

# Central States Anthropological Association 2011 Annual Report

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## II. Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

**1) Provide the most recent membership numbers and list any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership:**

**Number of Members:** 211

**Factors affecting Membership:**

As of November, 2011, there were 211 members (according to the AAA Monthly Membership Report. The number has gone up and down all year: 226 in May, 212 in June, 187 in August, 226 in September, 211 in October, and 211 in November.

The deadline for registering for the 2012 CSAS conference, scheduled for MArch 22-24 in Toledo, was December 9, 2011. It's probable that the December membership went back up again, as folks renewed their membership, or joined CSAS, as they registered for the conference and submitted abstracts.

We continue to encourage folks to join CSAS at our annual conference, via emails, and on our website. Those who are already members of AAA seem to do so readily, but many people still hesitate to join AAA because of cost (though we applaud the new graduated system membership dues). CSAS dues are among the lowest, but we are considering offering free CSAS membership to anyone who is already a AAA member and who comes to the CSAS conference. We also remind AAA members that if they join CSAS, they break even when they register for the CSAS conference as a CSAS member; many then join.

The biggest problem is getting people to renew their CSAS membership if they don't plan on attendint the annual CSAS conference.

**2) \* Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable).Also list any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances:**

**Financial Balance:** 40,086.48

**Publications: (if applicable)**

The CSAS Bulletin is now published online, posted on the CSAS website; printed versions are also mailed to a few CSAS members who do not have internet access and request printed copies. The Bulletin has two issues per year.

**Factors affecting Finances:**

Our balance has been steadily increasing over the past few years. One reason is that we have little to no publishing costs. Another is that our last three annual conferences have been held on university campuses, and we were able to take advantage of university prices for meeting rooms, equipment, and guest rooms. Our next two conferences will be held in hotels, so will be more expensive; our budget cushion will come in handy. We have also budgeted up to \$2,000 per year to help CSAS officers and student board members attend our semi-annual board meetings (one at the AAA meetings, the other at our annual spring conference). This has been greatly appreciated by officers who do not receive travel funds from their institutions, and has helped us to recruit candidates for officer positions.

**3) \* 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. Check with your program chairs if needed: When providing session information please note if these are invited, volunteered or co-sponsored.**

**Session Type:** Please Select

**Session:** 4-0080 THE CONTINUING TRACES, TIDEMARKS AND LEGACIES OF WALTER GOLDSCHMIDT'S LIFE AND WORK PART I 4-0415 THE CONTINUING TRACES, TIDEMARKS AND LEGACIES OF WALTER GOLDSCHMIDT'S LIFE AND WORK PART II 5-0125 ANTHROPOLOGY MAKING A MARK: EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH (sponsored by SAC, but organized by CSAS, based on a panel from the Spri

**Other Events:**

5-0540 CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

**4) \* Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?**

**Requested Grant:** No

**If granted, who/what was it/they used for? (if applicable)**

**5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):**

We held our annual conference April 7-9, 2011 at the University of Iowa in Iowa City; at the conference we celebrated our 90th anniversary. There were 44 sessions with 196 presenters and discussants. There were 249 preregistered, and at least two dozen who registered on site. Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh gave the distinguished lecture, "When Method Becomes Culture and Culture Becomes Method: The Interface of Psychology and Anthropology". At the conference we held our Spring board meeting and our annual business meeting.

**6) List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section, if applicable (please provide the title of the award, date presented, and full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees):**

**Award Title:** Leslie A. White Award

**Date:** 2011-08-01 00:00:00.0

**Recipient:** Janni Pedersen

**Affiliation:** Iowa State University

**Project/Paper/etc:** Cognitive and language research with bonobos

**Award Title:** Beth Wilder Dillingham Award

**Date:** 2011-08-01 00:00:00.0

**Recipient:** Evelyn Dean-Olmstead

**Affiliation:** Indiana University

**Project/Paper/etc:** Syrian Jewish communities in Mexico

**Award Title:** Undergraduate Paper Award  
**Date:** 2011-08-01 00:00:00.0  
**Recipient:** Geoffrey Grimm  
**Affiliation:** Illinois Wesleyan University  
**Project/Paper/etc:** Masterbation Play and Language Games

**Award Title:** Graduate Paper Award  
**Date:** 2011-08-01 00:00:00.0  
**Recipient:** Janni Pedersen  
**Affiliation:** Iowa State University  
**Project/Paper/etc:** Gricean Maxims in Bonobo-Human Conversations

**7) \* 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**

At our 2011 conference, we offered three professional development panels, on publishing, applying for jobs within and outside academia, and teaching.

We also have a student board member, which is an opportunity for a graduate students to become engaged and learn about service from experienced professors.

We offer half-price membership dues for students, and a student rate for our annual conference.

**Early career scholars:**

At our 2011 conference, we offered three professional development panels, on publishing, applying for jobs within and outside academia, and teaching.

**Independent scholars:**

n/a

**8) 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:**

n/a

**9) 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 moved our website and our listservs (general members' and board members') from the Creighton University server to the AAA server. (The move went smoothly thanks to Lisa Myers and Travis Raup.)

We also have a Facebook page, maintained by secretary-treasurer Harriet Ottenheimer.

We continue to use our semi-annual CSAS Bulletin to inform members of important news and events.

And we also make good use of the AN column.

**10) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):**

n/a

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

The deadline for submissions for the 2012 conference was December 9, 2011. The conference will be held in Toledo Ohio, March 22-24, 2012. The University of Toledo is our local host institution.

The CSAS archival collection, housed at the National Anthropological Archives (NAA) facilities in Suitland, Maryland, which is administered by the Smithsonian Institution, will be updated in 2012 by the CSAS archivist. The new deposit will conform to the January 2012 NAA directive that seeks to recover the costs from AAA member sections for processing of the papers of past presidents, official secretary-treasurer reports, publications (CSAS Bulletin, meeting programs), and other materials of historical interest (officer nominations, student paper prizes, White and Dillingham scholarship awards, etc.). Work is underway to regularize the series arrangement, to support preservation and access to future deposits and past collections.

**IV. 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.**

We would like the SA to urge AA to reconsider the decision to meet in non-union hotels. We think it should be a requirement that AAA contract only at venues whose workers are represented by unions, in other words, that AAA follow the advice of its own AAA Labor Relations Committee.

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

We would like AAA to consider offering a one-day registration rate for the annual meetings. This would allow non-anthropologists, for example, to participate in cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary forums, to "cross borders" (reflecting the theme of the 2012 meetings).

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

Keep up the great work! You are much appreciated.