1. **Status, Activities and Accomplishments.** What has your section accomplished in 2007? The following are suggested categories of activities and accomplishments.

- Membership numbers (for 2007). List any factors you think may be affecting Section memberships.
  - As of the first of 2008 the Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) has about 200 members.

- Financial balances for both Section budgets and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable (for 2007). List any factors you think are affecting finances.
  - As of the end of 2007 CSAS had about $8000 on hand. We were hurt severely by our participation in AnthroSource and have been struggling for several years with a declining membership but believe we are experiencing a turnaround regarding membership thanks to some aggressive conference registration-related activities.

- AAA meeting highlights.
  - CSAS participated in sponsoring 3 sessions of the 2007 annual AAA meeting.

- Spring meeting activities (if applicable).
  - The spring meeting of CSAS was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in April. The meeting included more than 160 presentations organized into 15 sessions.

- Internal communications including website development and use of a list serve (if applicable).
  - In 2007 CSAS developed a new website which is one of the channels we use to communicate with our members and other interested anthropologists. The website provides current news of the Society’s activities as well as information concerning upcoming events such as paper and session proposal forms for our annual meeting and registration forms for the meeting. We also maintain a listserve for our members.

2. **Future plans or activities (3-5) year time frame including efforts to increase membership**

- Do you have any plans for membership and for new or changing publications?
  - CSAS has instituted a policy of offering membership to AAA members who are not CSAS members but participate in our annual meeting. The policy has resulted in the addition of at least 12 new members so far.

3. **Other Items.** Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted.

  a. While we have withdrawn from AnthroSource, and in particular from the publishing arrangement with UCP, and prefer to publish our newsletter-type information on our own, we did pay for the digitizing of our older materials including CIA and believe that it would be fair and decent of AAA to continue to share income from digital access of those materials with us.

- What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Long-Range Planning Committee?
  - CSAS would like to be able to reach out to anthropologists in its region. As a small four field section in the heartland we want to be able to reach out to anthropologists in our area (usually teaching at smaller colleges and universities) but we find that many of them do not belong to AAA for various reasons, including perceived high costs. This also makes it impossible for them to join CSAS.

- What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?
  - We recommend a review of the allocations process that grants continued income to all sections that have digitized publications included in AnthroSource.