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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 662

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

Membership has held steady this year. The issues I raised in the 2014 report, however, concerning the cost for archaeology faculty to join both the SAA and the AAA, the perception that AAA dues are quite high, and the reduction in university funds for travel to meetings remain a concern for the section's growth.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 89,599

Publication Sponsored budgets.

18,500

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

Membership dues are the AD's primary source of income and we thus remain concerned about building our membership back to previous numbers to support the activities of the division. The marked drop between last year's balance and this year's however is due to a one-time allocation of \$10,000 from our general fun to the Patty Jo Watson Endowment.

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: AD Sponsored session: Sacred Matter: Animism and Authority in the Indigenous Americas

Session Type: Volunteered

Session: AD Sponsored session: NAGPRA 25: Where Do We Stand, and Where are We Going? Part I

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: AD Sponsored session: Material Ontographies

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Executive session: In Search of Women in the Paleolithic

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: Executive session: American Indian Metaphysics

Session Type: Special Events
Session: The 2015 Archaeology Division Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture: The Subject of Suffering, by Susan Pollock

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Award: Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Susan Pollock

Affiliation: Freie University, Berlin

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: The Subject of Suffering

Award: Gordon R. Willey Prize

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Eleanor Harrison-Buck

Affiliation: University of New Hampshire

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: American Anthropologist article: Architecture as Animate Landscape: Circular Shrines in the Ancient Maya Lowlands

Award: Student Diversity Travel Grant

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Tiffany Cain

Affiliation: University of Pennsylvania

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Paper not required for award

Award: Student Diversity Travel Grant

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Amanda Guzman

Affiliation: University of California Berkeley

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Paper not required for award

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Nadya Prociuk

Affiliation: University of Texas Austin

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Marking Your Place: Understanding How Symbols Shape and Communicate Identity

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Hannah Chazin

Affiliation: University of Chicago

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Determining What? Pastoralism as a Beastly Problem

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Rachel Horowitz

Affiliation: Tulane University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Uneven Lithic Landscapes: Economic Organization and Chert Management among the Late/Terminal Classic Maya

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Matthew Magnani

Affiliation: Harvard University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Experimental Archaeology as Cultural Revitalization: Historic Watercraft Production in Finnish Lapland.

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Anna Schneider

Affiliation: University of Colorado Boulder

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Martial Rock Art in the Rio Grande: Reconciling the Disjunction Between Actual Violence and its Expressions

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Elizabeth Konwest

Affiliation: Indiana University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Implementing a Service-Learning Course within the Limitations and Supports of the University System

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Tiffany Cain

Affiliation: University of Pennsylvania

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: On the Temporalities and Durability of Historical Violence

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Lewis Borck

Affiliation: University of Arizona

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Crossing the Great Divide

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Leslie Aragon

Affiliation: University of Arizona

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Hohokam Irrigation Communities as Social Networks: Surviving on the Salt River Floodplain

Award: Student Membership Award

Date: 11/19/2015

Recipient: Morgan Krause

Affiliation: DePaul University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Children at Graceland: An Analysis of Personhood and Commemoration in Chicago's Most Famous Rural Garden Cemetery

Award: AD Grant for Archiving Digital Data

Date: 10/15/2015

Recipient: Dana Bardolph

Affiliation: University of California, Santa Barbara

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Gender Equity in Publication in the SE US

Award: AD Grant for Archiving Digital Data

Date: 10/15/2015

Recipient: Ronald Faulseit

Affiliation: The Field Museum

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Geo-referenced data from the Valley of Oaxaca

Award: AD Grant for Archiving Digital Data

Date: 10/15/2015

Recipient: Jeffrey Glover and Lori Thompson

Affiliation: Georgia State University

Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Excavations in Atlanta

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 Archaeology Division meets for half a day in the spring at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. That session is devoted to deciding the Willey Prize winner, discussing nominees for the Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecturer, reviewing prospecti submitted for volumes in the Archaeology Papers of the American Anthropological Association, and strategic planning for the Division.

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 AD provides dues awards to up to 20 undergraduate and graduate students presenting a paper or poster at the Annual Meeting. These awards cover the costs of both AAA and AD dues for one year. We also provide up to four \$600 awards to students from historically underrepresented populations who are presenting a paper at the annual meeting.

Early career scholars.

We have no formal initiatives in this regard but do encourage early career archaeologists attending the Annual Meeting to attend the archaeology reception, which provides an informal opportunity to meet board members and other colleagues.

Independent scholars.

We have no initiatives in this area.

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.

The AD President is a member of a larger group of presidents of archaeology-related organizations that brings to the attention of the AAA Officers or relevant AAA task forces and committees issues of wider concern to archaeology. The World Bank and the International Development Bank guidelines for addressing cultural heritage issues in the context of development, were one of our foci in 2015. The other was the Arizona Fish and Game destruction of portions of Amity Pueblo, including burials, under a permit from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which failed to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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 AD president communicates with the AD membership at large monthly via email, providing information on AD initiatives and other activities of interest to AD members in the larger AAA.

The AD webpage provides information on AD officers, awards, endowment, and the like.

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 AD will be undertaking a fund-raising effort among its members and colleagues close to Dr. Patty Jo Watson to fully endow the Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture Endowment.

Our Publications Director Lynne Goldstein is organizing a virtual issue of AP3A that collects all of the Annual AD Distinguished Lectures given up to this point.

The board will be working with the program editor to build on the strong tradition of conversations across the disciplines at the AAA annual meeting by inaugurating a new tradition of invited sessions that would explore the intersection of archaeology and other modes of anthropological inquiry.

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.

Making collaboration possible among sections should be a high priority. Right now this is left to individual sections, particularly program chairs, on an ad hoc basis. More synergy would be possible if collaborations were one focus of the SA and SAEC.

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

The place of archaeology within Anthropology is an issue that not only archaeologists should be grappling with. How do we bring cultural anthropologists' attention to the common topical interests that we have that could be immensely illuminated by collaborations among cultural anthropologists and archaeologists? The occasional symposium at the annual meeting that brings archaeologists and cultural anthropologists together is insufficient to develop the kind of dialog that is necessary.

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

It would be immensely helpful to be able to edit a previous year's section report rather than having to enter all these data again. Other than that, the AAA staff is wonderful.