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## Membership:

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

Number of Members: 188

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

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. We are making every attempt to grow, by using Facebook pages, conferences, awards, our website and other means to make the section more attractive. In addition we will offer free membership (paid for by the CSAS) to students who are already AAA members. We will negotiate offering a similar opportunity to members of the Association of Senior Anthropologists. As we mentioned previously, 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. Plus AAA's recent recalculation of membership numbers did not

work to our advantage. But, as mentioned, we are working on ways to expand our ranks

## **Finances:**

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

Financial Balance: 45,851.31

### **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 have not any access to the internet and who request them. The cost of the bulletin is negligible (less than \$150).

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

This year CSAS saw an increase in our net assets of \$9,6338. This success occurred despite our continuation of budgeting \$2000 to assist with conference travel for officers and student board members. The White and Dillingham awards have both reached their targets funding targets of \$20,000 and in future 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:** Invited

**Session:** PRODUCING ETHNICITY AND THE MIDDLE CLASS IN BRAZIL:  
TOURISM, PERFORMANCE, AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

**Session Type:** Invited Co-Sponsored with Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropol

**Session:** QUESTIONING THE WESTERN ORDER OF THINGS: THE ONTOLOGICAL  
TURN VIEWED FROM THE CARIBBEAN

**Session Type:** Special Events

**Session:** Executive Board Meeting

## **Awards**

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

**Award:** CSAS Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

**Date:** 09/01/2014

**Recipient:** Elsa Kendal

**Affiliation:** Beloit College

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Her paper was Do You "Like" Me?: College Students' Concept of Self on Facebook. Kendal made use of a wide range of data and theoretical sources, to provide an "anthropological perspective that takes people's own understanding of their experience seriously."

**Award:** CSAS Graduate Student Paper Competition

**Date:** 09/01/2014

**Recipient:** Heather O'Leary

**Affiliation:** University of Minnesota

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Her paper was Beyond Pukka Dehliz: Flows of Delhi's Domestic Workers and Water Ethoi. O'Leary examined global climate change from a very local perspective (domestic workers in Delhi). Her ethnographic descriptions were "vibrant and personal" and made readers scrutinize ideas about modernization among working class women and men."

**Award:** The Beth Wilder Dillingham Award

**Date:** 09/01/2014

**Recipient:** Suzette Vontell Chang

**Affiliation:** University of Oklahoma

**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Ms. Chang is a graduate student at the working on a Master's degree in Anthropology. Her thesis explores the practice of tongue speaking in Pentecostal churches, in particular, examining the relationship between tongue speaking and race in these churches. Ms. Chang has a thirteen year old dependent son, Robert Felton which qualifies her for the award.

## 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 93rd Annual Meeting was held at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center from Thursday, April 10th through Saturday, April 12th, 2014. It was hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Illinois State University, and the Program Chair and Local Contact were faculty members Jim Stanlaw and Nobuko Adachi. There were 189 paper submissions, 11 posters, five workshops, and 40 panels (a dozen of them organized), representing an increase over most previous years. There were also a dozen faculty members volunteering to be discussant for student panels which added to the level of professionalism. The plenary distinguished lecture for the annual meeting was given by Michael Silverstein, one of the most eminent anthropologists and linguists working today. He is the Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor of Anthropology, Linguistics, and Psychology at the University of Chicago, His talk was titled *Standards, Styles, and the Semiotic Work of Culture*. There was an AnthroBowl contest for the students, and barn dance with music provided by Dave and Dan, two of the area's stalwart acoustic musicians. An Indian music extravaganza was provided by the Nrityamala Dance Academy and Dr. Uma Vyjayanthimal and Murthy Mridangam. We had 267 registrations. It was a successful conference. The conference realized a net income of \$1,794.75

## 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 appointed student representative members, who gain 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, including four workshops on professional development for graduate students and junior faculty. This year a workshop at our annual meetings specifically designed for fostering mentoring activities has been proposed by some Executive Board members

### **Early career scholars.**

Our 2014 conference included four workshops 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.**

One independent scholar, Linda Giles, ran for the Executive Board

### **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 2014 annual conference coordinated with Illinois State University and the Illinois State Museum to visit Dickson Mounds Archaeological Site. 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 listservs (one for all members and another for board members) are hosted by the AAA server and are operating smoothly. Margaret Buckner and Matt Buttacavoli handle updates to our Web site, and Secretary-Treasurer Harriet Ottenheimer and student board member Matt Buttacavoli maintain our Facebook pages and groups. Harriet Ottenheimer manages our mailing lists. Matt Buttacavoli and Heather O'Leary, our

two student board members, are exploring Twitter and other electronic outreach media. We continue to use our semi-annual CSAS Bulletin to inform members of important news and events. We also 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 2015 annual meeting of the CSAS has been posted online. Next year's Central States Meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota from April 9 to 12, 2015. The University of Minnesota, Minnesota State University, Macalester College, and the Science Museum of Minnesota will be hosting the meetings. Willie McKether will be the program chair for the meetings and William Beeman is local contact. 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.). Three full boxes of CSAS materials (about 3.33 linear feet) were delivered by Dr. Sandstrom on November 7, 2014, supplementing the 6.67 lineat feet already being held in the NAA.

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 somewhat 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.