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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.
Number of Members: 1,367

List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.
We had a spike of international membership following the success of our international conference in Tarragona, Spain in June, bringing the total membership to 1,540 members in April. However, there was a dropoff afterwards, primarily because of a decrease in our regular and student membership. We had hoped that by decreasing our student dues to $10, it would result in increased student membership. Evidently, this did not work, and we are increasing the student dues back up to $20 for 2014. However, our international membership more than doubled during 2013.

Finances:

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets).
Financial Balance: 147254.49

Publication Sponsored budgets.
The Medical Anthropology Quarterly budget for 2013 was unusually high at $65,588.00. But so far (through Sept. 30th) we have fortunately only spent $36,877.18, due to cost cutting measures.

List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.
Medical Anthropology Quarterly had unusually high production costs, due to overlapping editors (incoming and outgoing). However, it does appear that through our cost cutting measures we will be spending less than what we had budgeted for. Our international conference in Tarragona, Spain was budgeted for $25,000. But fortunately, we have received word from the organizers that our share of the deficit will only be about $200. We have spent $6,400 for student travel awards for the conference, and $1,500 for a keynote speaker,
which came out of the $25,000 that was budgeted. We spent an estimated $8,342 on catering dinner for two Board Meetings (Tarragona and Chicago) as well as the Special Interest Group Chairs' Breakfast, and SMA Reception in Chicago. This sum also includes the $4,193 we spent on the Past Presidents' Reception. This was a very successful, unique event which honored ten of the previous leaders of our organization, most of whom attended specially for this event. The SMA spent $3,250 on cash prizes for awards belonging to the entire organization; and $1,150 on awards belonging to SIGs. Each of the ten SIGs were also given an additional $100 to spend on activities. This is because the AAA no longer allows them to hold their own bank accounts. Additionally, we spent $635 on award plaques. This sum includes plaques for twelve of our past presidents, who attended the Past Presidents' Reception at the Chicago AAA Meeting (including two who were unable to attend).

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: Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Past Presidents' Reception

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Special Interest Group (SIG) Chairs' Breakfast

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Business Meeting, Awards Ceremony, and Presidential Address

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Reception and Cash Bar

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) Board Meeting

Session Type: Invited
Session: The Anthropology of Biopower and Global Mental Health: Pasts, Presents, and Futures

Session Type: Invited
Session: Child Development Expertise: A Science of the Child in Modernity

Session Type: Invited
Session: Technologies of the Self: Negotiating Individual Desires, Health, and the Public Good

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Session: Post-Secular Life: The Spirit of Science, Medicine and Technology

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

**Award:** The Basker Memorial Prize  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Alex Edmonds  
**Affiliation:** University of Amsterdam  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Pretty Modern: Beauty, Sex, and Plastic Surgery in Brazil

**Award:** Polgar Prize  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Elizabeth Krause  
**Affiliation:** University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** They Just Happened: The Curious Case of the Unplanned Baby, Italian Low Fertility, and the End of Rationality?

**Award:** George Foster Practicing Medical Anthropology Award  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Mimi Nichter  
**Affiliation:** University of Arizona  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** N/A

**Award:** George Foster Practicing Medical Anthropology Award  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Mark Nichter  
**Affiliation:** University of Arizona  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** N/A

**Award:** New Millennium Book Award  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Seth Holmes  
**Affiliation:** University of California Berkeley  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States

**Award:** New Millennium Book Award  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Matthew Wolf-Meyer  
**Affiliation:** University of California, Santa Cruz.  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** The Slumbering Masses: Sleep, Medicine and Modern American Life

**Award:** The Rivers Undergraduate Student Paper Prize  
**Date:** 11/22/2013  
**Recipient:** Anna Wates  
**Affiliation:** Oxford University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Interdependence In A Ghanaian Community: Negotiating Disability As Subjectivity
Award: SMA Dissertation Award
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Lauren Carruth
Affiliation: University of Arizona
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Aftermath of Aid: Medical Insecurity in the Northern Somali Region of Ethiopia

Award: MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Marcia Inhorn
Affiliation: Yale University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: N/A

Award: STM Graduate Student Paper Prize
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Emily Wanderer
Affiliation: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Unseen Biologies: Infectious Disease and Biosecurity in Mexico

Award: CAR Graduate Student Paper Prize
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Nayantara Sheoran
Affiliation: George Mason University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Stratified contraception: Imagined cosmopolitanism versus lived tangibility of emergency contraceptive pills in contemporary India

Award: CAR Graduate Student Paper Prize
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Sebastian Mohr
Affiliation: University of Copenhagen
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Containing Sperm: Managing Legitimacy. Lust, Disgust, and Hybridity in Sperm Donation

Award: AARG Clark Taylor Professional Paper Prize
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Betsey Brada
Affiliation: Princeton University
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: How to Do Things to Children with Words: Language, Ritual, and Apocalypse in Pediatric HIV Treatment in Botswana

Award: AARG Graduate Student Paper Prize
Date: 11/22/2013
Recipient: Molly McGown
Affiliation: University of Illinois, Chicago
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Syphilis, Medical Authority, and Trouble with Translations in Central Uganda
Award: ADTSG Annual Graduate Student Paper Prize  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Nayantara Sheoran  
Affiliation: George Mason University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Stratified contraception: Imagined cosmopolitanism versus lived tangibility of emergency contraceptive pills in contemporary India

Award: CAGH Virchow Award Professional Category  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Susan L. Erikson  
Affiliation: Simon Fraser University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Global Health Business: The Production and Performativity of Statistics in Sierra Leone and Germany

Award: CAGH Virchow Award Graduate Student Category  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Rachel Irwin  
Affiliation: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: In Dialogue with all Relevant Stakeholders?: Rituals, roles and relationships amongst the World Health Organization, the transnational food industry and civil society

Award: CAGH Virchow Award Graduate Student Category  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Bo Kyeong Seo  
Affiliation: Australian National University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Inscription of Birth: Antenatal Care for Shan Migrant Women and Issues of Legibility

Award: CAGH Virchow Award Undergraduate Student Category  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Thea Lange  
Affiliation: Mount Holyoke  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Rebiologizing Race in the Classroom and the Clinic: How the Conflation of Race and Genetics is Reifying Race as Biology

Award: Graduate Student Paper Prize in CAM/IM  
Date: 11/22/2013  
Recipient: Nicholas Barlett  
Affiliation: USC Dornsife  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Idling after Mao: Opiate Addiction and Compulsory Labor as Treatment

Meetings

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
No  
If granted, who/what was it/they used for?
List spring meeting activities

We organized and held the first joint SMA meeting ("Encounters and Engagements") with the Medical Anthropology Network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists in Tarragona, Spain in June 2013. It was an incredible success, bringing together medical anthropologists from not only North America and Europe, but from all over the world. A Wenner-Gren Foundation grant funded bringing about 30 medical anthropologists from the developing world. It also substantially increased our number of "international" members.

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 MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award was given to Marcia Inhorn for her excellent mentoring activities. Numerous undergraduate and graduate student awards were made (see list under Awards).

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.

Outreach to European colleagues- a joint SMA/EASA conference was held in Tarragona, Spain in June 2013.

Outreach to minorities- 30 Tarragona Conference travel grants for scholars from African, Latin American, and Asian countries. These were funded by Wenner-Gren.

Outreach to interest groups- medical anthropologists interested in mental health or dying and bereavement were successfully invited to form their own SMA Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

Outreach to government entities- SMA SIGs were encouraged to develop policy statements; which will be advertised through a press release, after being approved by the SMA Executive Board. Also, the SMA Global Directory is going to be improved, to facilitate its use by public health agencies.

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.
The SMA significantly focused on improved communications during 2013. The SMA Global Directory was improved through newer technology, although more changes are needed. The SMA blog was revived (after being dormant for three years). The website was updated. A new online newsletter (*Second Opinion*) was created; as well as a Facebook page and Twitter account. The website was substantially improved, as well. Two new staff members were hired to assist with these projects—Sean Bruna-Lewis (webmaster) and Dinah Winnick (editor, *Second Opinion*). Doug Feldman, SMA President, also sent several important messages on the SMA President's Listserv; as well as overseeing all of the other new communications initiatives. The SMA President gave a Presidential Address on "AIDS Orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa."

**Governance:**

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

N/A

**Initiatives:**

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

We will be meeting jointly with the Society for Applied Anthropology in Albuquerque, New Mexico in March 2014. For the first time, our semi-annual board meeting will be conducted virtually. We look forward to having a board meeting, business meeting, awards ceremony, presidential address, reception, SIG chair's breakfast buffet, ten SIG organizational or business meetings, and sponsored and invited sessions at the next AAA meeting in Washington, DC in the fall 2014. Our online newsletter editor and our webmaster have been hired through December 2014, and we look forward to continuing success with our newsletter, blog, website, Facebook page, and Twitter account. Our Medical Anthropology Quarterly editor has been hired through 2017, and we look forward to the successful publication of our flagship journal, with the expectation that we will be offering by 2015 an online version of the journal for our student members. We also plan, through our Research Committee, to conduct a quantitative study of our current membership to evaluate our services, following the qualitative study that we had conducted this year.

**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 at this time.

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

None at this time.

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

None at this time.