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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 295

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

as of October 30, 2013

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 2578.01

Publication Sponsored budgets.

not applicable

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
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: POLICYMAKING FOR FUTURE PUBLICS: WHAT ANTHROPOLOGY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

   Session Type: Invited
   Session: NOTES FROM the FIELD: SOLVING METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS in POLICY RESEARCH

Awards

   List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

   None

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

   not applicable

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.

   Training in of discussion of methods in anthropology of policy research. At the 2012 annual meeting we made a decision to reach out to graduate students and scholars new to the field of policy with at least one event at the 2013 annual meeting focusing on methodological issues in policy research.

   Two of the sessions we organized for the 2013 AAA Annual Meeting were geared especially toward young scholars, graduate students, and professionals. Carol MacLennan and Rebecca Peters organized workshops on methods in the anthropology of policy. These workshops served both as professional training for graduate students and junior scholars, as well as fora through which scholars working on different topics and in diverse geographical areas could connect. The panels were as follows:

   POLICYMAKING FOR FUTURE PUBLICS: WHAT ANTHROPOLOGY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

   Organizers: Rebecca Warne Peters (The Maxwell School of Syracuse University)

   Chairs: Rebecca Warne Peters (The Maxwell School of Syracuse University)
Roundtable Presenters: Susan B. Hyatt (IUPUI), Robert A Rubinstein (The Maxwell School of Syracuse University) and Keith S Brown (Brown University)

NOTES FROM the FIELD: SOLVING METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS in POLICY RESEARCH

Organizers: Carol A MacLennan (Michigan Technological University)

Workshop Presenters: Marietta L Baba (Michigan State University) and Janine R Wedel (George Mason University)

Both these sessions were very well attended by students and others.

For future annual meetings, some of our board members plan to organize panels that link methods to a specific topic such as human rights or migration.

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.

A. Outreach within anthropology. ASAP is reaching out to other anthropologists and organizing panels around themes of theoretical and methodological contributions to anthropology generally.

Within the AAA itself, we are in touch with other sections, including the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, and the Council on the Anthropology of Education. SUNTA is also a logical partner. A priority for ASAP is to cosponsor as many as possible panels, roundtables, and other activities on issues that are of interest to several sections.

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ASAP members are also publishing in policy journals. In 2013, ASAP board members Marietta Baba and David Haines published a Special Issue of International Migration based on an IGAPP session held at an annual meeting. Seven papers (five papers from the session) were edited by Haines and Baba and published, with an Introduction by Baba and a discussion by Haines. Baba was subsequently invited to lead a roundtable at the AAA 2013 Chairs and Directors Breakfast on “Building Capacity for Public Dialogue.” At that roundtable, Baba featured ASAP and the Special Issue publications and authors, including Jason DeLeon at the University of Michigan and his policy-oriented research on undocumented Mexican work migrants. This presentation was well received by the chairs and the AAA.
B. **International outreach.** We have contacts with colleagues, scholarly societies, and their conferences in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, and South Korea. Outside of anthropology, ASAP leaders are active in the American Political Science Association’s working group on political ethnography, the International Studies Association, the Interpretive Policy Analysis conference, and the latter’s nascent offshoots in the Australian Political Studies Association and the New Zealand Political Studies Association, among others.

C. **Dialogue with other disciplines and policy practitioners.** We aim to stimulate dialogue between anthropology and disciplines such as political science and sociology and between the academic world and that of government officials and other practitioners.

Toward these ends, our current leadership is involved in publishing special issues of non-anthropology journals based on ASAP panels (see example above), editing the Stanford University Press book series in the anthropology of policy (see above), and teaching anthropology of policy to anthropology and non-anthropology students, as well as to current and future practitioners. We also are working with junior and senior scholars across the Atlantic and the Pacific with the goal of building a global community of scholars interested in the anthropology of policy.

D. **Public policy school outreach.** Rebecca Peters, chair of the ASAP Committee for Public Policy School Outreach, is putting together a database of anthropologists with positions inside policy schools/departments. At least three board members (and a number of members) teach either in policy schools or in multidisciplinary schools, working with students in policy programs not from anthropology. ASAP is well positioned to develop a graduate curriculum/reading course/information source for policy scholars on how they can incorporate anthropology of policy perspectives into their courses or policy curriculum. Such materials could be disseminated through articles in policy magazines and journals, as well as a webpage.

E. **ASAP column in Anthropology News.** The column helps promote ASAP’s perspectives and research. Editor Anette Nyqvist actively solicits members for their contributions on current research in the anthropology of policy. In an effort to make use of the new e-publishing policy of *AN*, which allows for more frequent publishing electronically, the editor plans to contact section members via ASAP’s new list serve to encourage more members to submit texts about their work and findings, as well as to reach out to other sections and interest groups.

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F. **Website.** We are in the process of upgrading our website (http://dev.aaanet.org/asap-dev/). One goal is to update the bibliography and syllabi.
previously posted. The idea is to make them available to scholars to aid in the development of new courses in the anthropology of policy or in the inclusion of a policy section in other courses. We may also link our website to those of related organizations and activities.

**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, undergoing re-development with the help of board member David Haines, is at: http://dev.aaanet.org/asap-dev/.

In addition to redesigning the website, Haines has just created a list serve for ASAP members (asaplistmanager@gmail.com). Previously we sent out communications to members via the AAA.

The ASAP list serve will be used to call for articles for the *AN*, panel ideas for the annual meetings, and candidates for office. It can also be used to post related conferences, publications, initiatives, and other section news.

**Governance:**

**Changes in bylaws or governance structure.**

We requested a change in our bylaws, and the change is now being voted on by members.

**Initiatives:**

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

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In addition, ASAP will soon be vetting panels for the 2014 annual meeting, with board members Marietta Baba and Cris Shore taking the lead.

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.

One of our chief frustrations is the difficulty of inviting non-anthropologists (be they other academics or practitioners) to the AAA annual meeting without their having to join the AAA and pay costly membership and conference fees. This AAA policy makes it very difficult for ASAP to fulfill some of its objectives (that would enrich anthropology as a whole), including multidisciplinary dialogue and the inclusion of practitioners and anthropologists from abroad whose travel costs are considerable, if not prohibitive. We are a section with a sizable membership outside of the United States.

It would be difficult to overstate the importance to ASAP of breaking down this barrier.

This issue is especially difficult for a young organization with few funds. We would like to request help in attracting non-members and international members to our meetings, through an AAA waiver or reduction of fees.

We note that both EASA (the European Association of Social Anthropologists) and several political science associations have found a way around this problem.

Co-sponsorship of panels with other sections should be easier and a more frequent occurrence. Co-sponsorship could be better encouraged by allowing more co-sponsored panels per section—say, two sponsored panels, plus two co-sponsored panels.

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

We would like to request AAA help in attracting to our ASAP panels, roundtables, and other activities at the annual meeting: (1) non-member government officials, policy specialists from other professional associations, national and international policy leaders from the public and private sectors, politicians, and other practitioners; (2) members of other disciplines; and (3) international non-members or members who face costly travel expenses.

We kindly ask that the AAA consider waiving or substantially reducing fees for such participants.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.
We find the staff helpful but note that it sometimes takes considerable persistence to get through to the right person.

We would like to express our great appreciation to Vernon Horn for his advice and direct assistance in setting up our new website.

We are also grateful to Kim Baker for her help with revising our bylaws.

We might suggest orientation sessions for new sections on AAA-related nuts and bolts, such as budget, membership, and best practices for spending. We are finding out things as we go along.

It is very important for members and section (and board member) leaders that AAA bureaucracy and the AAA website is as user-friendly as possible. Unfortunately, most of us do not have staff to do administrative and bureaucratic work; we have to do this ourselves. To this end, we kindly suggest these two changes:

- That all election instructions, ballot forms, and other materials be put on the AAA website. (As it is now, distribution depends on leaders emailing this information to members.)

- That the process for submitting section reports be streamlined to enable sending a section's draft report to its board members for feedback and additional input, which the members can put directly into the draft in track changes and which then can be finessed and submitted. (As it is now, the report has to be formatted twice: once for board members and then broken up into chunks and reformatted for the portal.)