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Membership:
Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 431
List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
We were as high as 533 members in 2003 but dropped to this level (~425) around 2010 or so and have remained static (with some annual up and down). This is still some of the impact from the miscommunications and mis-understandings surrounding the whole anthro and "science" debacle but more importantly reflects the reality that many biological anthropologists only have sufficient funding for one conference annually and choose the more specifically focussed AAPA over the larger and more expensive AAA.

Finances:
Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 16,882.10
Publication Sponsored budgets.
Incomplete
List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Membership is the main element, plus the cost of receptions at 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: Volunteered
Session: HUMAN EXPERIENCE in the GENOMIC /POST-GENOMIC AGE

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: ENTANGLING THE BIOLOGICAL: STEPS TOWARD AN INTEGRATIVE ANTHROPOLOGY

Session Type: Invited
Session: ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF HUNGER
Session Type: Volunteered
Session: CAN THE FUTURE ESCAPE THE PAST: BIOSOCIAL FACTORS IN THE REPRODUCTION OF POVERTY.

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: CORRELATES OF POVERTY, DETERMINANTS OF PROSPERITY: REFINING CONCEPTS AND SORTING CAUSE FROM CONSEQUENCE USING ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSIGHTS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: DNA in PRACTICE: COMMUNITY BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH WITH INDIGENOUS GROUPS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: PRIMATOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS: NEW FRONTIERS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: BIOCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: CURRENT TOPICS IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: EVOLUTION AND VARIATION IN HOMININS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: WHAT THE BONES TELL US: MODELS AND METHODS IN BIOARCHAEOLOGY AND SKELETAL BIOLOGY

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: RESEARCH IN BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY: NOVEL APPROACHES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: IDENTIFYING TRAUMA: METHODS IN FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY

Session Type: Invited
Session: A FOUR FIELDS ANTHROPOLOGY of FETUSES

Session Type: Invited
Session: ENGAGING the PUBLIC: LESSONS FROM ANTHROPOLOGY NOW

Session Type: Special Events
Session: BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY SECTION DISTINGUISHED LECTURE BY MARGARET SCHOENINGER

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: Howells Book award  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Alan G. Morris  
Affiliation: University of Cape Town  

Award: BAS Students award  
Date: 01/10/2014  
Recipient: Marc Kissel  
Affiliation: U Wisconsin, Madison  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "Testing Genetic Models of Human Evolutionary History against the Anthropological Record."

Award: BAS Distinguished Lecturer  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Margaret Schoeninger  
Affiliation: UC San Diego  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: BAS Distinguished Lecture

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes  
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
The winner of the BAS Howells book award

List spring meeting activities
all BAS business outside of the AAA meetings is conducted by email, but most of the officers to meet at the AAPA in the spring.

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.  
The BAS members are encouraged to bring UG and G students ot the meetings to participate in poster events and for advanced G students to give papers
Early career scholars.  
The BAS members use the AAA events (business meeting, distinguished lecturer and reception) as a venue to connect biological anthropologists at the AAA with one another. The BAS executive commitee is also working on projects to connect junior faculty with the AAA and all of its potential benefits
Independent scholars.  
NA

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.

BAS chair and members of the executive committee routinely speak at the AAPA busines
meeting and make concerted efforts during the entire AAPA meetings to discuss the
connectivity and possibilities at the AAA and encourage joining of the BAS.

Multiple members of the executive committee are involved in efforts in the AAA and the
AAPA to increase the representation of minority scholars in the field.

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 use the AAA provided listserv for the BAS to do monthly informational emails.
Julienne Rutherford is the editor/author of the BAS Anthro News column and actively
recruits information and news from the members. Multiple BAS members are also well
established bloggers and use those platforms as a manner of connectivity and distribution of
relevant information.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

no changes in 2013

Initiatives:

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

In 2013 the BAS undertook an fundraising campaign for the Howell's award fund,
spearheaded by Sara Stinson and with great assistance by the AAA staff--we achieved our
goal.

In 2014 our goal is to raise membership to the 500-indiviual level through personal
recruitment on the part of the BAS members.

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.

NA

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

There needs ot be expanded clarity from the AAA pres and executive board about the
importance and central role that biological anthropology plays as part of the AAA. The BAS
would be glad to interact wiht the board on this topic.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the
AAA Staff? Please be specific.
The entire BAS thanks all of AAA staff especially Richard Thomas for sending out the monthly email blasts, and

Kim Baker, for all her excellent assistance.