SOLGA 2009 Annual Report
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Membership as of Nov 2009: 249
Stable membership levels relieve immediate anxiety about maintaining the status quo. Vacancies in the ranks of officers were filled, but without many competitive candidates. Any significant expansion of activities as proposed will require attention to expanding our membership and to the mentoring of new leaders within the organization.

Finances:
Net assets rose slightly, from $12,000 in 2007 to $15,800 in November 2008. Some of this sum represents annual meeting expenses not billed by November. Revenues remained stable as expected. The funds allocated to revamp the website were not used, so substantial reserves remain.
The Payne Prize endowment also remained stable, rising from $8,650 to $8,710 by November 2008. Revenues were not enough to cover the 2009 prize of $500, but a silent auction of members’ books covered most of the shortfall. Repeating the auction with more publicity next year should solve the immediate problem, but long-term fundraising strategies are needed.

SOLGA sessions and events at AAA 2009:
Wednesday, 12/2:  8:00 PM-9:45 PM SOLGA Session: Queer Languages, Queer Narratives
Thursday, 12/3:  8:00 PM-9:30 PM SOLGA Board Meeting
Friday, 12/4:  8:00 AM-9:45 AM SOLGA Session: Queer(y)ing Belonging
4:00 PM-5:45 PM SOLGA Invited Session, with AFA: Moral Borders and the Boundaries of Labor: Culture and Commodified Sexualities in the Neoliberal Era
6:15 PM-7:30 PM SOLGA Business Meeting, followed by SOLGA Cash Bar
Saturday, 12/5 8:00 AM-11:45 AM AAA Presidential Session: Framing The Ends of Queer Anthropology
12:15 PM-1:30 PM Public Policy Session: Hope Is Not Enough: A Policy Forum Examining President Obama’s LGBT Civil Rights Policy Agenda
1:45 PM-5:30 PM SOLGA Invited Session, with Archeology: "Queering" The Archaeology of Identity
1:45 PM-3:30 PM SOLGA Invited Session, with AFA: Feminist Anthropology Meets Queer Anthropology: A Tribute to the Work of Liz Kennedy

4:00 PM-5:45 PM SOLGA Session: Queer Necropolitics: Lives, Deaths And The End(S) Of Queer Anthropology
7:30-9:00 PM Joint Reception with AFA, ABA, SANA, etc,

Awards presented:
The 2009 Payne Prize winner for a student paper is Gregory Mitchell for “‘TurboConsumers’ in Paradise: Neoliberalism, Civil Rights, and Brazil’s Gay Sex Tourist Industry.”

Review letter:
A letter of support was sent by the co-chairs regarding Sam Bullington, a former Payne Prize winner under third-year review at the Women’s and Gender Studies Department, University of Missouri.

Internal communications: David Houston remains the editor of the AAA Newsletter column and welcomes contributions from others. SOLGA also maintains a listserv very active on organizational, advocacy and intellectual subjects. The newsletter SOLGAN is distributed via email. The new web dominatrix, Ted Gideonse, plans to revamp the website in the coming year in concert with AAA staff.

Bylaws changes:
The committee’s proposed changes to bylaws, including term limits and changes to the tag-line of the association’s name, were accepted at the board and business meetings for placement on the next AAA official ballot for a full vote of the section membership.

Future plans and activities:
Membership Drive: Although our membership numbers are holding steadily at 249 members, we would like to hold a membership drive in order to increase our membership and visibility within the association.

Family Project: Drawing on the success of the AAA’s RACE project, we would like to begin planning around a similar long-term project based on anthropological understandings of “Family.” We realize that the RACE project took many years of planning by a dedicated core group as well as numerous internal and external collaborations and look forward to conversations with other members of the association to make this happen.

Points we would like to raise within AAA:
We sincerely hope that the new scheduling system will prevent further overlap of invited sessions.

**To Section Assembly:**
We would like more ways of programmed interaction with other minority section chairs at the Annual Meeting. It would be great if we could have some time before the Section Assembly to caucus with the other minority chairs.

**To Executive Board:**

**To AAA Staff:**
*Website:* We are considering moving the SOLGA website to the AAA system, however we remain very concerned about the lack of flexibility in choosing our own CMS system. We hope the AAA will move to an open platform so that more flexibility is possible.