Section Annual Report Form  
Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA) 
2010

Briefly provide the information requested on the form below. If the question does not apply to your Section, please note that it is “not applicable” instead of leaving it blank.

Please try to keep the responses to questions below as succinct as possible.

I  Please provide, names and e-mail addresses of the Section officers and board members during the period covered:

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II  Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

1) Provide the most recent membership numbers and list any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership:

Number of Members **approximately 350**

Factors affecting Membership: N/A

2) Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable). Also list any factors you think are affecting your Section’s finances:

Financial Balance: **$59,418.77 (as of 11/30.10)**

Publications: (if applicable) *Transforming Anthropology and Decolonizing Anthropology*
Factors affecting Finances: We have been able to generate revenue because of our journal, *Transforming Anthropology* and the re-publication of *Decolonizing Anthropology*.

3) List the titles of your Section’s AAA meeting invited sessions, co-sponsored sessions, and any special events your Section sponsored or in which it participated. Check with your program chairs if needed: When providing session information please note if these are invited or co-sponsored and if the later please list them.

**Sessions:**

1) The Spaces in Between: Movement in the Face of Enclosures in the African Diaspora (Invited Session)

2) Moving Targets (Invited Session)

3) Dominican Anthropology (Invited Session)

4) Roundtable- Navigating the Field: “Near” Native Anthropology, Circulating Truths, and Ruptured Realities (Invited Roundtable Session)

5) Still 'Moving Further Toward an Anthropology for Liberation': A Critical Celebration of Decolonizing Anthropology' (Invited Roundtable Session)

6) Circulation Conversation, and Celebration by the Originators (Invited Roundtable Session)

**Other Events:**

* ABA Legacy Award Ceremony and Reception
* 40th Anniversary – ABA Party
* Co-Sponsored block party with several other AAA sections in New Orleans

4). List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

We partnered with SANA to host a joint conference in Denver, Colorado, in April.

5) List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section, if applicable (please provide the title of the award, date presented, and full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees):
6) Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:

1) Undergraduate and/or graduate students: Works-in-Progress (WIP)
   ABA started a Works-in-Progress (WIP) workshop to pair graduate
   students with faculty members (to receive feedback on dissertation topics
   and writing progress, conference papers, and grant applications. This is a
   mentoring program and involves approximately 8-12 students and 8-10
   faculty members annually.

2) Early career scholars: N/A

3) Independent scholars: N/A

7) Additional outreach efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to other sections,
   interest groups, and scholarly societies, government agencies, public
   education/community engagement, and underrepresented minorities:

   We will contact other AAA sections including SANA, AFA, ALLA, SOLGA, SLACA as
   well as SfAA, in the effort to work collaboratively to increase section memberships.

8) Status and use of Section internal communications such as a website, list serve, or
   newsletter (if applicable): Please list internal communication tools you use and
   what they are used for

   At present, we have a website, listserv, Facebook organization page, and use
   Twitter.

9) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable): N/A
III What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

We plan to expand membership by reaching out to the other sections as well as develop a marketing campaign to increase interest, participation, and membership in ABA. We are also working on the following projects and initiatives:

* Digital archive project
* First annual Johnnetta B. Cole Student Travel Award
* Creation of a section member bibliography
* Member research site mapping project
* Works in Progress (WIP) Mentoring Program
* Plan an international conference in the Dominican Republic (Summer 2012)

IV Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not previously noted:

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly leadership?

We could think through ways to bring section heads together other than at the section assembly meeting which do not allow enough time for section heads to meet each other and dialogue.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?

n/a

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff?

It would be great to create an on-line space for news related to sections and section heads. The current listserv works well, but an additional space dedicated to news would be good as it allow messages to be archived, discussions to take place via forums, and messages and topics could be prioritized.