1. Accomplishments

Membership
As of November 2007, the SAR had a total of 642 members. Our membership has been increasing steadily from a total of 559 in November 2004, 558 in November 2005, and 618 in November 2006.

Finances
The SAR is in a healthy financial position, with assets of $31,487 as of November 2007. Expenses from the annual meeting have not yet been deducted from this amount.

Elections
At the November 2007 meetings, Stephan Palmié of the University of Chicago took office as President of the SAR and Ellen Badone of McMaster University became Past-President. In the Spring 2007 elections, Aisha Khan (New York University) and Karen Richman (Notre Dame) were each elected for two year terms as members of the Executive Board. Andrew Buckser (Purdue) and Beth Conklin (Vanderbilt) were each re-elected to the Executive Board for a second two year term. Misty Bastian (Franklin and Marshall) was elected for a two year term as Treasurer.

AAA Annual Meeting
The SAR sponsored, invited or co-invited a total of 19 sessions at the 2007 AAA meetings in Washington. To date, this is the largest number of sessions we have organized for the annual meetings. All sessions were well attended, as were the Business Meeting and Cash Bar reception on Saturday, December 1. Our Program Committee was expertly chaired by Melissa Caldwell (University of California, Santa Cruz). The Business Meeting was the occasion for the inaugural presentation of the Clifford Geertz Prize in the Anthropology of Religion, which seeks to encourage excellence by recognizing an outstanding recent book in the field. The 2007 Winner of the Geertz Prize was After the Massacre: Commemoration and Consolation in Ha My and My Lai, by Heonik Kwon (University of California Press). Honorable Mention was awarded to The Ethical Soundscape: Cassette Sermons and Islamic Counterpublics, by Charles Hirschkind (Columbia University Press). Over 40 outstanding books were considered by the committee for the 2007 prize. The wide range of topics and theoretical perspectives represented by these books reflect the excitement and high quality of current work in the anthropology of religion. We are grateful to the members of the Prize Committee, Adeline Masquelier (Tulane), Michael Lambek (University of Toronto), Robert Hefner (Boston University), Ellen Badone (McMaster University) and chair Andrew Buckser, for their time and commitment.
**Spring Meeting**
Our biennial spring meeting was held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 13-16, 2007, at the Wyndham Phoenix Hotel, a unionized hotel. The meeting theme was “The Re-Enchantment of the World?” The Program Chair was Simon Coleman (University of Sussex). The meeting was extremely well attended, with 168 papers as well as a Plenary Session of eight papers. Jean Comaroff of the University of Chicago delivered the Roy A. Rappaport Distinguished Lecture in the Anthropology of Religion, and Ellen Badone delivered the Presidential Address. Prizes were awarded for the best student abstracts to Gregory M. Simon (first prize) Neena Mahadev (second prize) Ryan Schram (honorable mention).

**Internal Communications**
Our listserv address is sar@weber.ucsd.edu and Jon Bialecki (Reed College) moderates the listserv. Jon has agreed to continue as Communications Manager for the SAR although his term as Student Representative on the Executive Board is now finished. With the help of Sam Himes at the AAA office, Jon has also moved the SAR website to the www.aaanet.org address, and has been updating the website regularly.

**Outreach**
We actively solicited the participation of members of the American Academy of Religion in our Spring 2007 meetings, by publicizing the meetings through AAR section listserves, and by inviting AAR members to participate in the Plenary Panel for these meetings. One of our SAR Board members, Pamela Klassen (University of Toronto), is also an active member of the AAR. We are planning to hold our Spring 2009 meetings together with those of the Society for Psychological Anthropology.

2. **Future Plans**
After guiding ten books through publication in the SAR book series, Contemporary Anthropology of Religion, editor Robert Hefner (Boston University) has decided to turn his attention to other projects. We are delighted to announce that Laurel Kendall of the American Museum of Natural History has agreed to take over the position of editor of the series, which is published in collaboration with Palgrave-Macmillan Press. Laurel is actively soliciting new manuscripts and working with Palgrave to ensure good communications between authors and the Press.

3. **Other Items**
We are planning to hold our freestanding meeting in Spring 2009 at Asilomar, CA.