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Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 318

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

We experienced a sizeable increase in our membership in 2011 and attributed that to the change of our name from SOLGA (Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists) to AQA (Association for Queer Anthropology). As membership growth shows, we continued in 2012 to benefit from the name change and rebranding effort. Our business meetings remain full, festive affairs and this helps to raise the profile of the Section and pique the interest of new members. At this year's meeting there were several volunteers for open positions, and many of those volunteers are junior scholars. We have many new members cycling through our committees and entering leadership positions, which helps increase the sense of ownership in the Section and interest in how it operates. We believe our prizes, particularly the student paper prize (see below) helps us to attract new members as do our recent mentorship initiatives (see below).

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 22,145.86

Publication Sponsored budgets.

We continue to receive modest annual income from Wiley-Blackwell for our former publication SOLGAN.

As explained below, we are investigating the creation of a peer-reviewed AQA Journal, which promises to be a major source of future publication revenue.

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

AQA finances remain stable. We have a slight net year-to-year increase in finances over 2011-12.

Our healthy financial situation will benefit us as we investigate new initiatives, such as the AQA Journal.

The Payne Prize endowment remains stable. While donations and interest provide a measurable yearly increase, we expended somewhat more award monies year-to-year in
recent years than we have received in donations. We still need access to fundraising activities internal to AQA to make up this difference. We need to resolve the question of whether and how AQA will be allowed by AAA to continue to hold silent auctions and other fundraising at its Business Meeting to generate income from within its membership.

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 Type: Volunteered
Session: QUEERING BORDERS: SEXUALITY, MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: QUEERING THE SOCIAL: INTERNET AS A TECHNOLOGY OF STRANGER SOCIAILITY

Session Type: Invited
Session: QUEER REPRODUCTION/S: EMERGING POSSIBILITIES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY IN THE STUDY OF BORDERS, BOUNDARIES AND CROSSINGS

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: #GAYSEXNOW

Session Type: Invited
Session: IN AND OUT OF BOUNDS: SEXUALITY, GENDER, CLASSIFICATION, AND CONTESTATION

Session Type: Invited
Session: QUEER TRANSFRANCISCO: PASTS, PRESENTS, AND FUTURES OF THE "SODOM BY THE SEA"

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: SEXUAL CITIZENSHIP, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: GLOBAL QUEERS, LOCAL RIGHTS AND PRACTICES

Session Type: Volunteered
Session: QUEER SEXUALITIES, QUEER SUBJECTIVITIES

Session Type: Other
Session: ASSOCIATION FOR QUEER ANTHROPOLOGY (AQA) BUSINESS MEETING

Session Type: Other
Session: Social Gathering, co-organized with ABA, AFA, ALA, and other organizations,

Awards
List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.

**Award:** Ruth Benedict Book Prize -- Monograph  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Margot Weiss  
**Affiliation:** Wesleyan University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Techniques of Pleasure: BDSM and the Circuits of Sexuality

**Award:** Ruth Benedict Book Prize -- Anthology  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Gayle Rubin  
**Affiliation:** University of Michigan  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Deviations: A Gayle Rubin Reader

**Award:** Payne Student Paper Prize  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Natalie Newton  
**Affiliation:** University of California, Irvine  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Contingent Invisibility: Space, Community, and Invisibility for Les in Saigon

**Award:** Payne Student Paper Prize - Honorable Mention  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Ryan Richard Thoreson  
**Affiliation:** Oxford University  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** On Panics, Pronouns, and Power: Transnational LGBT NGOs as Nodes in Networks of Knowledge

**Award:** Payne Student Paper Prize - Honorable Mention  
**Date:** 11/16/2012  
**Recipient:** Jake Silver  
**Affiliation:** Reed College  
**Project/Paper/Accomplishment:** Intimacy and Assemblage: The Commodity of Queerness in Israel and Abroad

**Meetings**

Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
No

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

List spring meeting activities  
Incomplete

**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.
AQA submitted fourteen applications this year for the NASA Emerging Leaders Program. One of our applicants, Kwame Uto, was awarded the first award which provides support for the development of a professional paper over the coming year. This process of nominating young scholars from AQA for the emerging leaders program links up to another of our mentorship efforts: a workshop being planned for the 2013 AAAs to mentor junior scholars (particularly grad students) in how to successfully publish and circulate scholarship in the field of queer anthropology. Prof. Tom Boellstorff (former Editor-in-Chief of American Anthropologist) will be the lead facilitator of the workshop. The fourteen students we nominated for the NASA award are among those invited to participate and we will also put out a more general call for participation.

Early career scholars.
Our Communications Director, Ted Gideonse, has instituted a mentorship program through the AQA website in which established scholars in queer anthropology make themselves available to mentor junior scholars in the field.

Independent scholars.
Not applicable.

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.

AQA's Communications Committee -- through its revamped website and Facebook page, as well as its listserv -- offer a continual public presence that conducts outreach to underrepresented minorities. In our case, and as stated in our mission statement and as a tag-line on all publications and official emails sent by the AQA Co-Chairs,

"AQA serves the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other queer and allied anthropologists in the American Anthropological Association. AQA promotes anthropological research and education on homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender/transsexuality, and other sexual and gender identities and expressions, and their intersections with race, class, disability, nationality, colonialism and globalization. AQA supports and encourages a diverse membership within the AAA and actively seeks to increase that diversity along lines of race, class, disability, nationality, gender, sexuality, and other forms of social difference."

As always, AQA remains interested in coordinating with other sections and interest groups serving minority constituencies in common work, which were demonstrated in 2012 by our collaboration in networking events such as the reception we co-hosted with ABA, AFA, ALA, and others in 2012. We are actively planning a similar event for the 2013 AAAs in Chicago, but holding it off-site with the intention of attracting interested people and activists from outside the AAA.

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.
AQA retains a very active listserv, which has recently migrated from an external server to one hosted by the AAA. AQA also has a new website since 2011, queeranthro.org, and an interlinked Facebook page. In 2011 we reinstated the position of “Communications Director” (Ted Gideonse) who heads a Communications Committee that coordinates postings of internal announcements on these sites. The committee also collectively produces columns for the AAA Newsletter, including by invitation of guest writers. This effort is largely coordinated by former AQA Co-chair Marcia Ochoa.

Governance:

Changes in bylaws or governance structure.

No recent changes in bylaws or governance structure.

Initiatives:

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

AQA Journal: In 2011 we formed an exploratory committee and proto-Editorial Board to propose a new AQA Journal. This committee was led by Prof. Ara Wilson with the close support of Prof. Tom Boellstorff, immediate former editor-in-chief of American Anthropologist. We decided to explore an AQA journal around the time of our larger rebranding effort, recognizing that the change of our name was part of a larger move to demonstrate the role queer anthropology plays, and ought to play, in queer studies more broadly. The planning committee included volunteers from across the organization including from the SOLGA era and from among junior scholar and newer graduate student members. The committee was and is able to draw on the resources of members, which include Tom Boellstorff (see above) and the current and recent co-Chairs who have been active over the past three years in studying the Wiley-Blackwell contract with AAA and participating in discussions regarding journal development in the Association. The planning committee conducted in-depth investigations during 2012 and Ara Wilson presented a formal report to the board at the 2012 annual meeting. The AQA Board, based on Prof. Wilson's report and recommendations, approved the formation of an editorial committee which would be in close conversation with the board through the spring of 2013. Among the issues we are currently determining are the mission of the journal; potential audience; financially structure; and online possibilities. In addition to her presentation to the board members Prof. Wilson also gave a formal presentation to the full membership at the 2012 business meeting which was followed by a brief conversation about our next steps. We are extremely excited about the journal and the process of constituting it.

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.

Not applicable
What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Executive Board? Please be specific.
Not applicable

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the AAA Staff? Please be specific.
Not applicable