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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: 345

Factors affecting Membership:
Holding steady--good in these bad economic times.
We continue to maintain high visibility at annual meeting.

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: 30,225.56

Publications: (if applicable)
NA

Factors affecting Finances:
Balance up from last year (Montreal was cheaper for our reception).

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.

Session Type: Invited
Session: Tracing Cultures and Creating Memory in Africa and the African Diaspora

Session Type: Invited
Session: Disparate Realities: Meaning and Location in the Senegalese Diaspora

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Perilous Essentialisms: The Old in the New or Vice Versa?

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Popular Dance Music and the Public Life of Young People in Urban Africa

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Globalization, Modernization and the State in African Perspective

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Rethinking Pastoral Violence in Africa
**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** Africans on the Move: The Plights of Migrants and Refugees

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** New Developments in East African Pastoralist Violence: Perspectives from Japanese and U.S. Anthropology

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** The Mystery of Dry Land: Unexpected Outcomes of Pastoral Privatization in East Africa

**Session Type:** Volunteered  
**Session:** Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurship in Africa

**Other Events:**

Distinguished Lecture: "Gender, Generation and Time in Sub-Saharan Africa" by Maria G. Cattell

Board Breakfast Meeting

Annual Business Meeting

Reception and Awards Presentation

Paper session: Issues of Sex and Gender across Africa

Paper session: Memorials and Remains of Science in Africa: Traces of Progress, Nostalgia and Amnesia

Paper session: Religion, Dogma and Spirituality across Africa: Conservatism and Change

Paper Session: Identity, Family, Sexuality and Change across Africa

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):

NA

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:** Distinguished Lecture  
**Date:** 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
**Recipient:** Maria G. Cattell
Affiliation: The Field Museum of Natural History
Project/Paper/etc: Lecture: "Gender, Generation and Time in Sub-Saharan Africa"

Award Title: Bennetta Jules-Rosette Graduate Student Paper Award
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Erica Fontana
Affiliation: U of California, San Diego
Project/Paper/etc: Paper: "Online African Art: Representation, Circulation and Access"

Award Title: Nancy (Penny) Schwartz Undergraduate Student Paper Award
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Sean Brimmer
Affiliation: College of the Holy Cross
Project/Paper/etc: Paper: "Urban Africa Exposed: Inversion and the Restructuring of Kinship, Gender and Style"

Award Title: Nancy (Penny) Schwartz Undergraduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Divya Bhat
Affiliation: U of California, San Diego
Project/Paper/etc: Paper: "Child Witches in Kinshasha"

Award Title: Nancy (Penny) Schwartz Undergraduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Ramona Rodriguez-Brooks
Affiliation: U of California, San Diego
Project/Paper/etc: Paper: "Art, Change and Videotape: Nollywood and Social Change in Nigeria"

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
Graduate Student Paper Award & Undergraduate Student Paper Award--faculty mentor students who submit paper
Graduate student representative to board networks with students, encourages submissions to AAA program

Early career scholars:
Encourage their participation in AFAA and in AAA program; have several on our board.

Independent scholars:
Encourage their participation in AFAA and in AAA program; have one on our board.
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:

None

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:

Website (hosted by AAA)--current information and archives
List serve (hosted by AAA): postings by board members and other AFAA members

10) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):

NA

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

Expand mentoring associated with our awards (graduate student paper, undergraduate student paper, and book award)

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

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

None

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

None