2007 was a very difficult year for the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology. SLACA executives spent much time on phone conferences discussing AnthroSource and our finances among ourselves and with AAA staff. Our funds were practically depleted at the end of the year, so we hit rock bottom financially, in spite of our best efforts. The AnthroSource contract with the University of California Press was based on the notion that they were providing a service we had to pay for, and in fact most sections could not have afforded the cost much longer. The contract had to be revised during 2007. The Executive Board of the AAA decided to take up Wiley and Blackwell’s offer, which was based on the opposite premise of the publisher paying the AAA for hosting online and publishing our journals. At SLACA we ended the year hopeful that the move of AnthroSource from University of California Press to Wiley-Blackwell will help us re-build the financial strength of our Society and resume the programmes we had to cancel because of our lack of funds.

SLACA activities during 2007. In spite of all financial difficulties, we managed to keep most of our ongoing activities and services to our members. All members of the Board were hard at work co-ordinating SLACA’s activities and ongoing programmes. Hortensia Caballero did an excellent and timely job as our column editor on Anthropology News; Travis duBry chaired the committee that put together a high quality programme for SLACA’s scholarly sessions during the AAA conference; Steffan Igor Ayora-Diaz ably chaired the committee for the 2007 Roseberry - Nash Graduate Award; Carla Guerron-Montero co-organized the Conversations across the Americas special session with me; Elayne Zorn co-ordinated the participation of SLACA in the joint, very successful cash-bar reception at the AAA conference; Rita Henderson kept the yahoo SLACA listserve running, so those who have signed up continue to have a place to post and discuss issues relevant to SLACA members; and Ma. Eugenia Brockman started moderating a new listserve, based on the AAA servers, that sends messages out to all SLACA members. SLACA Councilors staffed all the different committees, besides chairing one or more of them.

Roseberry-Nash Award. The competition for our graduate student award, Roseberry-Nash, was a success during its second year, as we received papers from eleven students from around the Americas, including two written in Spanish and two in Portuguese. There was a tie and the cash prize was split between Kate Goldade (U. of Arizona) and Kristine Latta (Princeton). The prize was awarded by professor June Nash during the joint SLACA, ALLA, SOLGA, AFA, ABA and SOLGA cash bar reception.

AAA Conference. SLACA’s programme at the AAA conference consisted of twelve sessions, including nine regular sessions, a poster session and two invited sessions. Unfortunately they were scheduled mostly Wednesday late morning and afternoon, with several panels running at the same time. The Conversations across the Americas featured as our main speaker Prof. Manuel Valdez Pizzini, from the University of Puerto Rico, with Carla Guerron-Montero and myself also discussing our work. This
session was very well attended. The joint cash bar reception was a great success, with over 500 people from all the sections, and we look forward to continuing doing it this way in the future.

**Board changes.** We had three important changes on the Board, beginning with the change of Editor of our journal. Andrew L. Canessa took over from Jean Rahier as Editor of the Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology. As JLACA Editor, Jean did an outstanding job to expand JLACA’s prestige and readership and had the difficult task of overseeing the transition to electronic publishing. He secured a subsidy from his home institution, Florida International University, to run the editorial office; he was instrumental in the change of name and mission of our Society to encompass the anthropology of the Caribbean and he brought our journal to a new level of professionalism. We are all thankful to Jean for all his work and his achievements as first JLAA’s and then JLACA’s Editor. Andrew brings with him experience in the editorship of other journals, including relationships with the new publisher of AAA journals, Wiley-Blackwell. He has very good ideas to take JLACA into the transition from UCP to W-B and has already begun working on expanding our journal’s readership and subscriptions, as well as increasing the role of the journal’s editorial board.

SLACA’s financial problems resulted in increased workload for the treasurer, then Jeffrey Cohen, who had to re-draw the section’s budgets continuously according to rapidly changing and very frustrating circumstances. At the time, Jeffrey was also the President of the Society for Economic Anthropology, an association independent from the AAA that has its own dynamics, and so we held a special election at the 2006 SLACA business meeting to have Elayne Zorn work with him as treasurer-elect. Jeffrey resigned in October and Elayne took over.

Ramona Perez was elected as President Elect during our Spring elections. She has now been elected to every position of the SLACA board, beginning with Student Representative to Councilor, Treasurer, Secretary and now President. She brings with her experience and knowledge on SLACA affairs, and great enthusiasm to advance the goals and trajectory of our Society. Ramona was the Secretary until November, when she left that position to become President Elect. Carla Guerron-Montero took her place as Secretary. We thank Ramona for her excellent job and Carla for having taken over on short notice.

It has been a difficult year for our Society, but I thank all members of the SLACA board for their support, their comradeship and their excellent work on behalf of our Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT BY THE TREASURER
Elayne Zorn (University of Central Florida)

General situation. We will not have the figures for 2007 until March 2008, but based
on information through November 2007 it is clear that was a very difficult year for
SLACA (as for other sections). Expenses related to the publication of our journal
JLACA were substantial (our other expenses were modest; see below). In addition to
print publication expenses (including the academic editorial office), we were charged
very high fees by UCP (the publisher selected by AAA for AnthroSource) for
copyediting and/or composition, management, and digital publication expenses (see
below). As a result of these charges, we incurred a significant loss. (Publishing
revenue was budgeted for 2007 at $15,037; publication expense was budgeted at
$46,669, for a loss of $31,632. Of the $46,669 expenses, $32,410 were charges to
SLACA from UCP/ AAA.) We were obliged to cover the deficit from our fund
(reserve) in the amount of $12,162 (budgeted). Nonetheless, though we had to spend
more than 50% of our fund (reserve), we did not take the loan AAA strongly
encouraged us to assume, and thus our section remains debt free. We are cautiously
optimistic that with the much-improved contract with Wiley Blackwell (WB) -- they
will pay expenses and pay us for content -- our financial situation will stabilize in
2008 and, hopefully, improve. However, we have lost much of our fund (reserve) due
to charges by UCP, which we will not be able to recover.

Assets. Our financial assets consist of a fund (reserve), at $19,322 on January 1, 2007.
We also have the restricted Whiteford fund, thanks to the generosity of the
Whitefords, at $9,828.16 in November 2007. That fund can only be used to reimburse
travel by international board members to the AAA. Our fund (reserve) was estimated
in November 2007 to end the year at $7,160 ($19,322 minus the deficit of $12,162:
see above).

Revenues. Revenues for 2007 were budgeted to be $46,669; revenues come from
membership dues and from publishing. Membership dues are paid by AAA members
who subscribe to our section. Except for a dip in April 2007, our membership
increased steadily, with an overall increase of more than 5% during January-
November 2007 (figures for December 2007 are not yet available): from 765
members in January to 810 members in November. Regular members increased from
473 to 507, students from 239 to 242, life remained stable at 3, and international
dropped from 50 to 43. However, starting in July 2007 we finally were able to
introduce a second international membership category (international “B” for members
outside Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan; SLACA is one of 5
sections allowed to have this category), and we had 15 members in that category, for a
net gain of 8 international members, though those members pay a lower rate.
Following repeated requests to AAA, we have finally been able to raise our regular
membership dues to $45, keeping the same $20 rate for students, and $20 for
international “B.” However, we had budgeted for a greater increase in 2007. We
earned $23,303.37 in 2006, and had budgeted $31,632.00. At October 31, 2007,
membership revenue was only $18,810.65.

Publishing revenue comes from print subscriptions, digital subscriptions, print
advertising, publishing royalty, royalties, permission fees, individual print sales, and
individual digital sales. Revenue for 2007 was budgeted at $15,037. We were finally
able to raise SLACA subscription rates in 2007. To institutions, the new rates are $58 online, and $64 print + online; this rate is for the Americas. The rates for non-American territories are £33 online and £36 (print + online). We continue to request subscription rates for individuals and will continue to raise this issue with WB. However, revenue will be calculated differently in 2008; revenue from all sources (including print and digital subscriptions) will go to WB, and what we receive will be based on a formula with a minimum guaranteed by WB. For SLACA, this will be $15,263 for 2008.

Expenditures. Expenditures for 2007 for publishing alone were budgeted at $46,669. To save money, we eliminated money for Board meals at AAA budgeted at $150, and significantly reduced annual reception costs from $1,200 to $250 by participating in a joint reception with ALLA, AFA, and other sections (we plan to continue doing this in the future). We reimbursed international board members from the restricted Whiteford fund at 50%. We did not provide a travel award in 2007 for scholars from Latin America to participate in the meeting (other than board members who were reimbursed through the Whiteford fund at 50%). We would like to resume offering a travel award in the future.

2007 expenditures (non-publishing) from revenue/reserve were $750: $500 Nash-Roseberry student paper award ($250 each to two equally-ranked authors); and $250 SLACA contribution to joint reception (see above). 2007 expenditure from Whiteford fund was $1,273.91: $1,273.91 to 4 international board members at 50% of travel (4 members).

2007 expenditure (publishing) was $46,449.00 (see above). Publishing expenditures include printing, postage & print distribution, academic editorial office, copyright charges, development & promotion, storage, and UCFP copyediting and/or composition fee. These were: $19,019.00 print publication expense (includes $4,760.00 UCP copyediting and/or composition); $13,222 UCP management fee. $14,428.00 digital publication expense.

Our expenditures apart from publishing are minimal, though we wish to resume offering a travel award. For 2008 and beyond, we will not pay fees to WB. Our only expense will be for the academic editorial office, for which we have budgeted $11,550. This is a significant increase, from $4,850 in 2007. The increase is due to moving the office to Essex and to hiring an editorial assistant. The Board believes this move and the hiring of an assistant will contribute to the substantial improvements to the journal made under the previous editor. However, due to the declining value of the dollar against the U.K. pound, we may need to increase the amount budgeted for the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Elayne Zorn, Treasurer
University of Central Florida
2007 REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ANTHROPOLOGY
Andrew L. Canessa (University of Essex)

1. **Total number of pages printed:** 1058

2. **Total number of issues printed:** Two.

3. **Publication time lines:** We published on time throughout 2007.

4. **Total number of manuscripts received:** It is unclear how many manuscripts were received in 2007 because the database had numerous gaps when I took over as editor on the 1st of August. There may have been 42 papers submitted in 2007. Since the 1st of August 18 papers have been submitted which would project to 39 in one year.

5. **Total number of manuscripts accepted:** 5 papers have been accepted, some of these from the previous editorship.

6. **Total number of manuscripts requested for revision and resubmission:** Of the 18 articles submitted since the 1st of August three were rejected without being sent to review; 15 were sent to review of which eight are currently still out for review. Of the remaining six three were revise and resubmit; two were accepted with revision; and two were rejected after review.

7. **Average time from submission to acceptance:** There are insufficient data to calculate this at this point and we expect to have firm data for 2008.

8. **Plans for 2008:** I took over as Editor on the 1st of August although the original agreement had been for me to assume the position on the 1st of September. The hand-over was relatively smooth but was hampered by the lack of key databases (such as reviewers’ database) and missing records. The practice of dissolving the editorial board at the end of the editorship meant that I did not have the support of an editorial board during a key transition period. I now have a supportive editorial board and the process is running smoothly; the speed with which articles are dealt with has increased considerably. Plans for 2008 include increasing the number of submissions which has hovered around the 40 marks for several years. I will be traveling to Vienna, Berlin and Brazil in coming months and will be raising the profile of the journal. Central Europe and Brazil are two areas we have identified for growth.