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: 699

Factors affecting Membership:
This number for Nov 2011 is the most recent we have, a slight increase from 682 in 2010. This indicates that we're holding relatively steady, but we're pleased that membership has increased by some dozen or so over each of the last few years, rather than receding because of the financial crisis. We can only surmise, but it is probably some combination of the growing attractiveness of our journal and the section's very active profile at the annual meetings that encourages such growth as we have.

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: 137316
Publications: (if applicable)
Journal of Linguistic Anthropology

Factors affecting Finances:
Net Assets as of Nov 2011 is $137,316.09. We continue to benefit financially from the WB publishing agreement. In response to that, SLA is now spending money ($10,000 annually) to sponsor the editor's course release, an expenditure that we have never made under previous editorships.

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

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   Session: O Eitan Wilf and Urmila Nair, organizers. Tracing Styles, Styling Traces: On the Processuality of Style (co-sponsored with the Society for Cultural Anthropology)

   Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with Council on Anthropology of Education
   Session: Dell Hymes and the New Language Policy Studies: Legacies and Reimaginings of Linguistic (in)Equality in Education.

   Session Type: Invited
   Session: SLA graduate student paper competition round table

Other Events:

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)

   Michael Tugeon, Deaf HIV/Aids activist, received a meeting registration waiver

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
Award Title: SLA Graduate Student Paper Prize Winner  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Rebecca Pardo  
Affiliation: University of Pennsylvania  
Project/Paper/etc: "There was Nothing Racial that I Said": Reality Television and the Metapragmatics of Racism

Award Title: SLA Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Winner  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Janet Connor  
Affiliation: University of Chicago  
Project/Paper/etc: National Standardization or Strength in Diversity? Language Ideological Debates in the South of France

Award Title: SLA Graduate Student Paper Prize Honorable Mention  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Antonio Jose Bacelar da Silva  
Affiliation: University of Arizona  
Project/Paper/etc: Dialogism in the Brazilian Black Movement’s Affirmative Language Practices

Award Title: SLA Graduate Student Paper Prize Honorable Mention  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Elizabeth Peacock  
Affiliation: University of California, San Diego  
Project/Paper/etc: Stance-Taking in a Social Minefield: Ukrainian Youth and Emigration Discourses

Award Title: SLA Graduate Student Paper Prize Honorable Mention  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Lynnette Arnold  
Affiliation: University of California, Santa Barbara  
Project/Paper/etc: “Getting your hands dirty”: Participation in ideology and interaction at a California bike shop

Award Title: SLA Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Honorable Mention  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Alex Warburton  
Affiliation: University of Chicago  
Project/Paper/etc: ‘That’s Ama::zing, Jeremy’: Parody and the Emerging Gendered Enregisterment of Creaky Voice in Amer

Award Title: SLA Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Honorable Mention  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Karen M. Kuhn  
Affiliation: New York University  
Project/Paper/etc: Portraits of the White Uniform: Linguistic Play and Cultural Symbols in a Catalan Sports-Comedy Series
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 roundtable featuring graduate student paper prize winner and honorable mentions, and discussant comments by senior linguistic anthropologists: Miyako Inoue and Bambi Schieffelin
- SLA grad rep participated in Council on Anthropology of Education workshop on pre-fieldwork students for techniques in the field

**Early career scholars:**

N/A

**Independent scholars:**

Meeting registration waiver, see above

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:

After a concerted effort over more than a year, our Language and Social Justice Committee has recently convinced the US Census Bureau to stop using the classification “linguistically isolated” to refer to speakers of languages other than English. The committee continues a number of outreach efforts, particularly to news media and government agencies, and is currently working to eliminate media references to undocumented immigrants as "illegals" and to influence media style manuals on the use of the term "dialect" vs "language."

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:

SLA maintains two listserves, SLA-announce for one-way formal communication from the section to its members, and Linganth for informal exchange among members on topics of interest.

SLA maintains an active and evolving website that serves to publicize official SLA activities and announcements, and also hosts a blog that addresses topics of current interest.

http://www.linguisticanthropology.org/

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?

in 2012, SLA inaugurates its move to an annual schedule for the Sapir Book Prize, and will coordinate with winning author and publisher on publicizing the award.

The website was re-designed at the end of 2011, and will continue to be refined. An online syllabus collection continues to be in the works, and will now be dovetailed with the AAA collection.

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.

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In order to do that, we need to understand fully the financial arrangements and the system for sharing publication costs and rewards. Despite the best efforts of our section officers and AAA staff and officers, we continue to find the journal accounting reports too opaque to interpret, and we have reason to believe that we are not alone among publishing sections. We have also found some apparent inconsistency in information about the cost-and revenue sharing arrangement across official reports from different sources. We would like to see a communication and financial reporting system adopted that makes information more readily transparent and accessible to section leaders, so we can make the most informed decisions and best support AAA's publication efforts. This is in no way a question about the propriety of financial procedures, about which we have absolutely no doubt. It is, rather, an issue of the presentation of information to best facilitate publishing sections' collaborative participation in the process.

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

N/A