a 4% yield could support $500 rewards ad infinitum. However, subsequent AAA guidance suggested that such a transfer of funds was not so easy. So, going into 2005, the assurance that there is enough money in the Spindler endowment remains incomplete.

* Activities. This section discusses the CAE program in the context of the Canterbury Convocation held in San Francisco. The new web submission process meant that this was the second year in which CAE members could meet the regular AAA deadline of April 1 rather than submitting for early review by CAE with a March 1 deadline. However, the web process also created problems for some submitters. Some paper authors submitted separately from their intended symposium and had to be patched in later; some members had trouble registering for the meeting on line and therefore got dropped from their sessions; some West Coast members were told they had missed the deadline for submission, apparently because they submitted after 5:00 pm EDT. Lucille Horn of the AAA staff assisted in rectifying many of the errors, but some members inadvertently got closed out of the program. Other persistent problems include the requirement that all participants register for the meeting at the time of submission, even non-AAA members. This presents a problem when CAE seeks to recruit practicing educators and students as part of policy and action research panels. This year, some CAE organizers considered submitting a session as a Policy Forum but decided not to try to make the March 1 deadline.

- CAE reviewed 42 volunteered papers and 34 symposium proposals. CAE also received 7 volunteered papers that were sent to other sections for review.
- Because of the high demand for space when the AAA is planned for San Francisco, the AAA Program Committee was able to accept only 2/3 of the proposed sessions over all. For CAE submissions, 14 sessions were rejected, including two composed of about 8
volunteered papers, and 27 sessions were accepted, including 4 invited sessions and 4 sessions composed of 25 volunteered papers. Among the sessions accepted were three poster sessions. CAE's acceptance rate was thus 64%, just slightly under the rate for the program as a whole.

This year, AAA let us delay identifying Invited Sessions until all the reviews were complete. As a result, two of our Invited Sessions emerged from the review process; they were nominated by reviewers rather than self-nominated. This turned out to be a good way to put the spotlight on some fresh faces. Invited Sessions for CAE 2004 were:

* Brown V. Board At 50: "Race," Science, and the New Segregation in U.S. Schools, organized by Teresa McCarty, with papers by Rolon-Dow, Cammarota, Lee, Brayboy, and Gilmore, and discussion by Fordham
* Urban Education and the Prison Industrial Complex, organized by Kysa Nygreen and Soo Ah Kwon, with papers by Seyer-Ochi, Simmons, Nygreen, Salas, and Meiners, and discussion by Noguera
* Islam and Education in Comparative Perspective, organized by Fida Adely, with papers by Adely, Cristillo, Herrera, D'Agostino, and Keaton, with discussion by Starrett
* New Scholars Poster Session, organized by Sofia Villenas, with papers by Grace, Sanchez, de la Piedra, Samkian, Valdez, Moreno, Galindo, Goldberg, Warriner, Chambers, and Hicks

CAE also organized 23 special events, including business and committee meetings. Notable this year was a panel discussion organized by Committee 7, Blacks in Education, "Looking Back, Thinking Ahead: Critical Reflections on Brown v. Board, Williams v. California, and Educational Equity" (featuring: Akom, Conway, Noguera, Rogers and Lee), and another rich Works-in-Progress session to encourage mentoring of new scholars by veterans (organized by First-Year Member-at-Large Yolanda Majors).

**Transformation into the Canterbury Convocation.** On October 20, 2004, the CAE leadership learned that hotel workers in the Hilton and 13 other San Francisco hotels had been locked out. The AAA decided not to cross the picket lines but to move the AAA meetings from the San Francisco Hilton to the Atlanta Hilton in December. The CAE leadership, after considering several alternatives, decided by October 29 to host a sectional meeting at the unionized Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco on November 17-21, during the times that we had planned to be in San Francisco for the AAA meetings. Yuriko Wellington negotiated a contract with the hotel. The Society for the Anthropology of Work added its meetings to the program, and some sessions and business meetings of the Anthropology and the Environment Section, the Society for
Medical Anthropology, the American Ethnological Society, SOGLA, SANA, SLA, AAA's Committee on Human Rights, and the School of American Research joined us.

* There were 287 participants registered for what came to be called the "Canterbury Convocation," and total participation may have been as high as 450 or 500. The meeting included all but one of the scheduled CAE sessions, and in total consisted of 37 scientific sessions and 38 special events. Among the special events was a newly scheduled plenary session to discuss the future of CAE.

* The Canterbury Convocation was made financially possible by subsidies from the University of Florida College of Education (the legal sponsor of the meeting), a University of Hawaii grant to support the Multicultural Teacher Education Pedagogy Project's meeting within the meeting, modest support from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a modest registration fee charged to participants, and subsidies from the SMA, Anthropology and Environment Section, SAR, SAW, and Committee for Human Rights, as well as exhibitors Stylus Publishing, University of Michigan Press, IGWAIA, and Polity Press. It depended on the logistical genius of Yuri Wellington, who scheduled the rooms with my assistance, and Janet Hecsch, who worked with Yuri to schedule and deliver AV equipment. CAE Treasurer Ted Hamann worked with the AAA to make CAE catering funds available and to arranged to collect donations to support emergency travel funding needs of some members.

* There was a very positive reaction to the intimacy of the meetings and the opportunity to explore topics in depth. On the other hand, a number of members commented that they missed the opportunity to interact with members of other AAA sections. Given that sentiment plus the daunting financial challenge of organizing a small meeting, there was no groundswell to organize a separate CAE meeting on an annual basis, although Board members did propose holding a separate CAE retreat every few years. There was also sentiment for a plenary discussion at every AAA.

* **AEQ Issues.** The editorial team consisted of Teresa L. McCarty, Editor; Mary Eunice Romero, Book Review Editor; and, Victor Begay, Koyal Roy, and Margaret Mortensen Vaughan, Editorial Assistants. The CAE Executive Board serves as the Editorial Board.

  o New Manuscripts Received: 95 [previous year: 84]
  o Total Manuscripts Processed: 132 [previous year: 125]
  o Number of Non-invited Manuscripts Accepted: 15 (11%) [Previous year: 14 (11%)]

Number of Non-invited Manuscripts Requested for Revision and Resubmission: 45 (39%) [Previous year: 45 (39%)]

Average Time from Submission to Response for Revision: 4-6 months

Average Time from Submission to Acceptance (excluding theme issue): 18 months

Book Reviews on the Web: 60 [Previous year: 60]

Total Number of Pages Printed: 512 +/-

Total Number of Issues Printed: 4

Scholars of Color Published in Vol. 35 (excluding book reviews): 18 (51%)

Publication Timelines after Submission to UC Press: -1-2 months

Total Editorial Office Budget: $53,555

Editorial Office Budget from CAE: $15,000 [28%]

University of Arizona and Arizona State University In-kind Contributions: $38,555 [72%]


Issues yet to be resolved include how the move to Anthrosource will affect paid subscriptions, the impact of the new trim size (1" larger all around), and the search for a new editor for 2005 - 2008. One concern about the editorship is that the heavy subsidies required by the editor's university severely limits the ability of candidates from less well-funded institutions to compete for the position.

* Communications. Topics in the AN columns focused on members' reactions to the Canterbury Convocation, calls for sessions to be presented at the annual meeting, and members' activities. Leslie Edwards agreed to continue in her role as the CAE webmaster, and the website was completely redesigned. She has expressed concern that changes and updates she sent to the AAA office have been unusually slow in being processed. As a result, information on our website is often out of date and members' become frustrated in trying to access the information.

* Outreach. As we did last year, CAE held an outreach event at American Educational Research Association (AERA) to provide more information about CAE and to attract new members. We are considering not holding the event in 2005, simply because the roundtable discussions basically attracted current members, and the cost was prohibitive. Because of our on-going budget concerns, we have decided to form a CAE Development Committee to seek alternative sources of funding. This committee is expected to be active by Spring, 2005. We continued to fund new minority scholars and this has been one reason why we have increased the diversity of
our membership and board of directors.

* Bylaw revisions. The revisions were approved by the members in the May, 2004 vote.

* Nominations. CAE found it extremely challenging to recruit candidates last year for the position of President-Elect and this year for the position of Member-at-Large, as well as for other jobs such as serving on the dissertation award committee. On the other hand, after the Canterbury Convocation, almost two dozen members volunteered to serve on ad hoc committees with concrete tasks. This may be a sign that the meeting helped members re-discover their commitment to the organization.

* The Spindler Award for lifetime contribution to educational anthropology was given to Gloria Ladson-Billings of Wisconsin-Madison. Ladson-Billings, a long-time member of CAE, is the incoming President of AERA. Ladson-Billings' 1994 volume, The Dreamkeepers: Successful Teachers of African American Children, reached a huge audience. Her 1995 article in Teachers College Record, "Toward a critical race theory of education," co-authored with William Tate, shook up educational theory. Ladson-Billings served as editor, with Tate, of the Section on Teaching, Learning, and Human Development for AERA's prestigious American Educational Research Journal, 1999 through 2001. She continues to publish prolifically and to educate teachers.


II. Future Plans or Activities

* The major concern we have is how to increase our membership base. As we noted in our last report, it is still unclear what effect moving the AEQ journal to AnthroSource would have our
membership as well as our financial status. If AAA members will be able to access all journals through AnthroSource, what will be the value-added reason for people to continue their section membership in CAE? Many people join a section because they want to receive that section's journal, but this reason will be moot. While we recognize that other sections are facing a similar dilemma, our concern is heightened by the fact that many of our members are not anthropologists, and have competing demands on their organizational loyalties. AAA should also be concerned since many of members are not in anthropology departments, and if AEQ becomes available through their institution's access to AnthroSource, they are less likely to join AAA to become members of CAE. This is an issue that we will address in listserv discussions this year to examine ways we can make CAE more attractive to people who are interested in the intersections between culture and education.

III. Other Items

* Recommendations. One of the perennial problems we face is how to bring in practitioners for invited sessions without making them pay a registration fee. While we understand that we can petition to have the fee waived, it is a cumbersome process. If this process could be streamlined, that would be very helpful for us. A second concern is the cost of registration. It would be useful for the Long Range Planning Committee to consider implementing a one day, reduced registration rate for people who will only attend one session, and are not likely to attend the entire meeting.

* Questions for Executive Board. One of the major questions that surfaced at our last board meeting was the projected relationship between the new Anthropology Education Committee and our organization. While it was clear that the AEC has a different mission and purpose than does CAE, it seems there is considerable overlap between the two groups, especially in our mutual interest in working with the K-12 community. Many CAE members have considerable expertise in doing this kind of outreach work, and we could play a valuable role in assisting this new committee with their work. We would appreciate being kept informed of any new developments within AEC, and it may even be useful to consider having a CAE member hold a permanently designated seat on AEC.

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