Association of Senior Anthropologists (ASA) Annual Report
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STATUS, ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Membership: Membership in ASA was 169 as of November 30, 2009, an increase of 17 (11.2%) over November 2008

   • An e-mail blast sent with prior approval of Section Assembly Executive Committee in early October 2009 to all American Anthropological Association (AAA) members listed as “Retired” who are not already ASA members might have had an effect on the size of membership.

2. Financial balance: As of January 2010, taking into account final anticipated expenses from the 2009 annual meeting, ASA had a balance of approximately $8,500. This reflects increase in membership (see above) and expenditure of a small gift to a local educational organization in memory of the daughter of a long-time mainstay member of ASA.

3. AAA 2009 annual meeting sessions:


   • Co-Sponsored with General Anthropology Division—“The ‘Life Course’ as an End of Anthropology (Though not Life’s End)” -- (Caitrin Lynch, Jason A. Danley, Judith Friedenberg, Mary C. Bateson, Sarah E. Lamb, Jennifer Cole, Jay Sokolovsky)

   • Co-Sponsored with National Association of Student Anthropologists—“Alternate Generation Solidarity: A Roundtable Discussion between Students and Senior Anthropologists” -- (Amanda J. Abramson, Alice B. Kehoe, Marcy M. Hessling, J. Anthony Paredes, John K. Trainor, Jason E. Miller, Rory G. McCarthy, Bernice A. Kaplan, JoAllyn Archambault)

   • Informal collaboration to support and promote roundtable co-sponsored by Association of Indigenous Anthropologists and Society for Humanistic Anthropology

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• Annual ASA Business Meeting and Luncheon

4. **Spring Meeting**: (Not Applicable)

5. **Mentorship efforts**:
   - Joint AAA meeting session with **National Association of Student Anthropologists** (see 3 above)
   - Communication with ASA members and others on topics such as research on senior anthropologists and organizing emeritus faculty on local campuses

6. **Additional outreach efforts**: None beyond those listed above

7. **Awards**: None

8. **Internal Communications**:
   - E-Mail blast to ASA membership in early November 2009 promoting sessions and business meeting at 2009 AAA Annual Meeting
   - Updating and redesign (with AAA staff support) of website (still ongoing)
   - Discussions with AAA staff on developing a list-serve

9. **Changes in bylaws and governance**:
   By vote of the general membership, bylaws were revised to
   - be in accordance with newly adopted electronic AAA nominations and election procedures
   - reduce required number of nominees for each ASA office from two to one
   - establish immediate past-president as a regular member of the executive committee

   By electronic poll of the membership, authorization was given for partial reimbursement to ASA executive committee members for attendance at the ASA annual business meeting comparable to AAA reimbursement policies (maximum of $80)

**FUTURE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES**

• A manuscript of selected papers from past ASA sessions edited by Alice Kehoe and Paul Doughty and tentatively entitled *Exciting and Expanding: American Anthropology Breaks out of the Ivory Tower-1970s* has been favorably reviewed by a university press and is in process of revision for final decision on publication.

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• The National Association of Student Anthropologists has indicated an interest in continuing to hold discussions with senior anthropologists, and ASA supports this activity.

• The Association of Senior Anthropologists plans to continue to use the AAA retiree member list for recruitment once every three years as authorized in 2009 by the Section Assembly Executive Board along with comparable authorization for the National Association of Student Anthropologists to use the AAA student member list.

CHIEF CONCERNS AND ISSUES

• ASA passed resolutions at its December 3, 2009, business meeting calling for restoration of a reduced AAA membership fee for Retirees and for the introduction of a reduced AAA annual meeting registration fee for non-anthropologist spouses and domestic partners of AAA members. Both resolutions have been transmitted to the AAA Executive Board for consideration.

• The above-referenced resolutions were presented to the December 4, 2009, meeting of the AAA Section Assembly for consideration. The Section Assembly passed a resolution in support of the spirit of the ASA resolutions

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