I. Section Officers

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II. Status, Activities and Accomplishments this year

1) Provide the most recent membership numbers and list any factors you think may be increasing or decreasing your Section membership:

Number of Members: 478

Factors affecting Membership:

While economic difficulties may have led to the loss of some members, SANA's efforts to build membership via our program at the AAA, our awards, and creating opportunities for participation in the section's leadership seem to have paid dividends as our membership has generally been rising over time.

2) * Provide the most recent financial balances for Section budgets (and publication sponsored budgets, if applicable). Also list any factors you think are affecting your Section's finances:
Financial Balance: 42410

Publications: (if applicable)
N/A

Factors affecting Finances:
Our strong membership numbers combined with efforts to keep expenses -- particular for conferences -- under control has allowed us to build up a substantial balance. We actually plan to use some of that balance in the near future on section priorities.

3) * 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. Check with your program chairs if needed: When providing session information please note if these are invited, volunteered or co-sponsored.

Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with Anthropology and Environment
Session: Gitxaala Laxyuup (Kitkatla Nation): Tracing Gitxaala History and Culture Through Archaeology and Anthropology.

Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with Council on Anthropology and Education
Session: Collusion: Theorizing Academics, The University And The State.

Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with SVA
Session: Traces and Transformations in Anthropology and Art Practices: A Strategic Engagement?

Session Type: Invited, Co-Sponsored with SLACA

Other Events:
Remember Manning Marable. Co-sponsored with Association of Black Anthropologists

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

Requested Grant: No

If granted, who/what was it/they used for? (if applicable)

5) List spring meeting activities (if applicable):
N/A

6) List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section, if applicable (please provide the title of the award, date presented, and full name, affiliation, and title of the project/paper/accomplishment of the awardees):
Award Title: SANA Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Study of North America  
Date: 2011-11-18 00:00:00.0  
Recipient: Ellen Lewin  
Affiliation: University of Iowa  
Project/Paper/etc: Lifetime achievement award

7) 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

-St. Clair Drake Student Travel Grant
-Developing award for contingent and graduate student paper prize.

Early career scholars:

Developing award for contingent and graduate student paper prize.

Independent scholars:

Developing contingent faculty and graduate student paper prizes

8) 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:

In 2010 a SANA committee of Karen Brodkin, Michelle Marzulla and Sandi Morgan and chaired by Ann Bookman designed a public outreach project for consideration by the AAA. The result was that the SANA based “Health, Happiness and Well-being” project, alongside 2 others (immigration and migration, and people who count, community, kinship and relationships) will be shopped by the AAA for funding resources. The quick and diligent work by the Bookman committee is commended for its leadership role in this process.

9) 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:

We recently redesigned our website. We have also started a section facebook page. We continue to use our newsletter, North American Dialogue, and our list serve to communicate with our members

10) Changes in bylaws or governance structure (if applicable):
III. What Initiatives does your Section have underway or planned for the coming year: Membership, publication annual meeting, mentorship, other?

- We plan to continue to move our newsletter North American Dialogue in the direction of being a fully-fledged journal. SANA leadership is working with AAA and Wiley-Blackwell staff to explore the possibility of NAD becoming an on-line, open-access journal.

- Due to a variety of reasons, but especially the state of the US economy, SANA postponed its spring 2012 conference. We plan on having a conference in spring 2013.

- We are moving forward on developing contingent faculty and graduate student paper prizes. We hope to have this implemented in time to award the prize for the 2012 AAAs.

IV. 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.

- Our AAA section editors expressed concern that SANA might have been penalized for following ranking guidelines during the paper review process. They were concerned that another section were ranking a greater number of sessions highly than was permitted, while SANA was not, with the result that SANA seemed to have a large number of sessions at relatively undesirable times (Wednesday evening/Sunday morning).

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

- General concerns about Wiley-Blackwell agreement, open access, and issue of for-profit-academic publishers in general. There is a lot of discussion in academia in general about the propriety of for-profit publishers generating profits from generally uncompensated labor of academic reviewers, writers, editors and so on, as well as the issue of publications often being behind expensive paywalls.

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

- We will continue working with AAA staff on moving NAD towards journal status.