Section Annual Report Form – Association of Indigenous Anthropologists

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 __233________________

Factors affecting Membership:

We charge a membership fee of only $5 for students and $10 for others. Though we do this to keep membership affordable and not to increase our numbers per se, our low membership fee probably has a positive impact on our numbers.

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: __Our balance is $202.00________________

Publications: (if applicable) __not applicable________________
Factors affecting Finances:

Our decision to keep membership costs low negatively affects our finances. Even so, we prefer to keep membership costs low.

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) Native Voices, Disciplined Practices: Self-Determination in Ethnographic Representation by American Indian Anthropologists Past and Present (Invited)

   2) Tribal Sovereignty/Cultural Sovereignty: Conversations Between Anthropology and Law (Invited)

   3) Causes and Consequences of Indigenous Experiences: Circulation of Alaska Native Identities (Informally Invited)

   4) Configuring Indigeneity: From Fantasy to Practice (AIA-created panel)

   5) Consequential Indigeneity: Tragedy, Resilience, and Revitalization (AIA-created panel)

   Other Events:

   1) AIA Business Meeting

   2) Cash Bar for Indigenous Anthropologists and Friends

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

   1) Mid-year Board Meeting (summer 2010)

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): N/A
6) Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:

1) Undergraduate and/or graduate students:

In November 2010, we completed the development of a formal mentoring program to supplement a 40-year-old informal mentoring program that Indian anthropologists had developed. There now exists a written application process through which indigenous undergraduates and early career scholars may request and receive a mentor. Undergraduate participation in this formal program has been much higher than expected. Graduate-student participation is very high; graduate students make up the bulk of the formal mentees in this program. In one case, a graduate student is formally mentoring an undergraduate student. Membership in the AIA and/or a status as indigenous are not required for participation in our formal mentoring program. We have several mentees and one mentor who are not AIA members, and two mentors who are not indigenous.

In addition, countless undergraduates and graduate students continue to be informally mentored by our members.

2) Early career scholars:

Early career scholars are very well-represented as mentees in our formal mentoring program. We understand the early-career period to be particularly difficult. We hope and expect that the targeted mentoring of this population will increase the numbers of early career scholars who survive this period and eventually become senior anthropologists and role models for incoming early career scholars.

3) Independent scholars:

Three independent scholars are participating as mentees in our formal mentoring program. One received her Ph.D. two years ago and is now receiving help landing an academic job from a tenured professor who serves as her formal mentor; the other two are receiving help from established professional anthropologists to return to graduate school and complete their Ph.D.s.
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:

AIA Board Member George Abrams manned a table at the AAAs designed to provide information about the various sections. He talked with interested individuals about our section and distributed printed materials we had prepared.

Many of our members gave talks in universities and in the community (including in museums) for American Indian Heritage month (November). In addition, many of our members gave presentations about their work or about American Indians more generally in the schools (K-12) and to the citizenries of their tribes. These are but a few examples of ways our members undertake outreach efforts. Based on anecdotal evidence, it is fair to say that these efforts are extensive.

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

This year we began regularly using space (our column) in the AAA newsletter to connect with section members and, more broadly, with AAA members. We also began asking Richard Thomas to send out emails to our membership on behalf of the AIA, a practice we have committed to do more often next year. Our board members stay in touch with one another through a listserv.

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?

1. Awarding an AIA Graduate Research Award of $2,000
2. Expanding our formal mentoring program
3. Working to create graduate and undergraduate travel awards to attend the AAAs
4. Working to create an endowed graduate research scholarship
5. Continuing to discuss the creation of a refereed journal

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

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