I. Section Officers

Position: President  
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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: 1598

   Factors affecting Membership:
   We believe membership is declining (down 44 from last year) largely due to the economic climate.

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: 290,885.61

   Publications: (if applicable)
   Total revenue: $128,980 (expenditure = $128,980)

   Factors affecting Finances:
   No major changes in 2011

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, volunteered or co-sponsored.

   Other Events:
   - Graduate Student Board Members Meeting (for student members of all sections, organizer Jessica Hardin) Palais 512H, Friday 7:30pm
   - AES Business Meeting (Friday 6:15-7:30, Palais des congrès 510D) Including: "Financial Moralities and the Worldviews of the Wall Street 1%" - a
4) * Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?

   Requested Grant: No

   If granted, who/what was it/they used for? (if applicable)

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

   Our spring meeting was held (jointly with SUNTA) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 14-17. It included 22 sessions, two presidential addresses, business and board meetings.

6) 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):

   Award Title:
   Date:
   Recipient:
   Affiliation:
   Project/Paper/etc:

7) * Mentorship efforts (at or beyond the AAA meetings) to any of the following (e.g., special activities, funding, awards, guidance/advising on professional matters, etc.):

   Undergraduate and/or graduate students

   We appointed a new graduate student member to our board and have been working with her on developing a set of new initiatives for graduate students, including incorporating more graduate students into AES-sponsored panels, workshops and roundtables, and revitalizing our “working projects” initiative

   Early career scholars:

   none

   Independent scholars:

   none

8) 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 worked to incorporate international scholars through holding many events in Spanish at our meeting in Puerto Rico and by increasing the representation of international scholars on the AE Board.

9) 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 use the listserv to communicate important dates and deadlines to members; we post bulletins about less time-sensitive issues on our website and publicize in the AN. In 2012 we hope to develop our own listserv hosted elsewhere so that we can communicate more frequently with our members.

In 2011, we developed a new website for the *American Ethnologist*.

10) 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 hold a spring meeting in New York City.

We are working to create more events/opportunities for graduate students.

We plan to add several additional membership categories to those currently available.

Our new AE editor began her term in July 2011. She is introducing several initiatives, including special topic issues and a more interactive website.

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 Executive Committee (SAEC)? Please be specific.

None at this time
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.

None at this time

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.

None at this time