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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 185

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

Our section membership has been low for the past several years. We believe this is due to the general economic downturn, and a budget crisis in community colleges in specific. California's community colleges, from where we draw the majority of our members, have been especially hit by severe budget cuts recently. This translates into fewer funds for travel and professional development for faculty. In addition, SACC has many part-time faculty members who receive no funding from their colleges, even in a good year. When the economy is slow, it becomes harder for them to attend conferences, join professional organizations and travel. Finally, the simple fact is that fewer adjunct faculty are working at all in those areas where community colleges have been hardest hit, such as California.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 42662.93

Publication Sponsored budgets.

Expenditures $140.00
Revenue $140.00

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

We lost money this year on the Annual Meeting in San Diego due to a lower turn out than expected. We feel this is a result of the economic downturn and the severe budget crisis in California's community colleges. This was especially salient this year, since the meeting took place in California.

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: SACC Executive Board Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SACC Business Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SACC Reception

Session Type: Invited
Session: "I LOVE IT WHEN YOU": TEACHING TIPS FROM FACULTY

Session Type: Invited
Session: FIVE FIELDS UPDATE

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: BORDERS AND BARRIERS ARE TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: President's Award
Date: 04/27/2012
Recipient: Autumn Cahoon
Affiliation: SACC Treasurer
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: For her service to SACC in 2011-2012.

Award: Student Award for Academic Excellence
Date: 04/27/2012
Recipient: Ember Knight
Affiliation: Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: ?It?s an Addiction: Identity, Community, and Gender in Los Angeles Open Mic Comedy.?

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?
No
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Not applicable.

List spring meeting activities

Our hotel, the Embassy Suites San Diego Bay – Downtown, overlooks the bay and Seaport Village, a shopping and dining area, on one side, and the edge of the hip Gaslamp Quarter on the other.

On Wednesday, April 25th, Tim Gross will teach a pre-conference Flint knapping workshop, called “Round rocks and sharp edges: an introduction to stone tool making.”
That afternoon, the **Executive Board** meets from 3-5 pm at the hotel, preceding our **Welcome Reception** from 5:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome.

**Thursday, April 26th** begins our first official day of the conference. Help yourself to free hot breakfast and stop by the registration table in the morning. After several hours of paper presentations, **Dr. Dominique Rissolo**, Executive Director of the Waitt Institute for Discovery, will give a presentation.

After lunch in the hotel atrium, several teams of SACC members will be leading **Mini-Workshops** on the topics of “Getting a Teaching Job” and “Running a Field School.”

Also in the afternoon will be a one-hour **Vendor Fair** with anthropology publishers and ethnic crafts. Pick up a ticket at the vendor fair for an opportunity drawing at the **Business Meeting** to follow.

**On Friday, April 27th**, after hot breakfast and a morning of papers, we will have another excellent speaker, **Dr. Bonnie Bade**, Chair of the Anthropology department at Cal State University, San Marcos.

We are honored to have as our featured speaker for this year’s SACC conference, the world’s foremost research authority on orangutans, **Dr. Biruté Galdikas**.

**Saturday, April 28th**, is our field trip day, beginning early with a trip to **Old Town**, San Diego on the San Diego Trolley. Old Town San Diego is considered the "birthplace" of California. When we arrive in Old Town, the ghosts will be waiting at “America’s Most Haunted House,” the historic **Whaley House** which dates to the 1850s. **Dr. Seth Mallios** from SDSU will talk to us about his excavation of the house and grounds.

After lunch, we board a luxury bus and make our way to the **Institute for Conservation Research at the Beckman Center**. The Institute, at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park (formerly the Wild Animal Park) houses six laboratories and six research divisions in its Silver-level LEED certified facility. The facility is dedicated to making ground-breaking innovations in science and technology that helps solve complex conservation problems.

After a tour of the facilities’ labs, we’ll gather in the conference room to hear a presentation by **Dr. Jay Vavra**, award-winning science teacher at High Tech High, Point Loma.

An extra workshop will be offered at this time for the first 36 registrants at the Beckman Center education lab called the Bushmeat Crisis module. Those conference attendees not participating in the Bushmeat Crisis module will move on to the **San Diego Zoo Safari Park** (formerly the Wild Animal Park).

The final evening’s banquet will take place at the Safari Park’s covered outdoor **Mombasa Island Pavilion**, overlooking Mombasa Lagoon.

**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.
• SACC sponsors an undergraduate award called the Student Award for Academic Excellence. Recipients of the award receive free registration to the SACC annual meeting and an opportunity to present at the conference. The award was given this year in April 2012.

• SACC's website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and guidance to teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

Early career scholars.

• SACC sponsors an occasional teaching award called SACC Teacher of the Year Award. This award was not given in 2012.

• SACC's website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and guidance to teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

Independent scholars.

• SACC's website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and guidance to teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

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.

• SACC's website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and guidance to teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

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.

• SACC's website contains all of the general information about the organization, as well as teaching resources such as sample syllabi.

• SACC's facebook page and twitter feed inform the membership and any interested parties of organization business, as well as links to interesting news and discussions in the world of anthropology.

• SACC's listserv provides information, discussions and guidance to organization members, teaching anthropologists, and the general public.

• Our newsletter/journal, *Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes*, is published twice a year online.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

• This year we worked on amendments to our by-laws. These changes have been approved by the Executive Board and will be put to a vote of the membership in 2013.

• The governance structure has not changed; however, we updated the by-laws to reflect the positions that are currently in use by the organization. This served to streamline the numbers of our Executive Board positions.

Initiatives:

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
• We plan to include a Mentorship page on our website that will list SACC members as mentors with their contact information.
• Our annual meeting for April 2013 will take place in Austin, TX from April 10-13 at the Embassy Suites, Austin.
• Our publication, *Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes* will be published twice this year.

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.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

It would be helpful for us to have a list of what the AAA web guru or other digital staff can provide for our section's website.