I. Section Officers

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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: 319

Factors affecting Membership:

The most recent membership numbers available (November, 2011) showed the SAW as having increased to 319 members. This jump out of the “danger zone” we attribute to the restructuring of our membership fees last year, lowering student fees and adding more membership categories. Here is the breakdown of members by category, as of 11/2011:

Regular: 133
Student: 108
International A: 43
International B: 0
Retired: 13
Associate: 22

Given the large number of student members, we have 2 elected graduate student members of our board; we increased the student membership on the Wolf Prize Committee (a paper prize for a graduate student paper, published in the Anthropology of Work Review and awarded a
cash prize); the June Nash Student Travel Awards continued in 2011 (monetary support toward travel to the AAAs awarded to ALL students submitting successful abstracts through the SAW); we also held a special session for graduate students at the AAA meetings in Montreal: “Work as Fieldwork in Anthropology Today”. Previously, we had held sessions every other year, but on the basis of our strong growth in graduate student members, we have decided to run special sessions every year.

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: 46

   Publications: (if applicable)

   Factors affecting Finances:

   The SAW continues to thrive financially, largely due to the Wiley-Blackwell contract revenue sharing. The 2012 projected budget breaks down to: $7500-$8000 for the production of AWR; $2050 in editorial expenses; and $2350 for SAW’s section budget. Based on our total assets, we anticipate no problems in filling our budgetary obligations. Contact Charles Menzies, SAW Treasurer, or Suzanne Mattingly for updated figures if needed.

   With our modest surplus revenue, we look to new ways to serve both the community and the SAW membership. Plans for 2012 include a special session held in conjunction with the Society for Applied Anthropology meetings in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 SVA
   Session: 1. ARTISTIC EMPLOY AND AESTHETIC PRODUCTION (co-sponsored with Society for Visual Anthro)

   Session Type: Invited
   Session: 2. NOSTALGIA FOR INDUSTRY IN THE HINTERLAND

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: 1. TOWARDS A POLITICS OF INACTIVITY

   Session Type: Volunteered
   Session: 2. MANAGERS OF THINGS, OR WHAT DO MANAGERS IMAGINE THEMSELVES TO BE MANAGING?
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: 3. THE NEW ANTHROPOLOGY OF LABOR

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: 4. WORK AND MIGRATION: GLOBAL BORDERS AS BARRIERS AND BRIDGES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: 5. MEDIA INDUSTRIES: ETHNOGRAPHIES OF CONTEMPORARY COMMERCIAL MEDIA

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: 6. IDENTITY AND CONTROL IN CORPORATE EMPLOYMENT

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: 7. AGENCY, IMAGINATION, AND THE PLACE OF WORK IN GLOBAL CAPITALISM

Other Events:

Special Events:
1. SAW Board Meeting
2. SAW Business Meeting
3. "WORK" AS FIELDWORK IN ANTHROPOLOGY TODAY: A GRADUATE STUDENT SPECIAL EVENT/DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY MEET & GREET

4) * Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?

Requested Grant: Yes

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

David Ruccio, who acted as a discussant in the panel,
"NOSTALGIA FOR INDUSTRY IN THE HINTERLAND."

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

We are currently planning a workshop/discussion panel with labor organizers and labor activists at a community center to be held in conjunction with the March 2012 meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Baltimore.

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: Diana Forsythe Prize  
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Alexander Edmonds  
Affiliation: University of Amsterdam  
Project/Paper/etc: Pretty Modern: Beauty, Sex and Plastic Surgery in Brazil (Duke University Press 2011)

Award Title: SAW Book Prize  
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Ann Kingsolver and Nandini Gunewardena  
Affiliation: University of Kentucky  

Award Title: Eric Wolf Prize  
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Jeffrey Hoelle  
Affiliation: University of Colorado Denver  
Project/Paper/etc: "The Ranchers of Acre, Brazil"

Award Title: Eric Wolf Prize  
Date: 2011-11-19 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: June Hee Kwon  
Affiliation: Duke University  
Project/Paper/etc: "Rhythm of Circulation"

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

The SAW has an individual mentorship program, but our main professional mentoring activity is the incorporation of student scholars into the work of our executive board, journal, AN column, and website. Student members are fully acknowledged as anthropologists of work. This year, we had a session at AAA for graduate students, “Work as Fieldwork in Anthropology Today.”

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:
The SAW has led efforts to include community venues in the formal AAA meetings program. We are currently planning a workshop/discussion panel with labor organizers and labor activists at a community center to be held in conjunction with the Society for Applied Anthropology in Baltimore.

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:

In 2011, we continued to develop communications, including migrating our SAW site over to WordPress. This should make it easier for members of the executive committee to update parts of the site regularly. We would also like SAW members to upload blog entries and media. Finally, we are developing a Facebook site for SAW.

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?

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At the AAA meetings in San Francisco, we will have a student-organized event that will appeal to students broadly in the AAAs. We are also planning a special event around the Arensberg Award, a “career award” that is given out every other year. We anticipate ongoing growth in SAW membership, especially student membership, and are pleased to see the journal continuing to flourish. In 2012, we will see several changes in leadership, among them a new editor for AWR, Sarah Lyon (University of Kentucky).

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.

Our main concerns in the SAW remain (1) the impact on the budget with any change to the allocation of publication revenues in 2012; and (2) labor-friendly policies for the AAA, in all its activities. Over the past few years, several people affiliated with the Society for the Anthropology of Work have advocated for better AAA policies, especially in the selection of meeting sites. Mike Chibnik’s work with the Committee on Labor Relations is a case in point. While demonstrable progress has been made (especially in the choice of meeting sites from 2011-2014), there still remains much work to be done. We note the concerns the Committee voiced in the December 2011 Anthropology News regarding the EB’s selection of
Denver as the meeting site for 2015. The SAW stands in solidarity with unionized labor and we urge the EB to follow the LRC’s recommendations in the future.

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

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

None