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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 602

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

High cost of membership is decreasing the numbers of AD member.

Would be great to figure out a way to bundle AAA-AD membership with SAA membership.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 112,297

Publication Sponsored budgets.

The publication of the AAA-AD is called AP3A, which runs a healthy balance.

I am not sure that I have the most recent numbers for our publication program. As of April of 2017, the Year-to-Date Publication revenues less expenses was \$1,849.24.

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

Declining membership continues to be a challenge.

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:

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The AD sponsored 22 sessions for this year's meeting, which is equal to what we had last year. One of these sessions was a flash presentation "Teaching Archaeology as Social Justice" and another a roundtable "Archaeologies in a Post-Trump World."

- We used our sponsorship credits to support two invited sessions ("Archaeologies in a Post-Trump World" and

“Abandoning the Anthropocene: Materialities, Temporalities, and Politics of a Dangerous Divide.”). The first invited session is half-composed of graduate students and seeks to utilize the meeting location and current political climate to discuss the relevance of archaeological research today. The latter is an inter-disciplinary session that exemplifies one of the benefits that these meetings offer to our members who wish to engage with other sub-disciplines.

- We were able to schedule all of our submitted sessions for this year’s meetings and collated individually submitted papers into four cohesive general sessions. We have good representation of archaeological sessions across all meeting days and our highest rated sessions have good time placements. We had no poster sessions this year.

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

Awards:

All awards were presented during the AD Business meeting at the AAA conference in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, November 30.

Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecture award to **Ann Stahl**, who delivered a talk at the Business Meeting on "**Assembling 'Effective Archaeologies' for Equitable Futures**"

Gordon R. Willey award for outstanding paper published in *American Anthropologist*. Award presented to **Amanda Logan** for

“Why Can’t People Feed Themselves?": Archaeology as Alternative Archive of Food Security in Banda, Ghana (2016).

Thirteen students received a one-year membership award for presenting a paper at the AAAs:

- 1). **Christina Carter**, Florida State University, “Maria Lionza: Venezuelan Catholic Saints and Healing Rituals”
- 2). **David Cranford**, U North Carolina-Chapel Hill, “Foodways after Crisis: A Catawba Case Study from the Late Eighteenth Century”
- 3). **Krista Eschbach**, AZ State U, “Reframing Colonial Transformations in Spanish America: A Case Study from 18th Century Northwest Florida”
- 4). **Remi Hadad**, University Paris-Nanterre, “The Politics of Decomposition: Reimagining Site Formation Processes for the 21st Century”
- 5). **Marc Lorenc**, U Mass, Amherst, “Anthropology of/Through Games”
- 6). **Matt Magnani**, Harvard U, “Community-Based Museum Research in Indigenous Communities”
- 7). **Justin Reamer**, U Penn, “Eating on the Periphery: Exploring Success and Failure in Changing Foodways”
- 8). **Elena Sesma**, U Mass, Amherst, ““This place is home, this place is everything”: Community-based archaeology and memory in the Bahamas”
- 9). **Craig Stevens**, American U, “Josiah Henson: A Tale of Black Resistance”
- 10). **Sarah Striker**, AZ State U, “A Small-Scale Perspective on Collective Identity Processes: Social Ties in Ancestral Wendat Communities ca. 1400-1550 C.E.”
- 11). **Evan Taylor**, U Mass, Amherst, “Heritage and Difference: Towards Binational Possibility in Israel/Palestine”
- 12). **Andrea Torvinen**, AZ State U, “Evaluating shifts in categorical identification along the Epiclassic northern frontier of Mesoamerica, A.D. 500-900”.
- 13). **Andrew Upton**, Michigan State U, “Collective Social Identification as Multiple Relations at the Intersection of Mississippian and Oneota Worlds”

Two students received Student Diversity Travel Grants.

- 1). **Cristina Carter**, Florida State U, “Maria Lionza: Venezuelan Catholic Saints and Healing Rituals” in Session “(known): Devotion to the Saints in Latin America and the Caribbean: Contemporary Approaches”
- 2). **Timothy Wilcox**, Stanford University, Panel discussant for “Archaeologies in a Post-Trump World”

Meetings

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

No

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

NA

List spring meeting activities

During the spring of 2017, the AD sponsored a session at the Society for American Archaeology meetings in Vancouver, B.C.

Also, the AD held a 1/2-day Board meeting with excellence attendance at the SAA meeting in Vancouver.

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 has been working with the Student section of the AAA to create a mentorship program that would pair an AD member with a student. The goal of the pairing is for the student to work towards a publishable paper with a mentor who is knowledgeable about the student's topic. During the first year of this program (2017), little seemed to be achieved but there is hope that, with effort and patience, the program will blossom.

Early career scholars.

The AD makes an effort to bring early-career scholars into positions of leadership within the AD (positions that do not require a large time commitment but provide a sense of community).

Independent scholars.

Because one of the AD Board positions is reserved for a Practicing Archaeologist, the AD is sensitive to the needs of scholars working outside of the academy. For instance, at the 2016 AAA meeting, a special workshop was held on de-colonizing national antiquities legislation. It is hoped that more such workshops and sessions that bridge the separation between the university world and heritage realms (as well as CRM and museum worlds) will be proposed in the future.

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.

Financially, the AD supports the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA), which upholds the ethical behavioral standards of the Archaeology profession.

Annually, the AD sponsors a session on anthropological archaeology at the spring meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. To encourage greater attendance, the scheduled roundtable will be augmented by a cash bar.

The AD participated in the diversity membership drive initiated by the AAA in 2017.

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 sends 6-8 email blasts to AD members each year. Additionally, the AD maintains a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

The AD website is used primarily to communicate to members full information regarding the leadership structure and contact information for current Board members; awards offered; fundraising efforts; lists of publications in the AP3A series and information about submitting a manuscript; and the policies and archives of the AD.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

There were no changes in governance or bylaws during the year of 2017.

Initiatives:

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

The AD just succeeded in raising sufficient funds to endow fully the Patty Jo Watson lectureship. This had been a long-term effort within the AD.

The AD plans to continue the mentorship relationship with students who are members of the AAA student section as described previously in the "Mentorship" section of this report.

Since Jason de Leon is both Program Editor for the AD as well as for the 2018 AAA meeting in general, we anticipate a ramped-up effort this spring to encourage participation by current and new members in the meetings to be held in San José, CA.

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.

The AD struggles to maintain membership. The current AAA initiative to review membership prices is very much needed. The particular problem for archaeologists is that generally we also maintain membership in the SAA and perhaps a regional organization. If AAA-AD and SAA memberships could be bundled (very out-of-the-box thinking, I realize), that would help the AD grow its membership.

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

Keep working on diversity initiatives!

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

Work on a more stream-lined way in which section presidents can communicate with their members.