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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 1500

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

This is an approximate number. We have worked hard to give reasons to join AE from student workshops to events at the meetings to holding very successful spring meetings. However, our numbers are holding steady but not increasing.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 378,210

Publication Sponsored budgets.

AE $151,944

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

Right now we are receiving payments for AE from WB but expect that they will not continue. We are building up our fund balance in preparation for a shift in the financial dimensions of publishing journals. We are also going to need extra funding when we shift to a new editor in the next year. The AE is currently doing very well and not experiencing overruns, but we are planning for the future.

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

Session: we had two or three invited sessions and several co-sponsored sessions as well as volunteered ones. However, I do not have that information available.

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: Sharon Stevens Book Award  
Date: 11/16/2013  
Recipient: Natascha Shull  
Affiliation: MIT  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Book: Addiction by Design

Award: Elsie Clews Parson's Student Paper Prize  
Date: 04/13/2013  
Recipient: Ellen Sharp  
Affiliation: UCLA  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "The Gun that Backfires: Violence and the Paradox of Neoliberal Multiculturalism."

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
We held a very successful spring meeting in Chicago, under program chair Andy Buckser. The meeting was held in conjunction with APLA and had over 200 people attending. The conference had three plenaries and focused on the Anthropology of Conflict in the New Millennium.

We are planning a spring meeting in Boston for 2014 under the leadership of Sam Martinez. It will focus on visibility and invisibility.

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.
AES participated in the NASA program for leadership mentees again this year. We also hosted several workshops for graduate students at both the spring meeting and at the annual meeting. We had about four workshops in each one with 4-6 students in each one. In order to facilitate graduate student attendance, we reimbursed each student who participated in the spring meeting workshop the cost of one night in the hotel, $160.

Early career scholars.
We generally do outreach to younger scholars to include them in panels and to participate in workshops and other events.

Independent scholars.
We don't have any special programs for independent scholars.

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.

Each year we collaborate with another section in planning our annual spring meeting, in
most cases. In 2013 we collaborated with APLA; in 2014 we will collaborate with SVA. At
our Chicago spring meeting we had some tours and special events focused on the Chicago
community.

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.

We have a website, which is due for a redesign and we have budgeted for it. We use the
AES column in the AN and do periodic email announcements. The restrictions on the
number of emails that we can send through the AAA is a problem, as is the fact that there
are some email addresses that bounce even though they are accurate. AAA is working on
this problem. The opportunity to do more frequent emails is important, however, and we
think the number should be increased.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

We have not made changes in the structure. The AES has a large board with a range of
duties and meets twice a year for at least 3-4 hours. Board members do a great deal of work
for the association. Terms for councilors are 5 years, so that they become quite well versed
in the section's activities. We considered making the term shorter, but there is not a strong
interest in making this change at this point.

Initiatives:

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

Spring meeting, new editor for AE, continue our graduate student workshops and outreach

Ask AAA:

Please tell us what your chief concerns and issues are, especially if they are not
previously noted.

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AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.

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We are quite concerned about the financial future of the AE. We think that as a flagship
journal of AAA it needs to have adequate support. While we recognize the overall concern
with the financial health of the whole portfolio, we are reluctant to cut major corners with
this journal. I think the idea that the AAA is exploring the future publishing situation well in advance is good, and I hope that the Board will work to preserve journals such as the AE without requiring substantial cuts in costs. As we undertake to select a new editor, the question of how much he/she can bring to the task is of course important, but we are reluctant to choose on the basis of institutional resources. The AES will continue to look for ways to hold down costs, but also insists that a top journal such as AE requires strong support in copy editing and publishing. We understand all journals will be digital by 2016; this is fine with us.

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

We have had difficulties with our email mailing list. It may now be fixed, but I don't know. Some of the email addresses didn't work.