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—Regular: 455; Student: 218; International A: 0;
   International B: 53; Life: 3; Total: 729 ___________

**Please note that International A continues to be incorrect. At a minimum we know that we have three International A – two of whom are on our Board and another two that always attends our Business Meetings.**

Factors affecting Membership:
We had an overall increase in membership of 3.2% with student membership increasing by 9.9%. The numbers are not, however, accurate as International A
continues to show 0 when we have two Europeans on our Board and another two that regularly attend our Business Meetings. In previous years we had trouble with our International members receiving their Journals but this has been resolved and we are pleased to report that we had no complaints this year. Several members have expressed interest in becoming life members with SLACA but do not want to also be life members with AAA. We need to look into the possibility of offering this important opportunity to them and us as a Society. We believe that our student membership has increased, despite the economic turn, because of our outreach efforts including the addition of two new student paper prizes in the spring.

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: $85,569.29 up from $71,510.00 in 2009; Whiteford Fund is @9246.91, up from $9189.13 despite the addition of two new paper prizes funded from this resource.

Publications: Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Factors affecting Finances: Needless to say, the switch to Wiley-Blackwell has been a huge factor in the shift upward for our finances. When this is added to our increase in membership and the generous contributions of the Whitefords from the royalties on their textbook, SLACA is a very positive position. We intend to invest these monies in services to our members as outlined below.

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: Our session programming is too large to list below. We had 2 poster sessions, 27 volunteered sessions, 6 invited sessions (several in collaboration with various other sections including SUNTA, AFA, ALLA, and more), two special invited sessions – Presidential Lecture by Gabriela Vargas-Cetina and the Conversations Across the Americas: The Political Economy of Natural Disasters in the Americas,
Other Events:
Our major special event this year is our annual joint reception that was expanded to include the following sections: AFA, ABA, SAW, ALLA, SANA, and SOLGA. The event was a traditional New Orleans street fair that we held in the 7th Ward and hired local NGOs for the catering, music, and site. It was one of the best attended events that we have had in decades and many participants were thrilled that we chose to have it off-site in the ward that was the hardest hit in NO and that we provided resources to local organizations.

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

1) Spring meeting in Merida, Mexico held in co-sponsorship with SfAA

2) Whiteford Graduate Student Paper Prize in Applied Anthropology

3) Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology, featuring Carole Nagengast, Lynn Stephen, and Ramona Perez, in Merida, Mexico.

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>Roseberry-Nash Graduate Student Prize</td>
<td>December 2010</td>
<td>Nell Haynes</td>
<td>American University</td>
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<td>Whiteford Graduate Student Paper Prize in Applied Anthropology</td>
<td>March 2010</td>
<td>Gabriela Kovats-Sanchez, and Courtney Kurlanska</td>
<td>SDSU, and Albany</td>
<td>Papers</td>
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<td>Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology</td>
<td>March 2010</td>
<td>Michael Kearney through Carole Nagengast, Lynn Stephen and Ramona Perez</td>
<td>UCRiverside, UNew Mexico, UOregon, and SDSU</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:
   We have two graduate student representatives on our Board who are integrated into our meetings and who hold responsibilities alongside Councilor’s for various publications and electronic media. We have two paper prizes for graduate students that are awarded to two sets of students: one in the US/Canada and the other to a student in Latin America or the Caribbean proper.

2) Early career scholars:
   Our listserv has been a fantastic tool for disseminating postdoc and dissertation grants and fellowships as well as job opportunities in and outside academia. We welcome contributions and updates on research through our AN column and our website. We encourage emerging scholars to consider a councilor position that serves as a mentoring tool for networking and involvement in the discipline.

3) Independent scholars:
   Our spring meeting with the SfAA serves to open our doors and create accessibility for independent scholars. We attend a variety of panels in order to solicit manuscript submissions from independent scholars for the Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.

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:

Our joint reception has grown each year since its inception more than a decade ago. We started collaborating with ALLA as a way to reinforce our ties but also to aid them financially in creating a networking moment. Today, we collaborate with more than half a dozen sections to increase networking and provide a meaningful social interaction (see Other Events above). Our Journal editor has a separate travel budget that allows him to travel to other meetings including LASA, CAA, and other organizations in order to expand our presence and solicit manuscripts.

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

We have an active website that is maintained by one of our graduate student reps under the auspices of a council. We are currently working on writing the history of SLACA and adding this to our site. We include various links to other societies and...
interest groups as well as human rights informational sites throughout Latin America. Our listserve is monitored by one of our councilors and includes daily updates or weekly summaries. Information ranging from employment and grant opportunities to updates on conditions throughout Latin America are passed to our members and our members are active participants in the dissemination of information. We are working on a human rights blog that will be added to our website along with a Facebook page. We do not intend to use Twitter as our members indicated that they are too busy to use Twitter.

9) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):
None.

III What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
We will be moving our Journal to three issues per year and are seeking inclusion in the Citational Index.
We will once again hold a spring meeting with the SfAA but are also looking into other societies in Canada and Latin America that would allow us to expand our presence and where we could alternate our spring meetings.
We initiated the Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology this last year and will continue to use this as a venue to honor our established scholars – a group we feel we have neglected in our desire to create opportunities for students and emerging scholars.

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?
None at this time.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?
The current issue surrounding tenure requirements continues to plague all of us. We realize that the Labor Commission is currently addressing this but would like to see the AAA come out with a positive statement that does not delineate between books or articles but rather that addresses the diversity of our discipline and the recognition that many applied scholars also are academics.
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff?
We would like to thank the Staff for all of their hard work and their commitment to the Sections.