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## Membership:

### **Provide the most recent membership numbers.**

Number of Members: 196

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

As of November, 2012, CSAS had 196 members (according to the AAA Monthly Membership Report). The number fluctuated during the year: 215 in March, 218 in April, 177 in May, 190 in June, 187 in July, August, and September, 192 in October, and 196 in November. The final number reflects a drop of 15 from November, 2011. However, the registration period for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for April 4-6 in St. Louis (abstract deadline was December 16, 2012) typically sees a substantial growth in membership numbers. It is very likely that the December membership figure increased, as current or lapsed members renewed their membership and new people joined CSAS at the time that they registered for the conference and submitted abstracts.

We have an ongoing effort to recruit new members for CSAS at our annual conference, via emails, and on our Web site. Perhaps the main stumbling block is that in order to join CSAS, individuals must first become AAA members, and for some that cost is prohibitive (this is especially true for students). CSAS dues continue to be among the lowest of any AAA section, but the large number of sections (see below) makes it difficult to recruit new members for a general group such as ours. At our November Executive Board meeting in San Francisco, we voted to offer free CSAS membership to any student who is already a AAA member and who comes to the CSAS conference. As President Buckner noted in her report last year, we remind AAA members that if they join CSAS, they break even when they register for the CSAS conference as a CSAS member; this opportunity leads a number to become members. Membership renewal is a continuing issue, since many people do not consider this option if they will not be attending future CSAS meetings. Another issue is the proliferation of AAA sections over the past 20 years. Many people feel that participation in

too many sections is both a financial and scheduling burden.

### **Finances:**

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

Financial Balance: 41,402.7

### **Publication Sponsored budgets.**

The CSAS Bulletin is published online biannually (fall and winter), and posted on the CSAS Web site. We print a small number that are sent to CSAS members who lack internet access and request printed copies.

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

The balance increased again in 2012 as it has in recent years. Our extremely low publishing costs are one key reason. The other main factor is that our annual spring meetings have returned small profits because of careful shepherding of expenses by the program and local arrangements chairs, and close monitoring by our Secretary-Treasurer and Presidents. The meetings that have occurred on college campuses have tended to cost less than when we meet at commercial hotels. However, our meeting in Toledo in March, 2012 took place at a non-campus hotel, and we realized a profit of \$1591.73. We suspect that future conferences in off-campus hotels will not provide a profit. Over the past few years we have provided 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). The reductions in budgets at many institutions impose a financial burden on travel for many members, so our initiative has made it possible to have higher attendance at our Board meetings. The Board passed a motion at the fall meeting to pay the Dillingham and White awards out of our general funds until we reach \$20,000 in each award fund. Our general fund has sufficient resources to support this action.

### **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:** 5-0095 Community-Based Research: Theory, Practice, Policy, Ethics

**Session Type:** Invited Co-Sponsored with Association for Africanist Anthropology

**Session:** 3-0615 Land Policies and their Consequences for Vulnerable Populations in East Africa

**Session Type:** Invited Co-Sponsored with Association for Africanist Anthropology

**Session:** 3-0880 Humanity and the San: Rights, Recognition, and Liberal Democracy

**Session Type:** Other

**Session:** 2-0330 Health Care Access, Medical Pluralism, and Biomedical Hegemony in the Modern World

**Session Type:** Other

**Session:** 2-0600 In-Between Spaces: Constructing, Negotiating, and Questioning Identity Boundaries in Multi-Ethnic Settings

**Session Type:** Other

**Session:** 5-0495 CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY (CSAS) BOARD MEETING

### **Awards**

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

**Award:** Leslie A. White Award

**Date:** 07/12/2012

**Recipient:** Kelly R. LaFramboise

**Affiliation:** University of Oklahoma

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Identity discourse in tourist souvenirs

**Award:** Beth Wilder Dillingham Award

**Date:** 07/12/2012

**Recipient:** Elizabeth A. Kickham

**Affiliation:** University of Oklahoma

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Teacher and learner motivations in the Choctaw Language Education Program

**Award:** Undergraduate Student Paper Award

**Date:** 07/28/2012

**Recipient:** Sweta Basnet

**Affiliation:** Grand Valley State University

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Health Status of the Homeless - What Lies in the Heart of Our Citizens

**Award:** Graduate Student Paper Award

**Date:** 07/28/2012

**Recipient:** Diana Steele

**Affiliation:** Purdue University

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Punarunas and Llamativos: Place-Based Identities of Amazonian Migrant Tour Guides in Cusco, Peru

### **Meetings**

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

No

**If granted, who/what was it/they used for?**

Incomplete

**List spring meeting activities**

Our annual conference took place March 22-24, 2012 at the Park Inn Hotel in Toledo, Ohio, where we celebrated our 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary. There were 28 sessions with 137 presenters and discussants. There were 189 preregistered, and at least two dozen who registered on site. Prof. Thomas D. Hall delivered the distinguished lecture, "Why Study Frontiers or Borders in an Age of Globalization?" At the conference we held our spring board meeting and our annual business meeting.

## **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.**

Our four awards (see above for list of winners) are geared to recognize student achievements and provide financial assistance. The Leslie White Award was established to facilitate student research and publishing in any subfield of anthropology. The Beth Dillingham Award assists undergraduate or graduate students in any subfield of anthropology who are responsible for the care of one or more children. Our Executive Board has a position for a student member, who gains experience in organizational governance through interaction with professionals. We offer half-price membership dues for students, and a student rate for our annual conference; as noted above, this year we instituted a policy of free CSAS membership for students who are members of AAA and who attend our spring conference.

**Early career scholars.**

Our 2012 conference included a workshop on feminist activist ethnography, and a panel discussion on innovative teaching methods and student engagement.

**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.**

Notification of our Annual Meeting in Toledo was sent to the Ohio Archaeological Council to encourage its members to participate in the conference.

## **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.**

Our Web site and list serves (one for all members and another for board members) have been hosted by the AAA server for about a year and are operating smoothly. Immediate Past President Margaret Buckner handles updates to our Web site, and Secretary-Treasurer Harriet Ottenheimer maintains our Facebook page. We continue to use our semi-annual CSAS Bulletin to inform members of important news and events. We have a column that appears in each issue of *Anthropology News*.

## **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?**

The deadline for submissions for the 2013 conference was December 16, 2012. The conference will be held in St. Louis, MO, April 4-6, 2013. The University of Missouri, St. Louis 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, has been updated by the CSAS archivist, Pamela Sandstrom. The deposit conforms 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.).

**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.**

Part of the problem with the increased number of AAA sections is that small regional groups like CSAS have difficulty maintaining numbers above the arbitrary threshold set by the national office. We suspect that other sections experience similar problems and hope that the Section Assembly can consider this matter and perhaps recommend solutions to the AAA Executive Board.

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

Our Board discussed the publications issue at our fall meeting. As the debate about the route to follow once the contract with Wiley-Blackwell expires in 2017 continues, we hope to hear in a timely manner about any initiatives that the AAA Executive Board is considering.

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

None at this time.