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**Status, Activities & Accomplishments This Year**
Organized a successful annual meeting in San Francisco (see below)  
We created our first electronic online SACC Notes (16/1, spring 2010), in pdf format for members and subscribers.  
Social networking activities this year have been to continue the blog, called SACCommentary at http://www.ccanthro.blogspot.com/. Laura Gonzalez, Vice-President for membership also developed a Facebook group page (go to www.facebook.com and search for Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges), and a twitter account www.twitter.com/SACC_L.

**Financial Update**
Autumn Cahoon, our Treasurer, provided a Report for our Board Meeting at the AAA Meetings in New Orleans. Autumn’s report indicates that this year was a fruitful one. We ended the year with $46,852 Net Assets. The annual meeting netted more than $2200.00 profit and our expenses continue to be less than our revenues. We continue fund-raising efforts through sales of our SACC-logo T-shirts and coffee mugs.

**AAA Sessions**

1. Active Learning, Engaging Activities to Create Eager Students. Organizers: Anthony Tessandori, Christine Dixon (University of Colorado-Boulder)

2. Current Issues in Anthropology: Five Field Update. Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges Organizer and Chair: Mary Gilliland (Pima Community College / University of Arizona) Presentations to be published in SACC Notes.

**Spring Annual Meeting**
SACC held its annual meeting in San Francisco at the Radisson Hotel Fisherman’s Wharf. It was organized by President George Rodgers. SACC members Jo Rainie Rodgers, Rob Edwards and Autumn Cahoon were instrumental in helping make this conference a great success. The meeting was attended by approximately 80 Community College and Four-Year Anthropology Educators. The Conference Theme was Sustainable Teaching in the 21st Century, Can Anthropology have an impact on environmental stewardship? SACC was honored to have Dr. Laura Nader (U.C. Berkeley) as our keynote speaker and AAA President Dr. Virginia Dominguez (U IL, Champaign-Urbana) as a visiting guest and conference participant. Dr. Nader is the editor of The Energy Reader (Wiley-Blackwell) and advocates emphatically that anthropologist collaborate with physical and nuclear scientists and take leadership roles in formulating energy policies. She feels the anthropologists possess the general cultural perspective so often lacking in other policy makers.
Dr. Dominguez selected SACC as one of her section conferences to attend in order to learn more about the diverse groups that make up the AAA. She dined with us and traveled with us on our field trip. One of the highlights of our annual SACC meetings is the field trip. This year we were privileged to have a private, behind the scenes tour of the Anthropology Collections of the California Academy of Sciences and of the King TUT exhibit at the De Young Museum of Art, both in Golden Gate Park.

**Outreach to other Sections/Groups**

SACC member Mark Lewine was appointed by AAA President Dominguez to her newly established AAA Task Force on Anthropology Education Committee.

**Awards**

The President’s Award was given this year by George Rodgers to long time SACC member Rob Edwards. Rob recently retired from a distinguished teaching career at Cabrillo College near Santa Cruz, California. Rob established first Archaeological Technician (ARCTEC) program for Community Colleges in the US. This highly successful program has trained hundreds of Community College, University and Advocational archaeologist working in State, Federal and private firms as archaeologists, lab technicians and field surveyors. Rob was a great help to George in planning our annual conference.

In addition to Rob’s award, President Rodgers presented three certificates of Appreciation to Jo Rainie Rodgers, Rebecca Stein and Autumn Cahoon for their tremendous help in making this year’s San Francisco conference a great success.

In Ann Kaupp’s stead. Dianne Chidester presented the SACC Teacher of the Year Awards to Laura Tubelle de Gonzalez of San Diego Miramar College and Tad McIlwraith of Douglas College, New Westminster, BC, Canada. Nominations material sent to the Awards Committee said both recipients “possess sensitivity, creativity and connectivity in teaching students of diverse backgrounds and make a significant difference within their respective communities.”

**Internal Communications**

SACC communicates in the following ways:

- Biannual newsletter, *Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes*
- Listserve, which remains a very active method for communication among members
- Website (recently redesigned)
- Internet blog and an online biannual e-newsletter, *SACC Regional Report*, for the Regional Vice-Presidents around the U.S. and Canada. Laura Gonzalez, VP for Membership, initiated the blog and online newsletter. A new Twitter account and a Facebook group to provide additional communication links for SACC members were also developed by Laura T. Gonzalez.
Future Plans or Activities
President Mel Johnson is organizing the 2011 annual SACC conference. The meeting will take place April 6-9 in the Old Market area of Omaha, Nebraska. Mel is organizing field trips to Tribal colleges in the area and to the Henry Doorly Zoo with its excellent primate collection. SACC is organizing the Five Field Update for the 2011 AAA Annual Meeting, in Montreal as well as two additional sessions, both of which will focus on some aspect of teaching anthropology.

Chief Concerns
SACC continues to work to find new and better means to communicate with others who teach anthropology and are searching for their place within the AAA. In many cases, SACC members represent the only anthropologist or even social scientist teaching at their school. As a result of the downturn in the economy, community colleges have experienced record enrollments and reduced budgets, challenges that SACC members must all address in their professional lives.

In Memory
SACC is sad to have lost a dear friend and colleague this year. Longtime SACC member Ellen Johnson died on January 02, 2011 after suffering a stroke in Siberia. Ellen was a teacher, researcher, student of humanity and friend. An active member of the SACC Community, she will be greatly missed.