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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 1029

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.

Our membership numbers are down slightly from the previous year. We did raise dues slightly but also added member benefits. We are planning a membership drive for 2013 targeting lapsed members and reaching out to possible new members interested in receiving a subscription to Anthropology Now, our new member benefit.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).

Financial Balance: 83,210.54

Publication Sponsored budgets.

$3050 for General Anthropology Bulletin. Budget is roughly balanced on year.

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.

Section funds are similar to previous year. Our annual expenses rose to cover costs of Anthropology Now subscriptions for members but we raised dues to cover the expenses. We also have eliminated or significantly reduced expenditures for food at our business and noard meetings during AAA. A couple board members were unable to attend AAA this year which also will reduce overall expenses for travel. Overall, revenue and expenditures are about balanced.

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: Volunteered

Session: 31 volunteered sessions were reviewed by GAD

Session Type: Invited

Session: 4 Invited sessions were sponsored by GAD (2 with co-sponsors)

Session Type: Special Events

Session: Business Meeting and Distinguished Lecture
Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Diana Forsythe Prize
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Rene Almeling
Affiliation: Yale

Award: GAD Prize for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship
Date: 11/16/2012
Recipient: Jonathan Marks
Affiliation: UNC Charlotte
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ?What is the Viewpoint of Hemoglobin, and Does it Matter??History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences 2009. 31:241-262

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
Incomplete

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.
Bethany Lowe, undergraduate student, in collaboration with NASA.
Early career scholars.
GAD seeks out early career scholars for participation on the board and in our Committees.
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.
GAD conducts regular outreach to cooperate with other sections. We jointly award the Diana Forsythe Prize with SAW for more than a decade. Our program chair works with other sections to jointly invite sessions on the AAA program. And our Committees often work across section lines to organize special sessions at AAA and occasionally other professional meetings.

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.

The General Anthropology Bulletin is published biannually and part of Anthrosource. GA publishes articles focussed primarily of general interest to the discipline and also useful for teaching.

Anthropology Now is an independent journal published by Paradigm Press. GAD has a collaborative relationship that provides GAD members subscriptions to AN and GAD contributes two members to AN's editorial board.

GAD website, member listserv, and Facebook page are used to post information of interest to members. The website is primarily used as a repository of information includin a list of board members, calls for nominations for awards, and bylaws of GAD. GAD is engaged in a project we call OpenAnthro aimed at providing more resources for outreach of anthropological findings to professional anthropologists, students, and the general public. Our initial efforts have focused on making video recordings of our distinguished lectures available (2011 is currently up and 2012 will soon be). A new podcast series should begin shortly to publicize exciting new anthropological findings from across the four/five fields. The Facebook page is a new endevour as well.

GAD has given a lot of thought, attention, and invested resources into enhancing our communications.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

No changes.

Initiatives:

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

GAD plans to expand our outreach via our new communications initiatives...OpenAnthro, podcast, Facebook page, etc. We are actively contributing editorial content to Anthropology Now in addition to the General Anthropology Bulletin. Our new mentorship program in collaboration with NASA will assist with the development of the podcast and outreach to student membership. We also plan a membership campaign to regain lapsed members and gain new members.

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.

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GAD has had some difficulty advertising our distinguished lectures because of the current program structure. Our DL is during our business meeting and it is currently impossible to list participants aside from the organizer in the program index. Unfortunately this results in the DL's name not being listed in association with the meeting time. I spoke to several section leaders and to Kim Baker and Jason and there is general support for altering the AAA program software to allow for participants to be listed when submitted and also in the index. There was also strong support for the addition of one page in the printed and online programs dedicated to a listing of section distinguished lectures. I hope this can be addressed before the next meetings in Chicago.

Secondly, GAD would suggest to staff that the new IT resources that AAA has be utilized to simplify the annual report process. For example, it would be nice if the information that AAA knows, like section board members, sessions sponsored by a section, member numbers, and budget totals, could be pre-entered into our Annual Reports. Frankly, I refuse to individually enter the 35 paper sessions GAD sponsored plus a half dozen or more business, board, and committee meetings. Our board members are listed on our webpage. Couldn't we just provide a link to this information where it is available elsewhere?