Section Annual Report Form

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__807________________

Factors affecting Membership:

NASA has seen an increase in membership due to its collaboration with the AAA staff over the past year. Working with the AAA, NASA has agreed to reduce dues for undergraduate students joining the association at the new undergraduate membership level. While NASA is making large gains in the undergraduate arena, anecdotally it seems that membership in NASA is dropping off as older graduate students become more professionalized and active in interest-specific sections.
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: $16,583
Publications: (if applicable) N/A

Factors affecting Finances:
NASA seems to finally be plateauing, maintaining a budget balance around $16,000 and curbing its deficit spending. While membership is up, it has not had a dramatic impact on NASAs finances due to the low cost of undergraduate membership (the population which has increased our membership). NASA is poised to balance its budget while still providing a wide array of services to the membership at the annual meetings including our professionalization workshops (which often run cost the section money due to the steep AAA fees and inability of students to pay steep workshop fees)

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) Invited, co-sponsored session (with SVA): Circulating New Media/Circulating New Stories: Lessons for Participation Action and Anthropology through Digital Storytelling

2) Invited Session: NASA Poster Session

3) Invited, co-sponsored session (with Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness): The Earthquake in Motion: Essays in Honor of Karen Brown

4) Invited roundtable: Interdisciplinary Training: Critical Appraisal of Dual-Degree Programs in Anthropology and Public Health

4½) Invited Session: When Languages Live
Other Events:

1) NASA Board Meeting
2) Student Orientation to the Annual Meetings
3) NASA Business Meeting
4) NASA/AAA Mentoring Workshop
4)5) How to Sell Yourself: Creating Anthropological Curriculum Vitae (CVs) and Resumes

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

1) Not applicable

2)

3)

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):

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<td>Carrie Hunter-Tate Award</td>
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<td>Casey Golomski</td>
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6) Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following:

1) Undergraduate and/or graduate students:
NASA hosted its 10th annual mentorship workshop with the support of the AAA. This workshop at the annual meetings is for any NASA member including undergraduates, graduates and professionals. The workshop is set up with various tables on different topics including “how to get into grad school,” “surviving grad school,” “applied and practicing anthropology,” “medical anthropology” and the four subfields. Students select their top 3 tables and spend roughly 15 minutes at each of those tables. At each table there is at least one volunteer mentor who is either a PhD working in that area or a senior student working in that area.

2) Early career scholars:
   Not applicable

3) Independent scholars:
   Not applicable

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:

   NASA has continued its outreach to other anthropological student groups. NASA has worked with the student groups of Central States Anthropological Society and the Society for Applied Anthropology to expand the services NASA offers and reach students we might not otherwise reach. At both the CSAS and SfAA annual meetings in 2010 NASA officers helped plan events and work with student leadership to encourage academic and social exchange of our 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

   Website: NASA switched from using the AAA hosted website to a Google site. We did this under the auspices of the AAA and the AAA listing for NASA redirects to our new site: www.studentanthropologists.org. The main reason for this change was the high level of expertise needed to make changes to the AAA hosted site. While the AAA staff was happy to help us, we wanted a format that would allow all NASA officers to easily make changes to our site in an effort to keep it up to date as well as easily integrate various web 2.0 technologies.

   Listserve: NASA has not used a AAA list serve in many years. Beginning this year, NASA relaunched its opportunities list as a Google list. The opportunities list serve manager joins as many relevant anthropology related list serves as we can find (currently over 40) and then culls the lists for information relevant to students. Members then receive these opportunities in digest format.

   Facebook: NASA has a facebook site which is still struggling to find a clear role. The site has been used to post meetings information, calls for awards and threads were even create to help students find fellow presenters to create panels for the meetings. The use and success of this site has been mixed.
Skype: Officers held closed board meetings over skype approximately every 1.5 months during 2010.

9) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):
Not applicable

III What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

NASA plans to continue its mentorship and professionalization workshop initiatives. Also, throughout the year we have worked with Richard Thomas and AAA membership to create a survey to better understand our newly growing undergraduate members. The goal of this survey will be to find out what undergraduate members hope to get from their NASA membership. While undergraduate members are not new to NASA or the AAA, the have always been in the minority until the recent influx thanks to the fantastic new undergraduate membership package. NASA hopes to use this information to better serve these members.

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?

NASA’s chief concern has to do with costs associated with the annual meeting. The goal of NASA is to help student members become successful anthropologists and active members of the AAA. Every year NASA is charged (or not charged) differently for our events. NASA would like to see the institutionalization of how we are charged for these events. Primarily, we would like full AAA support for the annual mentor workshop meeting space (which we are able to negotiate most years). Also, it would be nice to have a reduced workshop cost for NASA recognizing that NASA cannot charge large sums for students to attend these workshops nor can they be funded through our dues revenue. NASA is not looking to make money on the workshops, but would like to minimize losses on the workshops (which our membership continually raves about and asks for more workshops).

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?
Same as above
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff?

NASA does not have any concerns or issues with AAA. We would officially like to thank Kim Baker and Richard Thomas for the amazing level of support they have offered NASA in 2010.