A Message from Executive Director, Dr. Edward Liebow

We are sad to note the passing of our friend and colleague, Richard Thomas. For 14 years, Richard was the manager of the membership department. Many members will remember Richard as the kind and friendly voice on the other end of the line when they called with concerns regarding their membership. He will be very much missed by all.

While we have heavy hearts, it is finally springtime. Exciting prospects are on the horizon, but also troubling ones. In the U.S. Congress, I am afraid that an ill-advised, legislative proposal, the FIRST Act, takes aim on NSF social sciences funding. The AAA Public Affairs Director, Damon Dozier has been buzzing in congressional ears about how cutting anthropology's major source of public research funding is a terrible idea. I have written about the impact of such legislation in the Chronicle of Higher Education and the Huffington Post. If you have been waiting for just the right moment to spring into action, now is the time to contact your congressional representative.

And speaking of elected officials, the AAA election will begin on April 15. You can vote on the resolution on contingent and part-time academic labor presented by the Committee on Labor Relations at last November's Business Meeting. The resolution is located on the AAA blog in case you want to review it before the voting begins.

Earlier this week, President, Monica Heller reported on the AAA working with partner organizations to persuade National Geographic Channel International to cancel a new archaeology reality television show in Europe. We have offered to work together with National Geographic to create an archaeological show held to high professional standards.

All annual meeting proposals are due April 15. We've instituted several program changes, which you should review before you submit your proposal. The call for listing in the 2014-2015 AnthroGuide is now open. The call for nominations for the Committee on Gender Equality in Anthropology (CoGEA) award will be closing May 1st. And Webinar Wednesday for April has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 8.

If you haven't already, check out the Online Research Library. A benefit of your membership, this subscription service provides an incredible value for
any anthropologist looking to expand their research tools.

We continue to ask for contributions in support of the [AAA Summer Internship Program](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-internship-program). We need to raise a total of $8,000 to cover the costs of hosting this year's students. Thank you in advance for making your contribution to support the future of anthropology.

With Warm Wishes,

Ed

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**2014 AAA Annual Meeting - Important Changes**

The 2014 AAA Annual Meeting [Call for Papers](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/call-for-papers) embraces this year's meeting theme Producing Anthropology. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the [broad range of program changes](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/broad-range-of-program-changes) designed to enhance the Annual Meeting experience and better meet the needs of our members and attendees. [Click here](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/session-proposals) for step by step instructions on the submission process. Take note of the [important dates](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/session-proposals). Session proposals are due on April 15.

**Webinar Wednesdays - Engaging Anthropology**

April’s webinar has been moved to Thursday, May 8. The webinar will feature Dr. Harjant Gill, who will speak on the topic of Ethnography and Film. Visit the [Webinar Wednesday webpage](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/session-proposals) for details.

Did you miss the previous webinars? [Click here](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/session-proposals) to stream them.

**Call for Listings in AnthroGuide**

The [AnthroGuide](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/session-proposals) is the premier directory of anthropological institutions and professionals, including universities, community colleges, government organizations, museums, companies, and non-profits. The AnthroGuide has something to offer everyone, listers and readers alike. [Click here](https://www.aaanet.org/annual-campaign/annual-meeting/session-proposals) for more information or e-mail guide@aaanet.org to start your listing.