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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:** 750

**Factors affecting Membership:**

SUNTA's Professional and Associate members have held steady over the last year at about 430-440 members. We've had a surprisingly good increase over the last year in the number of Student members from about 230-280, an increase of more than 20%. This suggests that our outreach to students (e.g. best undergraduate student paper) plus our reduced membership fees for students are paying off. Moreover, over the last year we had a surprising increase from about 30 international members to more than 60, a 50% increase. This suggests that SUNTA is reaching out increasingly to an international audience, and that in particular SUNTA-L listserv and perhaps our new website may be playing an important role in attracting new members.

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:** 122,850.00

**Publications: (if applicable)**

City & Society Budget, 2011

**REVENUE:**
- Section Dues Subsidy ($5,259.00)
- Subtotal - Dues Revenue (5,259.00)
- W-B Royalty 5,379.00

**TOTAL REVENUE** 120.00

**EXPENDITURES:**
- Academic Editorial Office 5,000.00
- Storage 120.00

- Subtotal Print Publication Expense 5,120.00

**TOTAL PUBLICATION EXP** 5,000.00

**Factors affecting Finances:**

This year we have several new expenditures which will be ongoing costs: a stipend for the editor of City & Society in acknowledgement of the work involved in managing a journal with three issues a year ($6,000).
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  
**Session:** IMMIGRANT/LABOR ACTIVISM IN MONTREAL – A CONVERSATION WITH MOSTAFA HENAWAY

**Session Type:** Invited  
**Session:** CRAFT AND CONSCIOUSNESS: IMPROVING LIFE CHANCES IN TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CITIES

**Session Type:** Invited, Co-Sponsored with AES  
**Session:** CAPITALISM, FEMINISM, AND THE POLITICS OF THE POSSIBLE: ENGAGED RESEARCH IN HONOR OF J.K. GIBSON-GRAHAM

**Session Type:** Invited, Co-Sponsored with ALLA  
**Session:** TEMPORALITIES OF TRANSNATIONALISM AND DIASPORA: TRACES AND LEGACIES OF SOCIOCULTURAL LIFE ACROSS BORDERS

**Session Type:** Invited, Co-Sponsored with SAE  
**Session:** EMBATTLED CITIES: (POST)COLONIAL LEGACIES AND SPECTERS OF DIFFERENCE IN URBAN EUROPE

**Other Events:**
SUNTA Business Meeting (Special Event)
SUNTA Board Meeting (Special Event)
Committee on Refugees and Immigrants (CORI) Annual Meeting (Special Event)

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)**

Granted to Mostapha Henaway, Montreal immigration activist, in connection with his appearance for the invited SUNTA Interlocutor session, "IMMIGRANT/LABOR ACTIVISM IN MONTREAL – A CONVERSATION WITH MOSTAFA HENAWAY."

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):

SUNTA held a joint AES/SUNTA spring meeting at the Caribe Hilton, San Juan, Puerto
Rico, on the theme "New Forms of Difference/ New Forms of Connection" from April 14-17, 2011. The SUNTA co-organizer was Lisa Knauer who worked with the AES co-organizer, Sharryn Kasmir, to bring together an outstanding program for those who attended. Twenty-two SUNTA members joined 61 AES members, and 23 non-AES/non-SUNTA attendees (most of them from the University of Puerto) to participate in the conference. One by-the-way objective of planning for the meeting was to ensure that the joint meeting was held in a unionized hotel.

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: Best Graduate Student Paper Submitted for SUNTA Review  
   Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
   Recipient: Lindsay Bell  
   Affiliation: Ontario Institute for the Study of Education, University of Toronto  
   Project/Paper/etc: "In Search of Hope: Mobility and Citizenships on the Canadian Frontier"

   Award Title: Best Undergraduate Student Paper Submitted for SUNTA Review  
   Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
   Recipient: Nicholas Caverly  
   Affiliation: University of Michigan  
   Project/Paper/etc: "Anti-Suburban Desire, Suburban Capital Financial, Politics and Detroit's (Sub) Urban Migra"

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

   Award for Best Graduate Student Paper submitted for SUNTA Review, Montreal, 2011 - $250. prize plus publication on SUNTA web site -- see above
   Award for Best Undergraduate Student Paper submitted for SUNTA Review, Montreal, 2011 - $150. prize

   Early career scholars:

   SUNTA is currently considering a new award competition for the best paper written by an early career scholar (a Ph.D. awardee within 5 years of award), irrespective of whether that scholar is currently employed in an academic institution, or works as an independent scholar.

   Independent scholars:

   See immediately 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:

SUNTA's SUNTA/UrbAnth-L listserv, moderated ably by Angela Jancius, continues to have more than 2000 subscribers, and is the largest listserv in US anthropology, and possibly in world anthropology. Because SUNTA UrbAnth-L is open to any subscriber, it proactively reaches out to SUNTA members, non-SUNTA members of the AAA, international anthropologists, non-anthropological scholars interested in urban issues (sociologists, geographers, historians, political scientists, et al.) and non-academics. Its moderator continues to proactively find and announce new books, articles, syllabi, and much else of broad interest to our members and beyond, and the listserv provides a crucial forum for calls for papers, invitations to conferences in the US and internationally, and exchanges over teaching and syllabi content.

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:

SUNTA's new website at www.sunta.org has come online since February 2011, providing members with up-to-date news about prize competitions and our joint AES/SUNTA spring meeting in Puerto Rico, and information about how to submit essays to City & Society. In addition, the Members section provides members with the opportunity to advertise their specializations and learn more about each other through this public listing. Moreover, over the long term, the Board’s password-protected area of the website, containing the accumulated documents in minutes of the Association, will strengthen the functioning of the Board.

SUNTA UrbAnth-L Listserv -- see above.

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?

Two years ago, SUNTA reduced its student membership to $10 annually in an attempt to attract students as members; the substantial increase in our student membership (see supra) suggests that such a strategy does indeed work. SUNTA will continue to maintain as low a membership dues for students as possible in order to continue this expansion.

Although SUNTA did not award its Leeds Prize for Best Book in Urban Anthropology for 2011 (due to the lack of an outstanding submission out of the more than 25 books submitted), SUNTA continues this prize award competition in 2012, and expects to announce a Leeds Prize award winner at AAA 2012 in San Francisco.

The SUNTA flagship journal, City & Society, has expanded publication in 2011 from 2 to 3 issues per year, and has selected an Associate Editor, Suzanne Scheld, to assist the journal's Editor, Petra Kuppingher. The journal has a commendably low acceptance rate of slightly less than 25% of all submissions. To support the Editorial work of the journal, SUNTA is awarding a $6,000 stipend to the Editor, dispensed in 3 tranches every 4 months.
In addition, in order to maintain and enhance the new SUNTA website at www.sunta.org, SUNTA provides its Webmaster a $3,000 stipend annually, dispensed in 3 tranches every 4 months.

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.

As a member of the SAEC, my job is to listen to the concerns of all sections. SUNTA joins with other sections in their concern about the status of Interest Groups vis-a-vis established AAA sections.

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

More serious consideration for holding the AAA Annual meeting in a second-tier city which is less expensive than the majors, allowing more members to attend especially students, unemployed postdoctoral scholars. Don't say it can't be done -- San Jose was perfectly suitable a few years ago, with costs of hotels and dining much lower, and access to air transport far more convenient than it would be for the "usual suspect" cities.

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

More serious and attentive support from the AAA Staff in planning for section meetings in unionized hotels.