Membership:

Provide the most recent membership numbers.

Number of Members: 900

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

We have increased our membership numbers across the board to between 850-900 members (varying by month), from 700-750 members last year at this time, and from the high 600s-low 700s from three years ago. This is a very good sign that we are doing some things well. This makes us a large unit of the AAA, having risen over the last year to become the 7th largest from being 9th largest last year. Our Professional and Associate members have increased modestly the last year from 430-440 to about 450 members. We've had a highly gratifying increase over the last year in the number of Student members from about 280 to approximately 330, an increase of about 18%. This suggests that our outreach to students (e.g. best undergraduate student paper, website activity) plus our reduced membership fees for students are paying off. Moreover, over the last year we had a surprising increase from about 60 international members to an average of 85, a 13% increase. This suggests to me that we're reaching out increasingly to an international audience, and that in particular the SUNTA-L listserv and perhaps our new website may be playing an important role in attracting new members. I suspect in terms of new membership dues revenues, international members will come to play an increasingly important role. This could be enhanced if SUNTA found a way of affiliating itself with the Urban Anthropology program of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), which will next meet in Manchester in August 2013.

Finances:

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

Financial Balance: 128,259.90

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

Our resource base, other than our collective human talent, takes the form of the budget surplus that allows us to underwrite and carefully expand all these activities, and become of even greater service to our members. Financially, as the Treasurer's report points out, we're continuing to do very well, with a growing net budget surplus from our membership fees and from our C & S royalties from Wiley-Blackwell – from the latter, over the short term.

However, the recent report of the AAA Committee on the Future of Print and Electronic Publishing (CFPEP) in the Crow Report (which I sent out to you all on November 9) leads us to think that there is no cause at present for complacency. Basically, CFPEP agrees with the consultant that there are signs of an imminent crisis in the publishing program of the AAA, in terms of declining future revenues from its contract with Wiley Blackwell, as subscriptions from major university and college libraries have declined and are projected to continue to decline for the next five years. We have every reason to be concerned and alert about declining publication revenues from C & S.

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: Invited
Session: "A Conversation with Bay Area Housing Activist Jesse Trouper"

Session Type: Invited
Session: "Getting Around: Mobility as a Framework for Understanding Power; and Citizenship Against the Grain"

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with SANA
Session: "Understanding Militarism: Critical Anthropological Perspectives"

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SUNTA Board Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: SUNTA Business Meeting

Session Type: Special Events
Session: Committee on Refugees and Immigrants (CORI) Meeting

Session Type: Invited Co-Sponsored with SLACA
Session: "Current Issues in Border Theory: Influential Voices Across Geographies" (Executive Session)

Awards

List awards presented this year on behalf of your Section.
Award: SUNTA Graduate Student Paper Prize  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Claudio Sopranzetti  
Affiliation: Harvard University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: "The Owners of the Map: Mobility and Mobilization among Motorcycle Taxi Drivers in Bangkok"

Award: SUNTA Undergraduate Paper Prize  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Andrea Chiriboga Flor  
Affiliation: Clark University  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Paper on "Occupy Portland".

Award: SUNTA Graduate Student Panel Prize  
Date: 11/16/2012  
Recipient: Joanne R. Nucho (organizer)  
Affiliation: University of California, Irvine  
Project/Paper/Accomplishment: Graduate Student-organized Panel for SUNTA Review, Movement, Mobility, Displacement: Migratory Imaginaries of the City

Award: SUNTA Leeds Prize  
Date: 01/16/2012  
Recipient: Danny Hoffman  
Affiliation: University of Washington  

Meetings  
Did your section request a meeting registration waiver or community engagement grant?  
Yes

If granted, who/what was it/they used for?  
Jesse Trouper -- East Bay Housing Activist, for SUNTA Interlocutor Invited Session

List spring meeting activities

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.

SUNTA provides awards to the outstanding graduate student paper, the outstanding undergraduate student paper, and the best graduate-student-organized panel reviewed by SUNTA for the AAA Program. These awards are, when possible, provided to students in person by officers of the association. IN this way, SUNTA seeks to showcase the best work of junior scholars in urban, national and transnational anthropology.
Early career scholars.
As yet, we do not have an award for the most outstanding paper written by a recent Ph.D. in anthropology. Such an award is being considered, but is not currently in place.

Independent scholars.
Nothing planned, but a great idea to have such an award.

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.
Not Applicable.

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.
Our listserv, SUNTA-L, moderated ably by Angela Jancius, continues to have more than 2000 subscribers, and is the largest listserv in US anthropology, and probably in the discipline of anthropology globally. The listserv continues to accept and publish information about new books, articles, syllabi, and much else of broad interest to our members and beyond, and the listserv provides a crucial forum for calls for papers, invitations to conferences in the US and internationally, and exchanges over teaching and syllabi content.

Our new website at www.sunta.org has been online for about a year and a half, providing members with up-to-date news about prize competitions and our SUNTA Program at the AAA in San Francisco, and information about how to submit essays to City & Society. It also publicizes urban anthropology to non-members, but we have little data as to whether it actually increases our student membership. Moreover, the Members section which provides members with the opportunity to advertise their specializations and learn more about each other through this public listing, is currently being underutilized.

Facebook: We do not have a Facebook site. However, we would do well to give some attention to a Facebook presence for SUNTA as a way of reaching out to our more junior colleagues and colleagues-to-be. We realize the AAA can help us with consulting in establishing such a presence, but have not had time to date to seek out such assistance.

Governance:
Changes in bylaws or governance structure.
There were no changes in the SUNTA By-laws during the current report period.
Initiatives:

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

Additional (and continued) financial support for the activities of: City & Editor and Associate Editor; SUNTA-L listserv moderator; SUNTA web master.

Any initiatives being planned are at the discretion of the current President of SUNTA. This report is being filed by the immediate Past-President, so I cannot say.

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**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.**

As Outgoing President of SUNTA, I would suggest that SAEC closely follow the progress of the one AAA-sponsored journal that announced plans to "go open-access," Cultural Anthropology, in order to ascertain how this experiment is being managed by the SCA, and what lessons can be learned for other sections, such as SUNTA.

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

As Outgoing President of SUNTA, i would like to recommend that the AAA Board consider approving funding by the AAA of a AAA-wide set of awards for best journal articles published by recent Ph.D.s (within 5 years of the degree being awarded) -- perhaps as many as 5-10 alloted across the AAA to different units. Some seed funds for AAA units, which would apply competitively for such award funding for 1-3 years initial start-up (and subsequently to be subsidized by the funds of the unit) could "jumpstart" such awards which are very badly needed to give our most vulnerable, but most promising junior scholars recognition.

I would also support a continuation of Board approval of funding for the "Community Engagement Grants" which are awarded by the SAEC to provide units with resources for community engagement. These grants are invaluable, and need to be continued.

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

Everybody's great!