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Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges (SACC)  
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Status, Activities, and Accomplishments this year

Membership: approx. 234.

Organized a successful annual meeting in Washington, D.C. (see below)

SACC created two new student awards, one for academic excellence and the other for creativity, leadership, or community service. We also designed a teacher award to be given every other year; the first year will be in 2010.

Produced a CD of teaching activities and lesson plans, contributed by SACC members, which was distributed free to our annual meeting attendees. It will be made available on our website. This effort was undertaken by Membership V-P Laura Gonzalez.

A SACC mug and T-shirt were designed and sold to produce revenue. This effort was initiated by Membership V-P L. Gonzalez.

1000 postcards were designed and distributed at the AAA meeting in San Francisco to announce SACC meeting sessions and times. Initiative of L. Gonzalez.
SACC manned (Laura Gonzalez) an Information booth in the Vendor Area to raise awareness of and garner support for SACC.

SACC held a student competition to design a new SACC logo, which we incorporated in 2008 in our materials and website.

We identified a professional webmaster to give our website a more professional look. She begins the redesign early 2009.

L. Gonzalez set up a meeting at the AAA meeting in San Francisco with Richard Thomas to discuss ways the AAA could support SACC. This came as a result of the survey that she designed after receiving questions about SACC from Richard. Communication continues with Richard and progress is being made.

**Financial balances** ending November 30, 2008
Assets at the beginning of the year were $35,319.19
Revenues to date $22,311.95
Expenses: $15,971.67
Net assets as of November 30, 2008 - $41,659.47 (increase of $6,340.28).

**AAA sessions**
1. SACC Invited Session: Five Fields Update
3. Poster Session: Teaching Strategies and Culture of College Success (reviewed by SACC and SACC participation)

**Spring Annual Meeting**
SACC held its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., March 14-18, 2008, organized by President Ann Kaupp (Smithsonian Institution). The meeting was attended by 68 community college and four-year anthropology educators. Conference theme was Sharing Knowledge: Anthropology’s Contributions to Understanding Human Bio-Cultural Diversity; it was dedicated to past president Leonard Lieberman. The conference included a one-day field trip to the Smithsonian and guest speakers from the Smithsonian and AAA (Damon Dozier). Oona Schmid, AAA director of publishing, met the board to discuss AnthroSource.

**Outreach to other Sections/Groups**
Two of SACC members have been involved in the AAA’s Anthropology Education Committee. Ann Kaupp was part of the original commission and Mark Lewine is presently chair of the Committee.

**Awards**
President’s award shared by Lloyd Miller, editor of *SACC Notes* and *Anthropology News* column, and Deborah Shepherd, webmaster, presented at the SACC annual meeting on
March 15, 2008. Lloyd does a tremendous and timely volunteer effort keeping SACC and AAA members informed of our activities and scholarship through the SACC column in Anthropology News and SACC Notes. Deborah volunteered to set up a website for the society at her college that helped make the society accessible not only to SACC members but to a wider audience.

Internal Communications
SACC communicates the following ways:
Biannual newsletter, Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes,
Listserve (very active)
Website (being redesigned by a professional designer).
Internet blog and an online biannual e-newsletter, SACC Regional Report, for the regional vice-presidents around the U.S. and Canada. Laura Gonzalez initiated the blog and online newsletter.

Future Plans or Activities
SACC established this past year two student awards, one for academic excellence and the other for creativity, leadership, or community service. We received six proposals for 2009. We also designed a teacher award to be given every other year.

SACC co-presidents Mary Gilliland and Maren Wilson are organizing an annual meeting in Tucson, AZ, with the theme of “Borders and Boundaries.” In addition to paper presentations, excursions to anthropological sites, and meeting local experts, the conference is offering two pre-conference workshop labs: Zooarchaeology and Tree-Ring Research.

SACC is organizing the Five Fields Update for 2009 AAA annual meeting as well as a session on Tips from Awarding Winning Teachers.

Chief Concerns
We are in communication with Richard Thomas who met with SACC officers in San Francisco and the dialog is continuing on SACC providing suggestions of how the AAA can better serve community college educators. In many cases, SACC members represent the only anthropologist or social scientist teaching at their school. As a result of the economy and as tuition costs at four-year colleges continue to rise, students find it economically expedient to begin the college experience at community colleges. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, over 51% of incoming freshmen seeking bachelor’s degrees transfer from community colleges within the first two years of being admitted. Since many community colleges nationwide are state – funded institutions, SACC members also find themselves constrained by limited budgets and curriculum offerings as many have had to endure budget cuts imposed by their state.