The main activities of the C&A Section for 2009 included: (1) creation of the C&A website; (2) publication of the Journal Culture and Agriculture (return to print production of two volumes per year); (3) change of name for the journal to *Culture, Agriculture, Food, and Environment* (*CAFE*) to broaden the content that will take effect in 2011; (4) the Robert M. Netting Student Paper Award; (5) efforts to increase membership in the Section; and (6) regular *Anthropology Newsletter* columns detailing Section news and members' activities.

**Status, Activities and Accomplishments**

1. Membership numbers were over the 250 mark in 2009, 271 in Sept 2009, an increase of about 11%, for the first time in the past 10 years. Although this is a one-year pattern, it appears significant in relation to the losses of recent years, e.g., 2008 membership was 239 +/- 5.

2. Financial Balances
   - The AAA contract with Wiley-Blackwell has changed the financial picture for the Section. C&A received approximately $6,250 from membership dues and $8,050 from the Journal contract.
   - C&A's net assets at the beginning of the year were $36,924.27 but increased to $51,226.73 by October 16, 2009 with the addition of the items in #1 above. Additional members and subscribers to the journal *Culture & Agriculture*, as well as the allocation from Wiley-Blackwell helped with additional financial security.
   - In the 2010 budget, “Meeting Food and Space/Receptions” was increased to $1,500 from $500 to co-host a reception with SAFN in New Orleans. Website development and upkeep increased to $1,500 from $500. Awards and Honors were decreased to $750 from $1,500 because fewer awards will be presented.

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3. AAA 2008 Invited Sessions/Special Events
   - Invited sessions:
Food Security: Policy, People and Technology
Politicking the Farm: Transitions and Transformations in European Union Agriculture
The Worst Plant in the World
Rural Elites
• Other Sessions
  Food, Fiber, & Flower: Governing Agrarian Environments in the Global Agrarian Change
  Markets and Identities
• Special events
  o Reception for Culture & Agriculture
  o Board Meeting’
  o Business Meeting

4. Spring Meetings: NA

5. Mentorship efforts: NA

6. Additional outreach efforts:
  • Joint membership in the AAA Task Force on the World Food Crisis
  • Solicitations online for student papers for the Robert M. Netting Award
  • As a membership incentive and recruitment technique, C&A canvas tote-bags and 1-inch color buttons were designed and 150 bags and 250 buttons were distributed at the AAA meeting in Philadelphia, many at the booth AAA exhibition booth. Lists of potential members were collected and there will be follow-up in 2010.

7. Awards
  • Robert M. Netting Student Paper Award in Culture & Agriculture: The winner was Shiloh Moates, University of Georgia, who received the $500 prize plus a consultation with the editor of Culture and Agriculture for potential publication. The Award was presented at the Business Meeting and Reception of C&A at the Philadelphia AAA meetings. A column in AN was devoted to an abstract of the paper in January 2010.

8. C&A listserv: Lois Stanford at New Mexico State University has maintained the listserv, but see below for a request to AAA Staff to add new members to it.

9. The C&A Website was moved from the supervision of Michael Fischer at University of Kent, UK to the AAA website. It was reconfigured and re-designed by C&A webmaster Milan Shrestha with assistance of the AAA webmaster, Lisa Myers. A newly redesigned website is now online at www.cultureandagriculture.org. The contents of the website are organized under the six major categories: About, Activities, Publications, Join, Resources, and Sitemap. The website is secure and scalable for future updates and modifications. The number of visitors to the website has significantly increased in recent months.

10. There were no changes in bylaws or governance. In terms of current board members, Kendall Thu informed the Board that he cannot continue as editor, so a search is on.
Future Plans or Activities in the Next 3-5 Years
1. C&A continues to have increase in membership as a primary goal, with special emphasis on increase in student members. Activities toward those ends will include:
   • Netting student paper award will continue.
   • The journal C&A will become CAFE in 2011
   • C&A will seek closer interaction and cooperation with SAFN and AE.
   • C&A will maintain visibility through Section news in the Anthropology Newsletter.

2. C&A editor Kendall Thu increased the number of book reviews, with help of book editor Suzanne Russell. However, Kendall is not able to continue as editor, and a search is in progress.

3. C&A cooperates with the Society for Applied Anthropology to organize sessions and present papers at their annual meetings. In 2009, C&A also noted that the Society for Anthropology and the Environment had panels that dealt with agriculture and some of C&A's panels dealt with environmental issues so this may opportunities for future synergy especially since C&A member Glenn Stone is AE president and C&A president-elect Richard Moore is a member of AE.

Concerns and Issues
1. For the Section Assembly, C&A wants to request assembly time for similar/"like-minded" Sections to discuss issues of mutual interest, as well as the coordination/collaboration of some of their sessions, publications, and receptions. Otherwise, it is difficult to locate and meet with such Section heads.

2. For the Executive Board, C&A wants to request a mechanism for the subscription to its journal independent of membership in the AAA, since there is international interest in subscriptions to C&A (CAFE).

3. For the AAA Staff, C&A wants to request that periodic updates of the email addresses of C&A members be given to the Section, so C&A members can be added to the C&A listserv. The present listserv is a compilation of years of additions, but many current members are not on it. Hence, there was great difficulty for the 2009 AAA meetings in contacting members to inform them of times and places (some with schedule changes) of sessions, the business meeting and the reception.
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