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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 1044

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
Our section membership numbers continue to increase. However, they only include half of the total student members of the overall AAA membership.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 4,945.90

Publication Sponsored budgets.
One publication exists, Student Anthropologist, but it does not require any funds as it is an eJournal.

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
The number of awards that NASA gives has increased. Memberships has also increased.

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: Special Events
Session: STUDENT ORIENTATION TO THE AAA CONFERENCE

Session Type: Other
Session: NAPA-NASA Student Workshop: Funding, Fellowships, Transferring, and Admissions (registration required)

Session Type: Special Events
Session: STUDENT MENTORING AND NETWORKING EVENT

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Humanistic Anthropology
Session: THE ETHNOGRAPHER'S CRAFT: WORKS INSPIRED BY RUTH BEHAR I

Session Type: Invited
Session: ACTIVISMS

Session Type: Special Events
Session: 2012 ELAP COHORT MEETING

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for the Anthropology of Work
Session: LANGUAGE AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: DEFINING ALTERITY: SOCIAL BOUNDARIES IN DISPARATE CONTEXTS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: TRAVERSING BOUNDARIES: ALTERITY, IDENTITY, AND the ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE SENSES

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Visual Anthropology
Session: "The LEARNING CHANNEL:" EXCEPTIONALIZING BORDERS AND TYPIFYING CROSSINGS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: CROSSING BORDERS INTO ANTHROPOLOGY: GRADUATE STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON PREPARING FOR ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

Session Type: Other
Session: Student Publishing Workshop (registration required)

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: SOCIAL DYNAMICS, DECISIONS, AND FRAMEWORKS OF SACRED SPACES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: WORKING MODELS: RESEARCH BROUGHT TO BEAR ON DISCOURSES OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: Carrie Hunter Tate
Date: 11/18/2012
Recipient: Belinda Ramirez Spencer
Affiliation: Brigham Young University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: None

Award: Carrie Hunter Tate
Date: 11/18/2012
Recipient: Jessica Peters
Affiliation: UCLA  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: none

Award: Emerging Leaders in Anthropology  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Matthew Canfield  
Affiliation: NYU  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ELAP and APLA

Award: Emerging Leader in Anthropology  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Richard Powis  
Affiliation: Cleveland State University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ELAP and SMA

Award: Emerging Leaders in Anthropology  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Bethany Lowe  
Affiliation: University of Idaho  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ELAP and GAD

Award: Emerging Leaders in Anthropology  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Kwame Otu  
Affiliation: Syracuse University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ELAP and AQA

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
A meeting registration waiver was given to all NASA board members.

List spring meeting activities  
none

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.
Two workshops at the AAA meeting were specifically held for undergradute and gradute students:

NAPA-NASA Student Workshop: Funding, Fellowships, Transferring, and Admissions (registration required)

Student Publishing Workshop (registration required)
Additionally, the Emerging Leaders in Anthropology (ELAP) program and Carrie Hunter Tate awarded excellent candidates stipends to attend the AAA meeting.

The NASA listserv is disseminated to all NASA members and contains information about scholarships/fellowships, programs, opportunities, jobs and more.

**Early career scholars.**
The NASA listserv is available to early career scholars.

**Independent scholars.**
None.

**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.
The Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program (ELAP) worked with AQA, SMA, GAD and APLA to select and sponsor students in a newly created mentoring program that also provides a small stipend to attend the AAA meeting. Each section identifies a mentor who works with ELAP students to develop their research. This yearly program will result in possible publication in the NASA eJournal, Student Anthropologist.

A number of sessions and workshops were co-hosted with numerous other sections at the AAA meeting.

**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.
Our website is currently active but under renovation. It will be revamped entirely in 2013. This site is used for general information as well as listserv sign-up.

The NASA listserv is active and sent to all members who have signed up. It disseminates information about funding, opportunities and other activities of student interest.

Student Anthropologist, our eJournal, is active and growing. It has a website that it is up to date. The number of publications is growing and submission selection is competitive. An editorial board has been established as well as a peer review process. All published articles and book reviews are by students.

**Governance:**
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
None.

**Initiatives:**
What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
Plans for 2013 include:

1. Website renovation
2. Anthropology club connections and organizations to drive membership and student input in AAA
3. Expansion of the ELAP program from 4 awardees to 6
4. Revisiting our bylaws to update officer positions and roles
5. Increasing the input and participation of the general NASA membership through polls about programming at the AAA 2013 meeting

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.

NASA would like to work more closely with the student caucus and student representatives from each section when doing programming for the AAA meeting to allow for more cohesive mentoring events.

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

At the NASA business meeting in San Francisco, a concern was raised about the high cost for students to register for the annual meeting. It was suggested that a sliding scale based on income be used for students to pay for the conference, much like the scale used for membership dues.

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

NASA would like to work more closely with the AAA when planning for student activities at the AAA meetings to make for a more cohesive and rich experience for all students.