1. Status, activities and accomplishments

- Members: 268 (as of 10/31/07, latest available figures)
- Net assets: $12,153.74 (as of 11/30/07); during the first eleven months of 2007 both revenues and expenditures for the *Anthropology of Work Review* were given as $10,418.01; other revenues: $7,065.63; other expenditures: $4,871.08.
- Highlights of the annual AAA meeting: Of the proposals submitted to and reviewed by SAW, five sessions appeared on the program. There was one invited session sponsored exclusively by SAW and another co-sponsored with the Central States Anthropological Society. Student Representatives Csilla Kalocsai and Rob O’Brien arranged a very successful Special Event: Crafting Careers in the Anthropology of Work: Choices, Constraints and Challenges, a round table discussion followed by a reception. It was directed at students and recent graduates, with panelists offering their experiences and advice on careers in the anthropology of work. The 2007 Eric Wolf Prize for best student paper was awarded to Theresa Preston-Werner. The paper is published in the AWR, and this year’s has already appeared in the fall issue (Vol. 28, No. 2). The annual meeting Program Editors couldn’t attend the Executive Board Meeting because the meeting about the annual meeting was scheduled at the same time. Following reports by the various officers at the Business Meeting, according to tradition, all in attendance offered self-introductions and brief comments on current interests and activities.
- SAW held no regular (or special) meetings beyond the annual AAA meeting.
- A major initiative in 2007 was a substantial reworking of the by-laws. All items passed in the spring election: Elect the President one year in advance to serve as President-Elect. Make the office of Past President a fixed two-year term. Instead of appointment by the Executive Board, elect the two Student Representatives are to staggered two-terms.
- The most significant achievement, thanks to the exceptional efforts of General Editor Ann Kingsolver and culminating during the past year, was bringing the publication of the *Anthropology of Work Review* up to its scheduled dates. This would not have been possible without the stepped-up efforts of Reviews Editor Carrie Lane as well, along with the responsiveness of the many who contributed manuscripts. This means current issues are being streamed into AnthroSource, beginning with the last issue of 2007.
- Incoming President Ann Kingsolver designed a brochure identifying the functions and activities of SAW, which was available as a handout at the annual meeting.
- Treasurer Sam Collins held a contest for a new SAW logo, which appeared on a T-shirt, which was sold a cost at the annual meeting, on the web site and on the brochure.
- During the year the website was updated, and several announcements went out over the listserv, both managed by Treasurer Sam Collins.
- SAW had interactions with several other sections on the levels of executive boards and regular membership. The number and quality of submissions for the Diane Forsythe Prize—co-sponsored with the Committee for Science, Technology and Computing—were especially high. It will now be awarded annually instead of biannually.

2. Future plans or activities

- In a major departure, arranged by incoming President Ann Kingsolver, SAW will hold a joint meeting with the Society for Applied Anthropology in March of 2009 in Santa Fe.
This is in addition to its participation in the AAA annual meeting later in the year.
• A recipient for the Arensberg Award for significant career achievements in the
anthropology of work already has been lined up for the 2008 annual meeting. There
will be Special Event involving a talk and a reception. The Executive Board supports
alternating this biannual award with a Special Event directed primarily at students and
eyearly career professionals, similar to the one held in 2007.
• Updating of the Mentor File and planning by the Student Representatives for events
particularly attuned to the interests and needs of graduate students will continue.
• SAW will continue to collaborate with SfAA and CASTAC in areas of overlapping interest,
the AAA Practicing Advisory Work Group (PAWG) on the contributions and needs of
anthropologists working outside academia, and the AAA special committee on labor
relations.
• Initiatives to promote membership growth and develop ways to enhance interaction
among members will continue.

3. Other items

   After the budgetary shock to our and other sections in bearing start-up costs of
AnthroSource, added revenues kicked in this last year and we were back in the black. The
number of SAW members remained essentially the same, with the total as of November
2007 three lower than at the end of the previous year. We take this as a hopeful sign for us,
since there have been declines in our section and many others over the past decade. We
believe an underlying problem is the rising costs of multiple section memberships,
exacerbated by the otherwise positive development of online access to the journals—with
receipt of a printed version of the section’s journal less important as an incentive to belong.

   Therefore, I want to reiterate a proposal offered in the last two annual reports, one
that I raised again at the Section Assembly meeting in November. Other SAW members
contributed to its rationale and specifics. To wit: with each additional section an AAA
member belongs to a certain percentage will be deducted from all section memberships.
For example, a 5% reduction for each membership in two sections, 10% in three, 15% in
four, and so on. The first element of the rationale is that the loss of revenue for a
particular section would be offset at least in part by increased membership, and possibly a
net increase in revenue eventually. The second element is both philosophical and
practical, in that it can be argued—and we in the Society for the Anthropology of Work
do so strongly—that the preponderance of work in the AAA is done through the sections
(journals, annual meeting program, etc.). As I shift to the role of Past President, I offer
my heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to serve these last three years and for the
wonderful friendships and collaboration this entailed.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Weil, Outgoing President
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