2007 was an active year for SHA. Michael Harkin took over the presidency in December 2006, with Fred Gleach stepping into the role of Vice President/President elect. Several major issues arose during this time, most importantly membership.

Membership

Membership began dropping below the 250 minimum during 2006. At the urging of the President, several actions were taken during fall 2007, after membership reached a low point of 220. (The latest figures, from November, show 229). A membership appeal was launched via the new AAA-supported Listserve. In addition, members manned the AAA section table at the annual meeting. In the executive board meeting, further ideas were discussed, including a reduction in the fee schedule, which was passed and ratified.

Listserve and Website

The SHA applied and was accepted in the AAA beta testing during fall 2007. The Listserve was used to reach current and former SHA members, to discuss issues such as the membership crisis. Although a few people dropped off the Listserve initially, over 400 subscribers remain on it. The SHA is grateful to Samuel Himes for facilitating this. Additionally, the SHA website migrated, again thanks to Samuel Himes, from St. Mary’s College to the AAA server. Dan Ingersol of St. Mary’s College is to be commended for his years of service as SHA webmaster. Bilinda Straight of Western Michigan University has agreed to be the new webmaster. Because of AAA hosting, this position will be primarily one of content provider and editor. We look forward to exploring new ways to use the website to publicize humanistic anthropology.

Finances

The financial situation of SHA, despite the loss of membership, remains quite strong. This position has been fortified by the change to Blackwell-Wiley. As a journal-publishing section, SHA had been disadvantaged by the arrangement with UCP. Current balances are $27,545.37 (general fund) and $9220.50 (Victor Turner Prize fund).

Journal

SHA publishes the biannual journal Anthropology and Humanism, edited by Edith Tumer. During 2007 the following data obtained:

1. Total number of pages printed: 217
2. Total number of issues printed: 2

3. Publication timelines: June 2007 issue, on time; December 2007 issue, on time.

The December issue was a special issue “The Art of Ethnography: Narrative Style as a Research Method,”
edited by Russell Sharman.

Thanks are due to Edit Turner and her editorial assistants Elizabeth Bollwerk, Laura Mentore, Rose Wellman, Jennie Dobeme, and Eric Stanley for producing a fine publication.

Prizes

SHA awards four prizes. The winners and their work for 2007 were as follows:

**Victor Turner Prize**


Runner-up: Roy Richard Grinker, *Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism* (Basic Books)

**Poetry Prize**

First Place
"Vestigial" by Liz Beasley

Second Place
"The Great Market" by Roberta Feins

Third Place
"The Cacique" by Liza Bakewell

Honorable Mentions
"I Leave Everything With You" by Frances Rapport

“¿De Dónde es Usted?” by Jennifer Wooten

“A Good Woman” by Brooke Bocast

**Fiction Prize**
"Mashti" by Roxanne Varzi

**Student Paper Prize**

“'It's either one pain or another pain': Social distress and somatic disruption in family chronic pain narratives” by Mara Buchbinder

Our deep appreciation goes to the following prize committee chairs and their committee members: Regna Darnell, Misha Cahnmann-Taylor, Ayala Emmett, and David Koester. This is difficult and important work, for which we as a society are very grateful.

**AAA Meeting**

For the 2007 AAA meetings in Washington DC, SHA sponsored one invited session, five regular sessions, the awards session, and a new AAA Writers’ Group. In addition, eight workshops were scheduled, with one cancelled.