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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: 184

Factors affecting Membership:

Membership Membership of ALLA fluctuates between roughly 170 and 190 members depending the time of the year when data is collected. In September 2010 a total of 162 members renewed their membership (102 regular members and 62 students). At the 2011 meetings in Montreal Richard Thomas reported that ALLA had 184 members. We are currently looking at ways to increase our membership Richard Thomas has produced a list of lapsed members that we plan on contacting. We are also looking at the possibility of membership bundles with other 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: 18,892.16

Publications: (if applicable)
ALLA does not have an official publication. However, during 2011, mainly through the efforts of Sujey Vega and Michael Montoya, we created a website and posted short pieces by a number of anthropologists. The theme was/is the future of Latino/a anthropology.

Factors affecting Finances:

The major factor impacting our finances is our membership numbers. Ideally, we would like to fund travel for the ALLA president and student representative to the annual meetings, participation in a reception, and other expenses including small stipends to pay for DREAM activists to participate in a session. We started the year with 19,426.69 and brought in 2,725.05. Our expenses were 3,259.48 so we saw a net reduction in assets of 534.43. Next year we will have to limit our funding of events at the AAA meetings.

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, Co-Sponsored with SUNTA
Session: Invited Session: "Temporalities of Transnationalism and Diaspora: Traces and legacies of Sociocultural Life Across Borders," organized by Hilary Dick (Arcadia U) and Alejandro Paz (U of Toronto) and cosponsored by SUNTA

Session Type: Invited
Session: "The Legacies of IRCA" organized by Luis Plascencia (ASU) and Rocío Magaña (Rutgers).
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: "Negotiating Belonging and Exclusion: The Ethno-Racial Politics of Materiality in Transnational Contexts"

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: "The Situated Ethnographer and the Politics of Analytical Legibility: Anthropological Analyses of Dispossession, Activism, and Conflict"

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: "THE RACIALIZATION OF LATINOS: EVERYDAY LIVED EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION"

Other Events:
Co-Sponsored Reception with a number of sections.
Sponsored participation of DREAM activists in AAA panels.
Board and Business Meetings

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):

No 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: Book Prize
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Luz Maria Gordillo
Affiliation: Washington State University Vancouver
Project/Paper/etc: Mexican Women and the Other Side of Immigration: Engendering Transnational Ties. University of Texas

Award Title: Book Award: Honorable Mention
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0
Recipient: Ruth Gomberg-Munoz
Affiliation: University of Illinois at Chicago
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

   None

   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:

   ALLA passed a resolution on pressing immigration issues and shared that resolution with other groups and sections. We also skyped in and had several DREAM activists participate at the 2011 Montreal meetings.

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 put alot of energy last year into developing our website. Thanks to the help of the AAA staff and the hard work of Sujey Vega and Michael Montoya we were able to put together a first-rate web site. We are using it to announce events and share short articles on thematic issues.

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

    We completely revamped our by-laws. The changes are too numerous to list here but focus on, streamlining election procedures, utilizing electronic communication in conducting scion business, revamping board membership, and creating the post of vice-president/president elect.

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

   We are planning on organizing a mentoring section at the AAA meetings, putting togethter a thematic section on borders for our website, and to put together a full program of invited and volunteered sections, Rocio Magana is our program coordinator. We are also planning on putting together a resolution on the DREAM Act.
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.

We would very much like the next public education initiative to be on migration.

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

Staff is doing a great job.