



AAA Annual Report

Let's get to know you!

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Section Information

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Ask AAA

What issues would you like raised or what recommendations would you like to make to the Section Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC)?	n/a
What issues would you like raised or what recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board?	We have deep concerns about the starkly declining AD membership. Even before COVID, we saw declining interest in AD member and also declining interest in AAA membership from archaeologists. This is really a profound existential crisis about the future of archaeology within American anthropology.
What issues would you like raised or what recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff?	I appreciate that communities serves certain functions, but to be honest the AD has struggled to make it work as well as email list serves for communications and file storage. I know that we don't want to switch platforms, but solutions like Teams, Dropbox, Google docs, and Slack are much better at both organizing communications and files.

Board Members & Section Officers

List the Members and Officers along with their name, email and position.	These were the officers in 2020: Elizabeth Chilton, President, Elizabeth.chilton@wsu.edu Charlie Cobb, President-elect, ccobb@flmnh.ufl.edu Sarah Barber, Treasurer, Sarah.Barber@ucf.edu Sandra López Varela, Secretary, slvarela@comunidad.unam.mx Sarah Rowe, Member at large, sarah.rowe@utrgv.edu Sarah Gonzales, Practicing Member at large, gonzalsa@uw.edu Marcie Venter, Program Editor, mventer@murraystate.edu Whitney Battle-Baptiste, Nominations Committee Chair, wbaptiste@anthro.umass.edu Deborah Nichols, Publications Director, deborah.l.nichols@dartmouth.edu
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Membership

Please provide the most recent membership numbers	417
List any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership.	This was our membership as of September 2020. I am sure that it has continued to decline. This is alarming, as it represents about a 100 member drop in the period of one year, particularly in the student and professional ranks. I am certain COVID had a lot to do with it, but our number have been dropping precipitously over the past decade.

Finances

Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets.	Net assets as of Dec 2020: Operating fund = 108,842.81 Patty Jo Watson Fund = 34,586.08 Gordon Willey Fund = 31,706.51
List any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances.	Expenses as of 12/20 were 1,249.93, while incoming to that date was 14,054.01. Decline in membership is greatly affecting the revenue side. We are down 100 members (20%) since June 2020.

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.	In 2020, 28 sessions were submitted for AD review. Program Editor Marcie Venter was also awarded a AAA Community Engagement grant to support tribal representatives in a roundtable on NAGPRA. However, due to the decision to go virtual under a different format, none of these papers were presented at the 2020 meetings. Program Editor Marcie Venter and PE-elect Amanda Logan attempted to reach out to colleagues far and near to drum up submissions for the Raising our Voices format, however we received no submissions due to the short turn around expected as well as the timing of the change (at the beginning of term). Consequently there were no archaeology submissions for the 2020 Raising our Voices event.
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Meetings

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver?	No
If granted, who was the registration waiver used for?	
Did your section request a community engagement grant?	Yes
If granted, what was the engagement grant used for?	We were going to sponsor a session, but since the meeting was canceled, the funds were not dispersed and we did not hold the session.
List spring meeting activities.	We held a virtual Board meeting in May of 2020.

Awards Set Number 1

Title of Award	Gordon R. Willey Prize
Date Presented	11/04/20
Full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees.	Historical Ecology of Cultural Keystone Places of the Northwest Coast, with multiple authors: Dana Lepofsky, Chelsey Geralda Armstrong, Spencer Greening, Julia Jackley, Jennifer Carpenter, Brenda Guernsey, Darcy Mathews, and Nancy J. Turner. American Anthropologist (2017) 119(3):448-463.

Mentorship

Undergraduate and/or graduate students	n/a
Early Career Scholars	n/a
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.	n/a
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Communications

Is your section actively using the AAA Communities Platform?	Yes
Please list internal communication tools you use and what they are used for.	Mostly use it instead of email. We also use Dropbox for file sharing because we haven't found a good way to do that in Communities. To be honest, I think Communities has hampered rather than helped communications.

Governance

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.	n/a
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Initiatives

What initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?	We have a standing Membership Task Force that is chaired by our President-elect to address issues of declining membership. We intend to meet virtually in April around the time of SAA, and hope for an in-person meeting in the fall around the Annual Meeting. We typically also meet in the summer.
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