



ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

AAA Executive Board Actions

May 20–21, 2006, Meeting, June 27, 2006, Teleconference

Finances

- Agreed to develop a plan to achieve long-term financial stability for the organization.
- Instituted an income dues based restructure beginning in January 2007.
- Accepted the December 31, 2005, audited financial statements of the AAA. (see p 30)
- Agreed that the AAA president appoint a AAA member treasurer.

Committees, Commissions & Sections

- Received the 2005 Annual Reports of Committees, Commissions, Sections and Publication Editors.
- Accepted a change in the charge of the Audit Committee.
- Approved a charge for the Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the US Security/Intelligence Communities.
- Accepted a change in the charge of the Finance Committee.
- Accepted a charge of the Committee for Human Rights.
- Accepted a charge of the Committee on Ethics.
- Accepted the charge as amended for the Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology.
- Received the Commission on Labor Relations Report on contract language.
- Accepted the final report from the AAA/SfAA Joint Commission on Applied and Practicing Anthropology.
- Rejected the Anthropology and Public Policy proposal, issued June 1, 2006, as stands. Referred draft to the Practicing Anthropology Working Group.
- Agreed to fund at the 2006 Annual Meeting a Student Assembly breakfast including student representatives from each of the AAA Sections. Forwarded to the Commission on Governance a proposal to establish a permanent Section Assembly.

AnthroSource

- Agreed to include *Visual Anthropology Review* and *Museum Anthropology* in the 2007 AnthroSource subscription package, one year ahead of schedule.
- Agreed to offer Tribal Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Canadian First Nation Colleges and Canadian Arctic Colleges

in less developed countries free access to AnthroSource, starting January 1, 2007.

- Agreed to allocate AnthroSource digital subscription revenues 2007 as follows:
 - 50% of all revenues to AnthroSource,
 - 50% of all revenues to AAA Publications (excluding AA and AN).

Of the revenues to be distributed to AAA Publications,

- 50% will be distributed based on volume (number of pages on AnthroSource),
 - 50% will be distributed based on "value."
- Of the revenues to be distributed based on "value,"
- 50% will be distributed based on downloads,
 - 50% will be distributed based on citation ranking (with those publications that are not citation ranked being discounted by 20% less than the lowest citation ranked publication).

- Asked the AAA president to appoint a group to examine this digital revenue allocation formula and report back to the Executive Board with a recommendation on the formula to be used in subsequent years.

Statements & Resolutions

- Adopted the following statement:

Given the growing anthropological record of problems in communities where The Coca-Cola Company operates and with operations of The Coca-Cola Company globally, the American Anthropological Association endorses boycott actions against The Coca-Cola Company as specified below.

Investigations thus far have created a scholarly record of the operations and impact of The Coca-Cola Company through interviews with eyewitnesses; union organizers and other stakeholders; field observations; and archival research. Their findings indicate that The Coca-Cola Company has not been sufficiently proactive in protecting workers and their families from intimidation and violence, that internationally recognized rights to organize unions have not been respected, and that information disclosure has been inadequate and insufficiently verified by independent sources.

Based on these findings, the American Anthropological Association supports the Colombian union SINALTRAINAL's call for a boycott of The Coca-Cola Company and its products, and calls its members to do the same, until Coca-Cola agrees in good faith to negotiate with workers.

This resolution will be communicated to The Coca-Cola Company and to the public.

- Voted down the motion from the annual business meeting calling for a repeal of marijuana laws.

Awards and Elections

- Agreed that the image to be used for the creation of the medal for the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology Award is the 1901 image of Boas from the American Philosophical Society (catalog # U5 1.24, Fechner, Wilhelm: Franz Boas profile view, the image of Franz Boas form).
- Designated the 2006 AAA Award recipients.
- Agreed to conduct the 2007 spring elections by e-ballot.

Annual Meeting and IRBs

- Agreed to allow the sales of member mailing addresses, accept advertising and allow exhibiting at the AAA Annual Meeting by Transaction Publishers.
- Agreed to subscribe to Informed Meetings Exchange.
- Directed AAA staff to attempt through AAA's E-News and the pages of *Anthropology News* to locate an author or authors who might be interested and willing to take on the development of a handbook on IRB issues. □

Ad Hoc Commission Commences

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On July 28, the AAA *Ad Hoc Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the US Security & Intelligence Communities* commenced its deliberations during an inaugural conference call. With a view to setting priorities, the commission, established by the executive board in November 2005 to examine several aspects of the discipline's varied applications to national security/intelligence work, looked to forge some early consensus during the call on how it will organize itself, what methods it will consider using, and what outcomes would be most valuable to the AAA mem-

bership. The commission is expected to report to the board by November 2007.

While it may be too early in its tenure for the commission to know precisely how it will proceed, the opening discussion was rich and stimulating, touching on key issues of concern to AAA members such as the institutional environment of national security/intelligence work and the ethical dimensions of research in these areas. Of particular note was the commission's broad recognition that there is much to learn about anthropology's connections to national security/intelligence—what kinds of roles anthropologists are assuming, what issues they encounter in their work and how the

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discipline frames anthropological engagement. Indeed, the point was made that there is a “disconnect” between anthropologists involved in national security/intelligence and the general AAA membership, partly because there has not been much meaningful exchange. It is the commission’s hope that it can open this conversation.

The commission’s work will be guided by the following charge:

To advise the executive board and the association by providing information and/or recommendations on the following:

- The varied roles that practitioners and scholars of anthropology currently assume within intelligence and national security entities;
- The state of AAA’s existing guidelines and guidance on the involvement of anthropologists in intelligence/national security-related activities;
- The key ethical, methodological and practical/political challenges faced by the discipline and the AAA in its current and future engagement in intelligence/national security.

As the commission continues its discussions in the months ahead, it is expected to develop a work plan drawn from this charge, and reach agreement on what outcome(s) it intends to produce. In the spirit of transparency, the commission is committed to launching an open, inclusive dialogue with AAA membership on these important issues and plans to regularly highlight its work in monthly articles in *Anthropology News*.

Commission members: James Peacock (chair, UNC Chapel Hill); Robert Albro (George Washington U); Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban (Rhode Island C); Kerry Foshier (Dartmouth C and Syracuse U); Monica Heller (U Toronto); George Marcus (UC Irvine); Laura McNamara (Sandia National Laboratories); David Price (St Martin’s U); and AAA President Alan Goodman (ex-officio, Hampshire C). ☐

Nominations—A AAA Annual Rite

As we all return from summer vacation, fieldwork, writing and other pastimes, it is once again time for that annual AAA rite known as “nominations.” Your elected nominations committee and AAA staff members have worked hard over the past year to streamline, simplify and improve the online nominations process, making it much more user-friendly as a result. Why not try it out, either by nominating yourself or, after checking with them, nominating one or more other people who you feel will contribute positively to leadership of the world’s largest anthropological association?

To do so is easy! Simply go to www.aaanet.org/committees/nom/ and an array of information will be at your fingertips. This includes a description of the nominations process and instructions on how to nominate, easy-to-use online forms, and a list of all the open positions for the spring 2007 ballot. The positions this year range from choosing a new president-elect and four members of the executive board to filling 18 different seats on seven of AAA’s standing committees. President-elect is a four-year commitment (two as president-elect and two as president); all of the other positions are for three years. The nominations deadline is September 30 this year, with no extension possible because of the pre-Thanksgiving date of the annual meeting in November.

AAA is only as strong as the individuals who are willing to commit the time and effort that it takes to make and implement the decisions that affect all of us as members. As nominations committee chair I encourage you to help us all by participating in this process of locating and selecting the leaders of our major professional organization. This is one of the most direct ways that you, as a member, can affect the decisions taken on your behalf by AAA.

Mac Marshall
AAA Secretary

Nominate Members for AAA Positions

Deadline: September 30, 2006

Please visit the AAA website at www.aaanet.org to express your interest in being considered for open AAA leadership positions, or to express your support for a AAA member’s interest.

If you have questions, contact Kim Baker at 703/529-1902 ext 3027; kbaker@aaanet.org.

The 2007 Open AAA Leadership Positions follow:

AAA President-Elect (2-year term as president-elect, followed by a 2-year term as president)

AAA Executive Board (3-year terms):

Minority Seat
Practicing/Professional Seat
Undesignated #2
Undesignated #5

Nominations Committee (3-year terms):

Cultural Seat
Archaeology Seat
Undesignated #1

Long-Range Planning Committee (3-year terms):

Cultural Seat
Biological Seat
Undesignated #2

Committee on Ethics (3-year terms):

Linguistic Seat

Undesignated #2
Undesignated #3

Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology (3-year terms):

Undesignated #2
Undesignated #4

Committee for Human Rights (3-year terms):

Undesignated #4
Undesignated #5
Undesignated #7

Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology (3-year terms):

Undesignated #1
Undesignated #6

Committee on Public Policy (3-year terms):

Undesignated #1
Undesignated #4

AAA AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Deadline March 1, 2007

Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology . . . Service to the AAA is commonly recognized, as are outstanding applications of anthropological knowledge to improving the human condition.

AAA/McGraw Hill Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of Anthropology . . . Recognizes teachers who have contributed to and encouraged the study of anthropology.

Anthropology in Media Award . . . Recognizes the successful communication of anthropology to the general public through the media.

Robert B Textor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology . . . Rewards the use of anthropological knowledge and practice to allow the public to make informed choices to improve societies’ chances for realizing preferred futures.

Deadline June 1, 2007

Margaret Mead Award . . . Awarded to beginning or mid-career scholars for particular accomplishments that interpret anthropology in ways that make them more meaningful to a broadly concerned public.

David M Schneider Award in Anthropology . . . For a graduate student essay on kinship, cultural theory and American culture. The \$1,000 award will be given in recognition of work that treats one or more of these topics in a fresh and innovative fashion.

For nomination procedures see www.aaanet.org/committees/awards/awards.htm or contact Kathy Ano at kano@aaanet.org