Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition 2011 Annual Report

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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: 289

   Factors affecting Membership:
   We've made an effort to increase awareness through postcards, and we have asked all board members to try and get at least five people signed up.

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: 35,558.46

   Publications: (if applicable)

   Factors affecting Finances:
   Nothing out of the ordinary.

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: Volunteered
   Session: Changing Contexts and Responses to Food Insecurity (4-0935)

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: Feeding and Food among Babies, Children, and Adolescents (5-0135)

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: Before the Baby Comes: Dietary Provisioning During Pregnancy (5-0725)

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: The Working Animal Body: Recovering and Suppressing Visceral Traces (5-0990)

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: Taste the Difference: Food Futures and the Politics of Eating (and Writing) Food (6-0120)

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: Anthropology of Wine: Ethnography from the Vineyard to the Glass (6-0570)

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: Food and Identity: Are We What We Eat? (6-0575).
Other Events:

There was also a panel discussion on the “Immense New Challenges to the Future of Food: Reports from the AAA Task Force on World Food Problems,” led by Sol Katz (2-0590).

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):

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 provide a peer-reviewed paper competitiition each year for UG and Grad students. We also maintain an active blog that students can post to, and we encourage activity einvolvement by students at the meetings.

   Early career scholars:

   We encourage young scholars to particiapte in SAFN through positions that have minimal time requirements. For example, we typically have young scholars take charge of our montly AN column.

   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:

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:

We have two websites, one of which will be taken down soon. The other (http://foodanthro.wordpress.com/) is updated frequently and receives a fair bit of traffic. We have enjoyed 28,674 visits thus far, and our busiest day saw 700+ visits.

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?

Our primary aim is to consolidate our online presence, work with a book press who has agreed to publish a series under our name, and think of creative ways to involve students. We are currently debating holding methods workshops for students.

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. They are wonderful!