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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:** 731

**Factors affecting Membership:**

Number of Members:

October 2011 figures were used for the SLACA Business meeting: Total members: 731. These are broken down into membership categories as follows: 407 regular, 246 student, 3 life, 0 international A, and 75 international B. **Please note that International A continues to be incorrect. At a minimum we know that we have five International A – two of whom are on our existing Board, one joined the Board as councilor, and another two that always attend our Business Meetings.**

Factors affecting Membership:

SLACA experienced a slight loss in overall membership rather than an increase or reaching a plateau, which is more in line with our Society’s experiences of the last few years. Regular membership had an 11.3% decrease, student membership had a 9.3% increase, life and international A membership remained the same, and international B increased by a whopping 40% (translating to 10 persons).

As a whole, membership has decreased only by 2% over the last year. This is great news given the 3.7% increase we experienced last year. We may want to consider how we lost 52 regular members in the past year, but overall our membership appears to be stable. Now is the time to develop plans to maintain that stability and to encourage growth.

Section membership includes a subscription to JLACA. Institutions that want to subscribe to JLACA (but not to AAA) subscribe directly to Wiley-Blackwell, which receives all of that income. SLACA made no changes to membership fees during 2011.

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:** 113,455.02

**Publications: (if applicable)**

SLACA’s net assets on 31 October 2011 were $113,455.02, comparing favorably with 31 October 2010 when it was $85,563.29.

The Whiteford Fund's assets on 31 October 2011 were $7,961.13, compared with $9,246.91 this time last year. This fund continues to accrue gains, but in the last year several
discretionary expenditures involving paying for travel for conference participants were made. Since then, the SLACA board introduced several new line items to the General budget to account for such expenditures in the future.

Factors affecting Finances:

Since the switch to Wiley-Blackwell, SLACA has moved out of the red and into the black quite quickly. The latest revenue increase over the last several years proves our ability as a section to build revenue. The largest portion of SLACA expenditures are on the journal, JLACA. Other major expenses include awards and honors, travel by board members and JLACA editor, meeting food and space (at AAA and as of 2009, SfAA), and storage of old JLACA issues. Starting in budget year 2011, JLACA no longer paid $12,000 annually for an editorial assistant. The amount of $2,000 was allocated for copy-editing. We also transitioned to an online submission process, which entailed the creation of the website/submission portal and importation of reviewers lists for a one-time payment of $1,175, and an annual payment of fees for $390, for a total of $1,565. Thereafter we anticipate paying only the annual fees. Thus operating costs for JLACA in 2011 were $3,565.

We have several new line item expenses beginning in budget year 2012. The largest will be an increase of $7,600 for JLACA to account for publishing a third issue annually. The Wiley-Blackwell contract subsidizes the cost of two issues per year, thus SLACA will have to fund the third issue. This brings the JLACA total budget back to $14,490 annually ($2,000 for copy-editing, $390 for online portal fees, $7,600 for the third issue, and $4,500 for editor travel). Also new for 2012 will be student travel awards for the AAA (two grants, $500), travel awards for board members (four grants, $1,200), and the Kearney Speaker Series Honorarium (for invited speaker, $1,000)

We continue to be charged for storage of several back issues of JLACA (primarily special issues); SLACA should determine what to do with these issues to avoid continue paying storage, though this issue has been deferred many times over the years for lack of a solution.

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:** Please Select

**Session:** See below

**Other Events:**

We had a slate of 29 sessions in the Program. These included 11 constructed sessions, 14 organized sessions, 1 poster session, and 4 invited sessions. All of the sessions we ranked were accepted and scheduled by the AAA programming committee, resulting in the slate of 29 SLACA sessions in the program. Our major special event this year is our annual joint reception that was held in celebration of ABA’s anniversary and included the following sections: AFA, ABA, SAW, ALLA, SANA, SUNTA, and SOLGA. The event was a dance party and reception. We held our traditional business meeting to a packed room along with
two board meetings, and a journal board meeting.

AAA’s new online interface for programming caused some problems, particularly during the early stages of the programming process when we and AAA were still figuring out how everything worked. This had the greatest impact during the preliminary period of selecting invited sessions. We had 4 invited sessions on the program but were less successful than we've been in the past two years in multiplying our invited slots through co-sponsorships, because the new interface complicated the process. We did partner with AFA on one of our sessions this year. A second impact of the new system came at the very end of the process, as some sections were able to shed papers they couldn't use by recommending another reviewing section. This happened at the 11th hour and it was hard to assess these submissions appearing after we had done our main ranking and grouping of papers.

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):

   1) Spring meeting in Seattle, Washington that was held in co-sponsorship with SfAA. We had eight sponsored sessions including the Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology.
   2) SLACA Reception in Seattle.
   3) Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology, featuring Carole Browner.

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: Roseberry Nash Graduate Student Paper Prize  
   Date: 2011-11-30 00:00:00.0  
   Recipient: Ainhoa Montoya  
   Affiliation: Manchester U  
   Project/Paper/etc: Paper

   Award Title: Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology  
   Date:  
   Recipient: Carole Browner  
   Affiliation: UCLA  
   Project/Paper/etc: Keynote Address

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 have two graduate student representatives on our Board who are integrated into our meetings and who hold responsibilities alongside Councilor’s for various publications and electronic media. We have two paper prizes for graduate students that are awarded to two sets of students: one in the US/Canada and the other to a student in Latin America or the Caribbean proper.

**Early career scholars:**

Our listserv has been a fantastic tool for disseminating postdoc and dissertation grants and fellowships as well as job opportunities in and outside academia. We welcome contributions and updates on research through our AN column and our website. We encourage emerging scholars to consider a councilor position that serves as a mentoring tool for networking and involvement in the discipline.

**Independent scholars:**

Our spring meeting with the SfAA serves to open our doors and create accessibility for independent scholars. We use our listserv to encourage independent anthropologists to organize sessions at both the Annual Meeting and our spring meeting. We attend a variety of panels in order to solicit manuscript submissions from independent scholars for the Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.

**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:**

Our joint reception has grown each year since its inception more than a decade ago. We started collaborating with ALLA as a way to reinforce our ties but also to aid them financially in creating a networking moment. Today, we collaborate with more than half a dozen sections to increase networking and provide a meaningful social interaction (see Other Events above).

We hold our spring meetings in collaboration with another anthropological entity, which has traditionally been SfAA. This allows us exposure outside of the US and opportunity to collaborate with local scholars.

Our Journal editor has a separate travel budget that allows him to travel to other meetings including LASA, CAA, and other organizations in order to expand our presence and solicit manuscripts.

**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 an active website that is maintained by one of our graduate student reps under the auspices of a council. We are currently working on writing the history of SLACA and adding this to our site. We include various links to other societies and interest groups as well as human rights informational sites throughout Latin America. Our listserv is monitored by one of our councilors and includes daily updates or weekly summaries. Information ranging from employment and grant opportunities to updates on conditions throughout Latin America are
passed to our members and our members are active participants in the dissemination of information. We are working on a human rights blog that will be added to our website along with a Facebook page. We do not intend to use Twitter as our members indicated that they are too busy to use Twitter.

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?

We have expanded our Journal to three issues per year and are waiting on the evaluation of the journal for inclusion in the Citational Index.

We will once again hold a spring meeting but will do so as an independent organization rather than collaborating with the SfAA or another entity. Instead, we will work with our membership outside of the US to host the meetings at their university. We believe that this will allow our members an opportunity to participate in SLACA and gain exposure for the program.

We initiated the Kearney Lecture in Responsible Anthropology in 2010 and after two successful years, we will continue to use this as a venue to honor our established scholars – a group we feel we have neglected in our desire to create opportunities for students and emerging scholars.

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 at this time

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

None at this time

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

Minor issues but ones that do affect our efficiency and reporting: There was insufficient space under board members to finish listing our student representatives and councilors.

Communication among presidents was terminated with the past-president even though this position retains responsibilities for SLACA. President-elects are added to the list and we ought to be able to include past-presidents for those societies and associations who wish to keep them in the loop.