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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 294

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
People might not be able to afford the membership dues because of reduced research and travel funds from their departments. In addition, there seem to be fewer people travelling to the national meetings. As such, membership might not be a priority if a potential members cannot attend the national meeting.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 65,890

Publication Sponsored budgets.
Incomplete

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
We received small revenue from our journal Transforming Anthropology and the Decolonizing Anthropology publication. The financial contribution from dues is fairly consistent.

Sessions:

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.

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Association for Africanist Anthropology
Session: MAGINING ANTHROPOLOGY WITHOUT BORDERS Thursday, November 15, 2012: 10:15 AM-12:00 PM

Session Type: Invited
Session: CROSSING BORDERS: THE ON-GOING WORK AND LEGACY OF JOHNNETTA BETSCH COLE Thursday, November 15, 2012: 1:45 PM-5:30 PM

Session Type: Invited
Session: PUNISHMENT AND THE STATE: IMPRISONMENT, TRANSGRESSIONS, SCAPEGOATS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANTHROPOLOGY Saturday, November 17, 2012: 10:15 AM-12:00 PM

Session Type: Special Events
Session: ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ANTHROPOLOGISTS AWARDS CEREMONY RECEPTION I Friday, November 16, 2012: 6:15 PM-7:30 PM

Session Type: Special Events
Session: ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ANTHROPOLOGISTS AWARDS CEREMONY RECEPTION II Friday, November 16, 2012: 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Session Type: Special Events
Session: AAA SECTIONS JOINT RECEPTION Friday, November 16, 2012: 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: Johnnetta B Cole Student Travel Award
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Vanessa Agard Jones
Affiliation: New York University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: A Poisoning Forewarned: The Sexual Politics of Pesticides in Martinique

Award: The John L Gwaltney Native Anthropology Scholarship
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Melanie Madieros
Affiliation: University of Arizona
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: An Ethnography of Marriage, Divorce, Kinship & Distress Among Afro-Brazilians in Rural Northeast Brazil

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
No
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Incomplete
List spring meeting activities
N/A

Mentorship:
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.

Works in Progress Session

Saturday, November 17, 2012: 6:15 PM-8:15 PM Golden Gate 6 (Hilton San Francisco)

This session pairs tenured scholars (associate/professor) with graduate students/post-docs/assistant professors, to discuss papers, applications, or chapters. This program is designed to meet the needs of students and junior faculty of color who may seek the advice of senior scholars on works in progress and career and professional development.

This session would be of particular interest to:

Those involved in mentoring activities, Students, Teachers of Anthropology in Community Colleges, Practicing and Applied Anthropologists

Organizer: Riche D

Early career scholars.

The Gwaltney Scholarship Fund

The scholarship is awarded to assist emerging scholars to further their research. Preference is given to scholars who are ABD or post-graduate who have not held the position of Assistant Professor for more than two years though consideration is given to individuals whose accomplishments are comparable outside of the academic setting. Preference is also given to scholars from the four subfields and applied practice of anthropology, but consideration is given to those in other disciplines who meet the overall criteria. Applicants must be members of ABA. The winner or winner(s) receive a certificate and a cash award ($500).

The Vera Green Publication Award

The Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA) invites new academics to submit articles in competition for the Vera Green Publication Award. The winning article is published in Transforming Anthropology, the journal of the ABA. This article can focus on any geographic region of the world but it must pertain to public anthropology. The award frames public anthropology as work that engages and/or directly advocates for persons and communities outside of academia. Articles that discuss broad historical or conceptual issues or that emerge from a narrow question or specific research site are acceptable.

Independent scholars.

N/A

Outreach:

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.

ABA is in dialogue with the Task Force on Race and Racism around developing conference content for the annual meeting in 2013.

ABA is in dialogue with the Committee on Minorities in Anthropology to help publicize their efforts around their dissertation award.

Communications:
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.

ABA developed a new website this year - http://www.aaanet.org/sections/aba/. The website communicates member news, membership information, upcoming events, AAA conference information. We also saw our online presence remain strong through our facebook page and listserv membership. Our facebook page and listserv allows for more additional communication in a more time sensitive way for areas such as jobs and dialogue on particular topics.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
N/A

Initiatives:

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

Membership

We launched a membership campaign that will allow faculty members to sponsor a student's membership by paying their dues.

We will develop an online section member bibliography and mapping project.

Ask AAA:

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.

I would appreciate a more comprehensive discussion around the pending changes with section based journals and publishing. Setting up a conference call with sections before the annual meeting might be helpful.

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

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