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Membership:

- **Provide the most recent membership numbers.**
  
  Number of Members: 278

- **List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.**
  
  Some increase due to joint sessions

Finances:

- **Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).**
  
  Financial Balance: 9,637.24

- **Publication Sponsored budgets.**
  
  not applicable

- **List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.**
  
  none at this time

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 Anthropology and Environment
  **Session:** Ecological anthropology

  **Session Type:** Invited
  **Session:** Unanswered questions in anthropological science

  **Session Type:** Invited
  **Session:** Cultural consensus, social change, and intracultural diversity: New models and results

  **Session Type:** Volunteered
  **Session:** Modeling the emergence of primary states: A complexity theory approach
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Mobility of marginalized populations: Perspectives through multiple methods

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Topics in anthropological sciences

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Student Paper Prize
Date: 11/17/2012
Recipient: Chelsey R. Carter
Affiliation: Emory University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Gender Consciousness: Understanding the Illness Experiences and Explanatory Models of Men and Women with ALS in Georgia

Award: Travel Award
Date: 11/17/2012
Recipient: Lisa Beiswenger
Affiliation: Ohio State University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Entertainment, Provisioning, and Shopping Habit

Award: Travel Award
Date: 11/17/2012
Recipient: James E. Coxworth
Affiliation: University of Utah
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Men's business: Bardi status in a changing world

Award: Travel Award
Date: 11/17/2012
Recipient: H. J. Francois Dengah II
Affiliation: University of Alabama
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Contract with God: Patterns of Cultural Consensus across Two Brazilian Religious Communities

Award: Travel Award
Date: 11/17/2012
Recipient: Kristen D. Pierce
Affiliation: Oakland University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Experiencing Cancer as a Rite of Passage: A Faulty Construct from the Patient's Point of View

Award: Travel Award
Date: 11/17/2012
Recipient: Caitlyn D. Placek
Affiliation: Washington State University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Adolescent Fertility and Risky Environments: A Population-level Perspective across the Lifespan
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
Las Vegas, Nevada. Winter/Spring meeting with the Society for Cross-Cultural Research

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.
not applicable
Early career scholars.
not applicable
Independent scholars.
not applicable

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.
1. meet regularly with the Society for Cross-Cultural Research at winter/spring meeting
2. have jointly sponsored sessions with Evolutionary Anthropology, Biological Division, and Anthropology of the Environment and plan to continue to reach out to other sections.

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.
Website: http://anthrosciences.org/

Governance:
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
not applicable

Initiatives:
What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
not applicable

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 like to see a mechanism for more shared sponsorship of sessions to promote more integration across sections. For example, if SAS shares with another section we use 1/2 our credits. But I have wanted to share with 3 or 4 because it made sense. I would suggest we consider offering sections some additional credits for the explicit purpose of sharing with 3 or 4 groups.

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

I would like to see some integrative mechanisms for sections that have interests in common. This would be analogous to an umbrella concept. If the umbrella group had at least one session slot this might promote more integration.

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

not applicable