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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 562

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

The high price of regular membership and annual conference registration is difficult for many archaeologists to sustain. For many, it is their second or third professional membership (after the SAAs and a regional professional organization).

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 96,041

Publication Sponsored budgets.

AP3A Publication, \$6,824

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

Declining membership affects our finances but the more favorable terms of the new publication contract will help AD finances.

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:

Invited: Theory and Praxis in Decolonizing the National Historic Preservation Act (Workshop)

Invited: Archaeologies of Heritage, Memory, and Violence

Volunteered: Mesoamerican Material Culture Studies

Invited: How (and Whether) to Find an Academic Job (Workshop)

Invited: Evidence and its Effects in the Archaeology of Colonialism

Co-sponsored: Bodies of Evidence in Bioarchaeological Analysis: New Ways of Knowing Anatomical and Skeletal Collections

Invited: Deep Displacement: Excavating the History of Forced Migration and Forced Resettlement (part 1)

Invited: Discovery and Evidence: New Social Models for Archaeology of the American Tropical Forest

Invited: Rock Art, Embodiment and Identity

Invited: The Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Warfare

Invited: Understanding the Making of Scientific Evidence: Fostering Cross Sub-disciplinary Conversations on the Politics of Forensic Practises

AD Reception and Business Meeting

Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture by Randall H. McGuire

Invited: What does it mean to be Complex?

AD Executive Board Meeting

Invited: Discovering Ancient Globalizations

Volunteered: Ceramic Ecology XXX: Current Advances in Ceramic Research

Invited: Bridging the Gap: Comparative Examination of Mapping Landscapes in Antiquity

Invited: Discovering Ancient Political Evidence: a Pragmatic Look at Classic Maya Regal Palaces as Political Institutions

Volunteered: Space and Society in the Ancient Maya World

Co-sponsored: Bioarchaeologists Speak Out: Challenging the Pundits with Evidence and New Discoveries from the Past

Invited: Displacement in Real Time: Contemporary Archaeologies of Forced and Undocumented Migration (part 2)

Volunteered: Advances in North American Archaeology

Volunteered: Archaeologies of Eurasia

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Awards:

Gordon R. Willey Award, presented on Nov. 17, 2016 to Cathy Cameron (U CO, Boulder) for best archaeological journal article published in *Am Anth*: "How People Moved among Ancient Societies: Broadening the View"

Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture, presented on Nov. 17, 2016 to Randall McGuire (U Binghamton), "Talking Dog's Tale: Archaeology is Anthropology."

Student Diversity Travel Awards (n=5), presented on Nov. 17, 2016 to the following students presenting papers at the AAA meeting:

- 1). Luisa Aebersold, (U Texas), *Indigenous Plant Use as Analogues for Early Anthropogenic Change*
- 2). Joseph Aguilar, (U Penn), *Seeking Strength & Protection: Tewa Mobility during the Pueblo Revolt Period*
- 3). Tiyas Bhattacharyya, (U Ill), *Greeks, Gandhara, and Globalization*
- 4). José Miguel Kanxoc, (Universidad de Oriente), *Interdisciplinary Views of Gardens Produced through Ethnographic Research in Tahcabo, Yucatan, Mexico*
- 5). Aja Marie Lans, (Syracuse U), *Articulating and Dissecting George S. Huntington*

Student Membership Awards (n=8), presented on Nov. 17, 2016 to the following students presenting papers at the AAA meeting:

- 1). Tiyas Bhattacharyya, (U Ill), *Greeks, Gandhara, and Globalization*
- 2). Lisa Bright, (Michigan State U), *Bioarchaeological Evidence of Caregiving from a Historic-era County Hospital*
- 3). Shaheen M. Christie, (U Wisc-Milwaukee), *An Assessment of Non-local Individuals in Roman Britain*
- 4). Maia Dedrick, (UNC-Chapel Hill), *Interdisciplinary Views of Gardens Produced through Ethnographic Research in Tahcabo, Yucatan, Mexico*
- 5). Jose Miguel Kanxoc Kumul, (Universidad de Oriente), *Interdisciplinary Views of Gardens Produced through Ethnographic Research in Tahcabo, Yucatan, Mexico*
- 6). Michael Spears, (U AZ), *Participant in "Theory and Praxis in Decolonizing the Federal Historic Preservation Program"*
- 7). Adam Sutherland, (U Ill), *Recognizing De-Globalization in the Lower Illinois River Valley during the Woodland Period*
- 8). Andrea Torvinen, (AZ State U), *Integrating Ceramic Data through Metatypology*

Meetings

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

No

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

no waivers requested

List spring meeting activities

The AD held a spring summit meeting of the Board at the Amerind Foundation in Dragoon, AZ (June 13-14, 2016).

The AD also sponsored a session at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology held in Orlando, FL (April 6-10, 2016).

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 mentors undergraduate and graduate students in a number of ways:

- 1). by hosting an **open reception** for student members with food and drink;
- 2). by giving student membership awards in a special ceremony at the Business Meeting;
- 3). by giving **student diversity travel awards** to students from underrepresented groups in a special ceremony at the Business Meeting. These awards facilitate their travel to the AAA meeting to deliver a paper;
- 4). by maintaining a **student seat on the AD Board**;
- 5). by **partnering with NASA** to sponsor a student who is mentored by a senior AD member regarding career development, research, and publication.

Finally, we applied for but did not receive the new AAA mentorship grant that would have been used to mentor Native American students who are studying archaeology.

Early career scholars.

We make an effort to reach out to early career scholars and nominate them to run for the less time-consuming offices on the AD Board. We also are moving towards a purposeful pairing of junior and senior scholars (whenever possible) in the creation of AAA panels.

Independent scholars.

We maintain a seat on the AD Board for a Practicing Archaeologist and also hosted a workshop at the 2016 AAA meetings that focused on the challenges of decolonizing federal legislation and regulations regarding cultural resources.

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 maintains a close working relationship with the Society for American Archaeology. Each year, we sponsor a panel at the SAAs and the AD President attends a President's Breakfast with the leaders of archaeological societies across the world. During the past year, we also ran a series of blogs on the Savage Minds website, which is accessible to all. Through our Student Diversity Travel Grant and Student Membership grants, we strive to create a more diverse membership within the AD.

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 website (ad.americananthro.org) contains the following content under the following menu headers:

Home: general information about the AD;

Officers: an up-to-date listing of all officers with their contact information;

Meetings: this heading is being used in a new way this year. AAA session abstracts and organizers are listed with a call for papers to fill the session. Also a newly revised version of guidelines for applying for AD sponsorship of an SAA session can be found under Meetings;

Endowments: information on the status of endowments and how to contribute to the Gordon R. Willey fund and/or the Patty Jo Watson fund.

Awards: an up-to-date listing of all recipients of all awards that the AD offers;

Publications: description of AP3A publication and how to submit a manuscript for consideration plus a listing of all past AP3A volumes;

Policies & Archives: listing of responsibilities of AD office, AD by-laws, travel policy, listing of past AD officers, Annual Reports, and a letter of concern from Kurt Dongoske regarding the newly elected administration.

Additionally, the President uses the "email-blast" function offered through Membership Services to communicate with the AD membership.

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?

- 1). New initiative with NASA on student mentorship and professionalization;
- 2). New method for recruiting sessions for the AAA meetings that involves an open call for papers relevant to a posted session abstract;
- 3). Offer a new award for archiving dissertation or early career data sets;
- 4). Continue raising funds for the Patty Jo Watson quasi-endowment fund that is 69% of the

way to completion;

5). New initiative to improve visibility of AD session at the SAAs that includes selection of a session focused on discussion that is coupled with a cash bar and food;

6). Compile information on sexual harassment policies of other professional organizations to decide whether the AD should adopt a statement that specifically references archaeological field research and publication of results of such research.

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.

Given the recent regime change in D.C., AD members are particularly concerned that AAA HQ ramp up efforts (lobbying or otherwise) to block changes in NEH funding and in the regulatory structures that promote conservation of cultural resources and proper mitigation process when resources are slated to be destroyed by construction or other activities. AD members are also concerned that the voices of Native Americans will not be heeded by this administration.

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

Members would like to see AAA do more to promote conversations across sections, particularly at the annual meetings. Incentives, such as removing "inter-sectional" panels from the tally of sessions allowed for each section, would be one way of incentivizing the creation of more internally diverse panels.

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

Please create an easier and more direct way for section presidents to communicate with members--beyond the allotted once-per-month email blasts.