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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 235

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

As of February 2014, we had 235 members. Our membership fluctuates over the course of the year, peaking during our annual conference. Although it may be premature, our membership seems to be finally trending upwards. The possible ramifications of being one of the smallest sections in the AAA concern us and we are making every attempt to grow. We are using Facebook pages, conferences, awards, our website and other means to make the section more attractive. In addition for the last couple of years we have offered free membership (paid for by CSAS) to students who are already AAA members upon request. We are attempting to offer a similar deal to members of the Association of Senior Anthropologists but that process is being delayed until they reciprocate for seniors in the CSAS.

As has been noted on previous reports the cost of AAA membership and the proliferation of sections are making it more difficult for the CSAS to compete for members despite our low annual fee. If one attends our annual conference, the member discount on registration offsets our annual membership fee then membership in the CSAS (assuming prior

membership in AAA). However, it remains difficult to attract members who do not intend to attend the conference.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 45,895.06

Publication Sponsored budgets.

The CSAS Bulletin is published digitally in the fall and spring. It is distributed online through our web site and via email. A small number of copies are printed in hard copy and mailed to CSAS members who do not have access to the internet and who request them. The cost of the bulletin is negligible (\$148.28).

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

This year CSAS saw an increase in our net assets of \$4,199.32. This resulted partially because our annual conference in St. Louis realized a profit of \$2,661.87. This success occurred despite our awards being financed from the general fund and our continuation of budgeting \$2000 to assist with conference travel for officers and student board members. The White and Dillingham awards are extremely close to their target budgets of \$20,000 each at which point these awards will begin paying for themselves.

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: Volunteered

Session: 3-0740 CONFRONTING THE PAST, ENGAGING CURRENT PUBLICS, AND TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT AT THE MOUNT PLEASANT INDIAN INDUSTRIAL BOARDING SCHOOL

Session Type: Volunteered

Session: 2-0580 LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX: DISCOURSES AND NARRATIVES of SEX AND SEXUALITIES

Session Type: Volunteered

Session: 5-1075 EXPERTS, EXPERTISE, AND THE PUBLIC

Session Type: Special Events

Session: 5-0700 CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY Executive Board Meeting

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Leslie A. White Award

Date: 09/12/2013

Recipient: Britteny M. Howell

Affiliation: University of Kentucky

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Relationship between the Sociocultural Factors that Shape Diet and Physical Activity Patterns among Alaska Native Elders in Anchorage and their Nutritional Status Outcomes

Award: CSAS Graduate Student Paper Competition

Date: 09/12/2013

Recipient: Oguz Alyanak

Affiliation: Washington University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Emergent Actors, Emerging Narratives: Competing Representations in North America

Award: CSAS Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

Date: 09/12/2013

Recipient: Mary Schletzbaum

Affiliation: Rockhurst University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Reducing HIV stigma: Lessons from Learning about Traditional Medicine in Tanzania

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

The CSAS annual conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri from April 4-6, 2013. There were 37 paper sessions with 130 papers presented, a poster session with 7 posters and 15 special events such as workshops, field trips, exhibits, and round table discussions. Our distinguished lecture was delivered by Pascal Boyer and was entitled "The Naturalness of Social Institutions: How Human Evolution and Cognition Explains Patterns of Human Society." It was followed by a reception with Greek line dancing provided by the University of Missouri, St. Louis. We held our executive board meeting and annual business meeting at the conference. We had a total of 265 registrations including 14 volunteer and complimentary registrations. It was a highly successful conference. The conference realized a net income of \$2661.87.

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 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. In addition, we have both graduate and undergraduate paper awards. Our Executive Board currently has two student members, 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. We have continued a policy of free CSAS membership for students who are members of AAA on request. Our conference is known as highly welcoming to students both undergraduate and graduate, and we encourage our professional academic members to recruit students for the conference. This year our annual conference

included several sessions directed at students: an Anthropology Bowl, a Faculty/Student "Unconference," and a workshop on professional development for graduate students and junior faculty.

Early career scholars.

Our 2013 conference included a workshop aimed at Graduate Students and Early Career Scholars on professional development. We offer opportunities to present research and to get involved in editing as well.

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.

Our 2013 annual conference was coordinated with nearby University departments, the Cahokia Mounds Archaeological Site, and the facilities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Archaeology Lab. We are currently discussing a membership crossover with the Association of Senior Anthropologists section.

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 two listserves (one for all members and another for board members) are hosted by the AAA server and are operating smoothly. 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.

Not Applicable.

Initiatives:

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

The preliminary program of the 2014 annual meeting of the CSAS has been posted online. The meeting will be held April 10-12, hosted by Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. We look forward to an excellent conference.

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.).

We are currently considering some changes to the *CSAS Bulletin* breaking it into small component units with the intent of making the information more timely and productive for the members. We are also working on a membership agreement with the Association of Senior Anthropologists.

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.

Small regional groups like CSAS have difficulty maintaining membership 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 continue to 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.

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.