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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 518

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
SPA membership was 518 (348 Regular, 166 Student, 4 Life) as of November 2012.

My predecessor did not submit a report for 2011, but in the 2010 the reported membership was 523 for the same month. So our membership numbers appear to be holding fairly steady.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 158,526

Publication Sponsored budgets.
As of November 2012
Total assets = $158,525 ($4955 increase since beginning of the year)

Total revenues YTD = $64,607
Total expenses YTD = $59,652

Journal revenues YTD = $18,376
Journal expenses YTD = $9,759

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Ethos is one of the top AAA journals in citations and downloads, hence we receive a good share of the Wiley-Blackwell revenues, and our editors run a lean office.

We were very pleased to receive a generous donation in 2012 that will fund travel of early career international scholars to our spring meetings.

**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 Biological Anthropology Section

**Session:** Brains in the Wild: The Challenges of Neuroanthropology

**Session Type:** Invited Co-Sponsored with Association for Political and Legal Anthropology

**Session:** Political Selves

**Awards**

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

**Award:** Stirling Prize, Best Published Book in Psych Anth
**Date:** 11/17/2012
**Recipient:** Cherly Mattingly
**Affiliation:** USC
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** The Paradox of Hope: Journeys through a Clinical Borderland

**Award:** Condon Prize, Best Student Essay in Psych Anth
**Date:** 11/17/2012
**Recipient:** Sara Lewis
**Affiliation:** Columbia
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** "Trauma and the making of flexible minds in the Tibetan exile community"

**Award:** Boyer Prize, Contributions to Psychoanalytic Anth
**Date:** 11/17/2012
**Recipient:** Doug Hollan
**Affiliation:** UCLA
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** "On the varieties and particularities of cultural experience"

**Award:** Lemelson/SPA student pre-dissertation awards
**Date:** 04/15/2012
**Recipient:** 8 recipients
**Affiliation:** 8 different institutions
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** pre-dissertation field research

**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

No Spring meeting in 2012. There was a well-attended meeting in Santa Monica in 2011 and will be one in 2013.

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.

In 2012 the SPA held five mentoring lunches at the AAA. The SPA paid for the lunches.

1. Linda Garro (University of California Los Angeles)
   Topic: Bridging Psychological and Medical Anthropology

2. Bambi Chapin (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
   Topic: Ethnographic Research with Children and Families

3. Claudia Strauss (Pitzer College)
   Topic: Methods of Discourse Analysis

4. Eileen Anderson-Fye (Case Western Reserve University)
   Topic: Employing Multiple Methods in Psychological Anthropology Research

5. Ted Lowe (Soka University of America)
   Topic: Getting Your Work Through Peer Review

Early career scholars.

Some of the participants in the above workshops may have been early career scholars.

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.

Throughout 2012 SPA worked with the ACYIG on planning for our joint spring meeting in 2013.

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.
*Revamped section website in 2011. The new platform makes updates easier. Our two electronic editors put up frequent posts & comments.

*Started SPA Facebook page, with frequent posts.

*Continue active use of psychological anthropology listserv. One scholar from another field commented with gratitude on the useful references he received when he posted a query.

*Occasionally email our member list. This is one resource we don't use very often.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
In 2012 elections amended our bylaws to authorize appointment rather than election of student representative to the board.

Initiatives:

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
We are grateful for the continuing generosity of our donor, Rob Lemelson, and the new anonymous donor who funded our new International Early Career Scholar Travel Grant. The Lemelson gift also funds conferences in psychological anthropology. I believe several conference proposals have been submitted to the Lemelson committee, in addition to a large number of student members who have applied for pre-dissertation funding. We continue to encourage student involvement by subsidizing their attendance at our biennial meeting, offering mentoring workshops, and giving away free drink tickets (!) at the SPA cash bar following our business meeting at the AAA.

In 2012 we transitioned to a new editor for Ethos; in 2013 we will need a new editor for the book series.

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.
We know that revenues from the journals are likely to decrease, but by how much? I was Secretary-Treasurer ten years ago when journal-producing sections faced near bankruptcy, and I hope we will not return to those days.

One thing to keep in mind is that with decreasing university resources, sections may need to spend more to provide editors with the support they need.

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

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.
It would be helpful if the meetings department provided a list of guidelines for how to put on a section meeting. For example, we're running into a delay we hadn't expected in the AAA setting up our online registration. If we had known the usual AAA turnaround time for that, we could have taken it into account in our planning.