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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 842

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

- Number remain stable in the last 4 years (800-1000)
- Accessibility of the meeting to students may influence the variation in number for a given year

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 2,851.62

Publication Sponsored budgets.

Incomplete

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

- We are still taking in significantly more revenue than our expenditures, though this year our budget was higher because of single-sponsorship (rather than co-sponsorship) of one of our ELAP positions.

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: Other

Session: NASA POSTER SESSION II: NEW SPINS ON CLASSIC TOPICS

Session Type: Special Events

Session: ELAP COHORT MEETING

Session Type: Invited
Session: STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON the FUTURE of AAA PROGRAMMING

Session Type: Invited
Session: LIBERATING PRACTICES IN ANTHROPOLOGY: THE APPLICATION OF ALTERNATIVE PEDAGOGIES, ECONOMIES AND BEYOND

Session Type: Special Events
Session: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ANTHROPOLOGISTS (NASA) BOARD MEETING

Session Type: Other
Session: NASA POSTER SESSION I - CULTURE CONSTRUCTS: HOW CULTURE CAN SHAPE ISSUES OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, FAMILY, AND HEALTH

Session Type: Other
Session: NASA POSTER SESSION III: IMMIGRATION, NATIONALISM AND BELONGING

Session Type: Special Events
Session: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT ANTHROPOLOGISTS (NASA) BUSINESS MEETING (OPEN FORUM)

Session Type: Special Events
Session: PEER MENTORING FOR RISING SCHOLARS: STUDENT PEER PANEL AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition
Session: EATING IN THE CITY: FOODWAYS, PUBLICS, AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Student Publishing Workshop

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: SCALES OF ENGAGEMENT: ANTHROPOLOGIST AS STORYTELLER AND POLITICAL ACTOR

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

Award: ABA-NASA Emerging Leader in Anthropology
Date: 10/15/2013
Recipient: Orisanmi Burton
Affiliation: University of North Carolina
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: NA

Award: AES-NASA Emerging Leader in Anthropology
Date: 10/15/2013
Recipient: Caroline McKusick  
Affiliation: UC Davis  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: NA

Award: NASA Emerging Leader in Anthropology  
Date: 10/15/2013  
Recipient: Meagan Dennison  
Affiliation: University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: NA

Award: AFA-NASA Emerging Leader in Anthropology  
Date: 10/15/2013  
Recipient: Natalie Fowler  
Affiliation: Cornell University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: NA

Award: Carrie-Hunter Tate  
Date: 10/15/2013  
Recipient: Matthew Hale  
Affiliation: University of Washington  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: NA

Meetings
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
- Students selected for the Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program (4 waivers)

List spring meeting activities  
Incomplete

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.  
- Peer mentoring event at the AAA
- Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program matches recipients to mentors

Early career scholars.  
N/A

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.
NASA co-sponsored awards and workshops at the AAAs in cooperation with many other sections, including AFA, AES, ABA, and NAPA. We are especially concerned with the conditions of employment for BA, Masters and PhD students in anthropology, and will continue to pursue relationships with other organizations and sections relevant to transferrable skills, mainstreaming applied anthropology (we feel that applied is marginalized in scholarly discourse, institutional practices, and in the Association), and other related issues.

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.
- Student Anthropologist website (http://studentanthropologist.wordpress.com/): active and updated,
- NASA listserv: emails on announcements, opportunities, funding, CFPs, and scholarships weekly

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?
We have an ongoing plan to revamp our website into an online platform for student participant, tentatively called the 'Open Forum'. We shall also expand our Emerging Leaders in Anthropology Program.

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.
Not applicable.

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

NASA is particularly concerned about the issue of employment. Whilst not novel, given the prevailing economic conditions of the last few years, we are especially concerned that the Association is not promoting the use of transferrable skills that would improve the employability of students working outside of academia. The people most active in NASA are expected to by-and-large pursue careers in academia, but we have received feedback from our membership that we are not adequately pushing the prospects of students who will work in other settings (presumably, the majority). Since academic positions are becoming scarcer in relation to the number of anthropology students, especially those with advanced degrees, we would like to see the Association, in partnership with NASA and NAPA, push a research project aimed to collect data about contemporary practices such as 'transferrable
skills', with the stated goal of creating and promoting recommendations for anthropology departments.

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

Keep being awesome (Kim Baker, Richard Thomas, Suzanne Mattingly, and Carla Fernandez were extremely helpful to NASA in 2013).