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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 260

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
The November 30, 2013 report from the AAA stated that SAC had a total membership of 260 consisting of 99 professional members, 98 student members, 6 associate members, 22 retired members, 34 international members and 1 lifetime member.

The number of new SAC members regularly rises in the spring during the spring conference, and then drops off in November. The smaller number of attendees at this year’s spring conference appears to have resulted in fewer new members than usual. Fewer members may also reflect the significant changes that SAC has gone through over the past year including new officers and new coordinators for conferences. The reduction in the number of US members is partially off-set by an increase in international members.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 34,502.70

Publication Sponsored budgets.
According to the Statement of Net Assets through November 30, 2013, the fund balance for SAC is currently $34,502.70. The SAC Executive Board passed a budget for 2013, which included total revenues of $9382, and expenditures of $9382. This budget balances.

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Many changes were made in the budget in order to bring it in line with current and projected income. The majority reflects the transition away from paper copies of conference and journal-related expenses to electronic ones. The eminent changes regarding the costs associated with academic publishing with the AAA and specifically AoC have been the focus of the SAC Board.

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: Consciousness, Myth and Psyche: An Interdisciplinary Consideration of Joseph Campbell’s Contribution to Contemporary Anthropology & Psychology

Session Type: Invited
Session: Perspectives on Consciousness

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Sound, Music, Technology: Anthropological Explorations

Session Type: Invited
Session: Brain, Consciousness, and Experience

Session Type: Special Events
Session: The SAC 2013 Distinguished Lecture: Paul Devereux

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?
Yes

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
Meeting registration waiver for Paul Devereux: The SAC 2013 Distinguished Lecture

List spring meeting activities
SAC 34th SAC Annual Conference will be held at McMenamins Edgefield Resort in Portland Oregon from March 27-30, 2014

The conference theme From Margins to Center: Bringing Consciousness Forward, is a call to explore the ways in which consciousness should be situated at the forefront of research agendas and in addressing contemporary social issues. This year, SAC also invites submission of artistic works and experiential workshops exploring or cultivating consciousness. We aim to build bridges across scholastic and creative communities. This year we especially invite panels from other organizations that study consciousness. Keynote Speaker: Amit Goswami

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.
SAC continued an ongoing outreach effort toward undergraduate and graduate students to involve them in our spring meeting sessions, workshops and activities. For our 2013 conference, SAC invited and accepted submissions from artists and performers whose work explores consciousness as it related to the conference theme. Several artists presented their work in both session panels and experiential workshops.

**Early career scholars.**
SAC continues to support and encourage graduate students to become actively involved with our annual meetings, conference and site coordintor activities, and workshops. Early career scholars are also encouraged to submit to the journal *Anthropology of Consciousness.*

**Independent scholars.**
SAC continued its long tradition of encouraging and including independent scholars at our annual meetings.

**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.

not applicable

**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.

SAC communication with members has continued via direct email, postings to our Facebook page and Twitter. The SAC website needs upgrading and other improvements to meet the needs of our members.

A recurring topic during the past year centered on how SAC might accommodate members who wish to present papers at our annual meetings that are unable to attend as a result of decreased financial support for travel and conference attendance. One possible solution is to include a live-feed component for members to participate virtually. Strategies for making this a viable option are still being considered with special regard to registration, fees and technical support.

During the past year SAC has initiated discussions to consider alternative website options in terms of design, utility and maintenance. Changes and upgrades to the website have not always been responsive or timely and as a result communication has been less then optimal. A newly elected board member has stepped forward to take the lead in improving our social media profile and specifically work with our current webmaster to give our site a much needed facelift.

**Governance:**
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
Four Members-at-Large were elected to the SAC Executive Board for 2013-2015: Mark Flanagan, Bethe Hagens, Julie Raymond- Yakoubian, Nicole Torres and Sydney Leigh Yeager by membership vote. Many of the newly elected board members are serving a second term and their willingness to serve SAC is noted and appreciated.

**Initiatives:**

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

SAC Board Members discussed and compared membership rates with other publishing sections as well as similar organizations outside of the AAA. This discussion was in response to increasing publishing and conference related costs. The Board approved by majority vote to increase professional membership dues from $25 to $40 and retired membership dues from $15 to $20. All other membership dues (student, associate, international) remain unchanged.

Changes in publishing profiles for journal producing sections within the AAA and the implications for *AoC* has dominated discussions within the SAC board and among the membership. In addition to converting our journal to digital formal, SAC continues to communicate with the AAA and the Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing (CFPEP) on issues of open access, cooperation across sections and publishing alternatives.

**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.**

Our main concern revolves around identifying and establishing an appropriate publishing profile for our journal. There is concern among our membership that smaller publishing sections may receive little guidance for transitioning to a new publishing platform. Furthermore, it is conceivable that a series of transitions might occur as lessons are learned and modifications are implemented. It is recommended that in addition to presenting publishing options, sections are also provided support and guidance as the transition occurs. As changes in the funding structure from AnthroSource are expected, it is also recommended that sections are provided the time to incorporate these changes into their plans.

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

See previous recommendations.

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

The hard work of AAA staff is appreciated. No recommendations are made at this time.