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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 159

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
SACC membership has been declining for the past several years. This is undoubtedly due, in part, to the economic downturn, accompanied by a budget crisis in community colleges. This has resulted in a cut back or elimination of travel funds, as well as a trend toward the increased reliance on adjunct faculty and lack of replacing retired full time faculty.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 47,514

Publication Sponsored budgets.
NA

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
The past two annual meetings (2011, and 2012) lost money. We had fewer attendees at both meetings, and this is likely due to the same problems mentioned above for membership – namely, the lack of replacement for full time positions, the cutbacks in college budgets to support travel. This past year’s annual meeting (2013), actually produced a net increase. This was not so much due to increased attendance, as to sponsorship and support.

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: Special Events
Session: SACC Executive Board Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SACC Business Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Chicago Area School Outreach. This community event, co-directed by AAA and Alaka Wall, and Dana-Ain Davis of The Field Museum, included active planning and participation by SACC members at several sites, including the Field Museum.

Session Type: Invited
Session: Session: FIVE FIELDS UPDATE

Session Type: Invited
Session: Session: ?I LOVE IT WHEN YOU..? TEACHING TIPS FROM FACULTY

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?
NA

List spring meeting activities
SACC Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas April 10 – 13, 2013, at Embassy Suites, NW Arboretum, in Austin.

Wednesday, April 10: Forensic Artist, Suzanne Baldon, of McClenman College, taught “The Case of the Missing Face.” In this workshop, Ms. Baldon led participants through a hands-on event, modeling clay. Intertwined with real case events on which she has worked, accompanied by slides, the participants were provided with an overview of forensic anthropology and the actual reconstruction work in which anthropologists are involved. That afternoon, the Executive Board met, from 3-5 pm, at the hotel, preceding a guided tour of Austin by bus provided by Austin in downtown Austin, where they could dine, shop and explore the excellent local music scene.

Thursday, April 11: We opened our first official day of conference with papers, highlighted by a presentation by Dr. John Kappelman, UT Austin, on his “E-Skeletons” and open, online labs. Afternoon papers, with a round table discussion of an open text project involving SACC members, rounded out the day’s activities.
Friday, April 12: After a hot breakfast, and morning papers, Dr. Caroline Brettell, Ruth Collins Altshuler Professor and Director of the Interdisciplinary Institute, SMU, presented a paper on the “Anthropology of Immigration.” This was followed with further paper presentations and discussion. The afternoon activities ended with a Business Meeting, led by President Tim Sullivan.

Saturday, April 13: The day began early with another great breakfast, and then a bus trip to the Gault Site, a 14,000 year old paleoindian site, with the largest collection of Clovis, and pre-Clovis artifacts of any single site in North America. Dr. Clark Wernecke, Director of the Gault School of Archaeological Research, led the group on a tour of the site. Upon completion, the group was treated to a taste of Central Texas BBQ, prepared by Johnnie’s BBQ, in Salado, and bus trip back to the hotel. That afternoon, more papers, (or time for shopping), helped to round off the activities. At our SACC Farewell Dinner on Friday evening, Dr. James Bruseth, recently retired director of the Archaeology Section for the Texas State Historical Commission, provided a wonderful presentation on the excavation of the explorer La Salle’s flagship, LaBelle, the only ‘dry’ excavation of an underwater ship, using a coffer dam.

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.

• SACC sponsors an undergraduate award called the Student Award for Academic Excellence. Recipients of the award receive free registration to the SACC annual meeting and an opportunity to present at the conference. No award was given this year in April 2013.

• SACC’s website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and guidance to the teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

Early career scholars.

• SACC sponsors an occasional teaching award called SACC Teacher of the Year Award. This award was not given in 2013.

• SACC’s website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and guidance to teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

Independent scholars.

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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.
• SACC’s website, facebook page, twitter feed, and listserv provide information and
guidance to teaching anthropologists, scholars, students, and the general public.

• SACC participated in Chicago Area School Outreach at the 2014 AAA Meetings in
Chicago. This community event, co-directed by AAA and Alaka Wall, and Dana-Ain Davis
of The Field Museum, included active planning and participation by SACC members at
several sites, including the Field Museum.

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.

• SACC’s website contains all of the general information about the organization, as well as
teaching resources such as sample syllabi.

• SACC’s facebook page and twitter feed inform the membership and any interested
parties of the organization business, as well as links to interesting news and discussion in the
world of anthropology.

• SACC’s listserv provides information, discussions and guidance to organization
members, teaching anthropologists, and the general public.

• Our newsletter/journal, Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes, is published twice a year
online.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

• Suggested changes in the By-Laws, approved by the Executive Committee in 2012, were
approved by the general membership in 2013.

  • A new Media Chair was created and Laura T. Gonzalez, Past President, has been
appointed to that position.

Changes in by-laws or governance structure.

• Amendments to the by-laws, approved by the Executive Board in 2012, were put before
the membership at the 2013 annual meeting and approved.

Initiatives:

What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year:
membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?
• Several SACC members, concerned over the rising costs of textbooks, organized a group at the SACC Annual Meeting in Austin to begin work on an open source, online textbook for general anthropology. This group was formally organized as a Textbook Committee, and has continued meeting and discussion, via emails and a number of Skype online meetings. The Committee is currently recruiting authors and soliciting additional topics/chapters, going forward in 2014.

• Although membership has dropped, there seems to be a growth in the number of ‘fans’ on the SACC facebook page, as well as the number of followers of SACC on Twitter. Both of these initiatives will continue in 2014.

• The SACC 2014 Annual Meeting will be held April 23-26, in Burlington, Vermont.

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.

None

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

None.

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

We would like to strongly urge that the AAA Annual Meetings Coordinators, please be aware of conflicts between sessions attended by members of the same sections. In particular, the 2013, Section President's meeting was held at the same time as SACC's Invited 'Five Fields Update' session was taking place.