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II. Status, Activities and Accomplishments, 2010

1) Membership: 440
Factors affecting membership: During 2010, the SAE membership has remained steady at around 440 members, about one third of whom are student members. As our membership dues are the primary source of revenue for the society, this is good news. However, in general membership has decreased from 505 in January, 2004 to 429 in January, 2010 (442 in September, 2010). Both, professional memberships and student membership have been dropping during the last years. We are planning to launch a membership drive in connection with our 25th anniversary as a section in order to boost membership.

2) Financial Balance:
SAE Fund Balance 1/1/10 $22,070

Revenues to 10/31/10 $ 8,947
Expenses to 10/31/10 $ 2,551
Revenue minus expenses: $ 6,395
JSAE*
In 2010, JSAE’s budgeted expenses are $550. The budgeted publishing royalty from Wiley-Blackwell is $1,486. This means that the difference ($936) reverts to the SAE general budget. If the cost of the journal exceeded the publishing royalty, the sum would be pulled from the SAE general budget as a “section dues subsidy”. In 2011, the publishing royalty should be slightly lower ($1,393). We voted at the 2010 AAA meetings to stop publishing this journal and to explore other means of communication of our research. The last issue of JSAE was published in winter 2010.

Factors Affecting Finances: The SAE financial situation has stabilized since 2007 because of the new Wiley-Blackwell agreement. However, the SAE needs to consider several changes to its budget because revenue is decreasing and expenses are increasing.

Meeting Costs: The cost of AAA meetings has been increased in the 2010 budget to $3,701. This figure reflects the full cost of the roundtable luncheon ($2,836), $400 for a wine bar after the Douglass speaker, $100 for dinner for the Douglass speaker, his/her guest, and the SAE representative who is hosting the speaker, and $365 registration fee for the Douglass speaker when it cannot be waived.

Douglass Endowment: The SAE will need to increase the principal of the Douglass endowment. If we increase it by $10-15,000, with current interest rates the SAE would be able to return to its pre-2007 expenditures of $2500. Individual donations can be added to the existing fund.

3) SAE Annual Meeting
Two co-sponsored Invited Sessions:

a) Pluralism, Islam, And The Limits Of The Secular In The New Europe (Co-Sponsored with Middle East Section)

b) Circulation Of Political And Religious Discourses On Reproductive Health And Rights In Europe (Co-sponsored with Association for Feminist Anthropology)

Other Events:

a. SAE hosted its annual roundtable luncheon.

b. The SAE William A. Douglass Distinguished Lecture was delivered by Susana Narotzky (University of Barcelona), “Memories of Conflict and Present-Day Struggles in Europe: New Tensions between Corporatism, Class, and Social Movements.” The modestly sized room (with capacity for approximately 150) was beyond its capacity. The
lecture was followed by an SAE-sponsored buffet and cash bar, which was extremely well attended and allowed for collegial networking.

c. SAE organized a *New* event to highlight student achievements related to our paper prize competition. This was called “New Directions in the Anthropology of Europe: The SAE Student Paper Prize Invited Roundtable Discussion.” Two senior scholars commented upon the students’ work.

d. SAE participated in the NASA/SAE/ASA Mentorship Workshop

4) Spring meeting activities: N/A

5) Awards:

a) 2010 William A Douglass Book Prize for the best book published in 2009 was awarded at the SAE Business Meeting at the 2010 AAA meetings to Didier Fassin and Richard Rechtman for their book The Empire of Trauma: An Inquiry into the Condition of Victimhood (Princeton University Press, 2009). Didier Fassin attended our meeting to receive the award and delivered a brief statement about the project. Honorable Mention was given to Karin Sanders for her book Bodies in the Bog and the Archaeological Imagination (University of Chicago Press, 2009).

b) 2010 SAE Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (awarded in conjunction with the Council for European Studies but paid by the SAE), was awarded in late spring 2010 to Eddie Huffman (UNC-Chapel Hill) for his project: “Take a Taxi Tour: Memory and Materiality in Post-Conflict Tourism in Belfast, Northern Ireland.” He was formally recognized at the SAE Business Meeting.

c) 2010 Graduate Student Paper Award was awarded at the SAE Business meeting to Sarah Bakker (UC – Santa Cruz) for her paper: Liturgical Song in the Age of Electronic Reproduction: Middle Eastern Christianity and Dutch Multiculturalism”.

6) Mentorship Efforts

The SAE elects a student representative to the executive committee to serve a 2-year term, and includes student mentorship in a number of its annual activities. The student representative and other SAE executive board members recruited students to attend panels at the AAA meetings that featured research on Europe, and asked the students to write short panel and paper summaries for inclusion in the SAE column in the Anthropology News and for dissemination on the SAE listserv.

SAE sponsors two awards aimed at students: the predissertation research award that enhances exploratory fieldwork in Europe and is coordinated through the Council for European Studies and the Graduate Student paper prize. We ask students to report on
their projects at our business meeting and help them meet and network with SAE members.

A new effort initiated in 2009 centered on the reorganization of the SAE Graduate Student Paper award. This came to fruition at the 2010 AAA meeting with the top-ranked student papers presented at a student-only panel titled “New Directions in the Anthropology of Europe.” An additional outcome of this new organization of the SAE Graduate Student Paper award is that finalists will be paired with senior anthropologists of Europe who will assist and mentor them through the publication process of their paper. SAE believes that this will not only increase student participation at the annual meetings, but will develop more meaningful and lasting mentoring relationships between junior and senior scholars.

7) Additional Outreach

The SAE Chair of Publicity and Membership was very active in such efforts during 2009-10. She

Summary of activities for 2010. These efforts included:

☐ SAE announcements distributed to SUNTA and A&E

☐ Collaboration with Council for European Studies of Columbia University for mutual promotion of events and distribution of announcements

☐ Collaboration with Council for European Studies of Columbia University to host an SAE panel cluster on “European Insecurities” at their Spring 2010 International Meetings in Montreal

☐ Report for Section News on the “European Insecurities” panel cluster at CES, printed in October 2010 AAA Newsletter

☐ Design and production of SAE posters and flyers for distribution at universities and at conferences

8) Communications/Publications

a) Website changes in 2010:

☐ Redesign of SAE website and quarterly updates

☐ Solicited new photo contributions and information for the website, to add a student page, a meetings page, archive page, book page, teaching page, membership page, etc.

b) H-SAE Listserv

H-SAE editors (Roland Moore and Jelena Karanovic) post various messages related to SAE Business, Calls for Proposals, announcements of conferences and grants to the listserv. Over 700 subscribers to the list receive messages.

c) JSAE: JSAE was edited in 2010 by Liam Murphy, who completed the work of publishing outstanding reviewed articles and helped us enormously by taking over from
the previous editor who for personal reasons had to stop abruptly. The SAE voted at the AAA meetings in 2010 to discontinue publishing JSAE. Its final issue appeared in winter 2010. SAE will consider new venues for publishing in the future, which may or may not include an electronic version of JSAE, but does not intend to resume publishing the paper version of JSAE. 3 issues of JSAE published in 2010:

fall/winter 2009
1 Research Article
1 Book Review Essay
2 Book Reviews

spring/summer 2010:
2 Research Articles
3 Book Reviews
12 Dissertation Abstracts

fall/winter 2010 (the last issue)
3 Research Articles
4 Book Reviews
16 Dissertation Abstracts

b. SAE coordinates the “European Anthropology in Translation” book series with Berghahn Books, under the direction of series editor Sharon Roseman. The first three books in the series are out and available in both print and ebook versions. No books were published in this series in 2010, but the translation for the following will be out in 2011: António Medeiros, Two Sides of a River: Nationalism and Ethnography in Galicia and Portugal. Funding for the translation of the following book has been secured and the original language edition has been delivered to the translator, with a delivery date to the publisher and series editor in early winter, 2011: Patrizia Ferraz de Matos As côres do império: representações raciais no Império Português [The Colours of the Empire: Racialized Representations in the Portuguese Empire]

III. New Initiatives
1. Added a new dues category in order to enhance revenue: aimed at senior members who want to be supporting members
2. Strengthened ties to the Council for European Studies whose new head is an anthropologist -- John Bowen.
3. Held the first student paper prize roundtable at the AAA meetings in 2010, where high quality graduate student work is presented and students receive mentorship from senior scholars.
4. Expanded outreach and publicity through new brochures and posters promoting SAE and it’s activities.
5. Looking forward now to the 25th anniversary of the founding of SAE and will organize activities at the 2012 meetings to celebrate that event.