

**Society for Anthropological Sciences Business Meeting
American Anthropological Association
Minneapolis, MN
Convention Center room 200J
Saturday, November 19, 2016, 7:45-9:00pm**

Murry Leaf, President-Elect
Toni Copeland, Secretary
Douglas Hume, Treasurer
Stephen Chrisomalis, Board Member
Wesley Allen-Arave, Student Representative
Kevin Kelly, Incoming Treasurer
Stephen Lyon, Former Board Member
Carol Ember, Former Past-President
+6 General Membership

Regrets: Robert Trotter (President), Ben Blount (Past-President), Margo-Lea Hurwicz (Board Member), Roselyn Negrón (Board Member), Eric Jones (SASci Board Member), and Michael Thomas (Student Representative)

Murry Leaf called meeting to order and iterated that R. Trotter plans to recover within six weeks and continue as president. Leaf also explained SAS (section of AAA) and SASci (non-profit). He asked if everyone was happy with our SfAA arrangement for winter/spring meetings.

- C. Ember prefers meeting with SCCR and noted their last meeting in Portland was great and very well attended.
- S. Chrisomalis noted that most of our membership goes to SfAA, but agrees that we should consider the arrangement and weigh the costs & benefits. He also noted that many of our students go to SfAA.
- M. Leaf noted that this is still sort of a trial with SfAA and that dues have become more of a problem because SfAA get these now.

M. Leaf read through the agenda.

Secretary Report:

T. Copeland noted that minutes from last year's meeting at AAA 2015 were circulated and posted on the website. D. Hume moved to approve the minutes; W. Allen-Arave seconded. Minutes were approved with no discussion.

Student Prize Awards (S. Chrisomalis for M. Hurwicz):

- Good competition with 7 presentations submitted
- Prize committee comprised of Chrisomalis, Hurwicz, and Negrón
- It was good to extend the deadline slightly for more submissions
- Hurwicz would like to see students from more universities submit
- None of the awardees could attend the Business Meeting
- H. Russel Bernard Student Paper Prize winner received award at Board Meeting
- The winners were:

- **H. Russell Bernard Student Paper Prize**
Nicole Henderson
University of Alabama
"Medical Disease or Moral Defect? Stigma Attribution and Cultural Models of Addiction Causality"
Email: nlhenderson1@crimson.ua.edu

- **Student Travel Award**
Margaret du Bray
Arizona State University
"Anger and Sadness: Emotional Responses to Climate Change in Four Island Nations"
Email: mvdubray@asu.edu
Mailing address: 712 N. Santa Barbara #1, Mesa, AZ 85201

- **SAS Student Travel Award**
Avery McNeece
University of Alabama
""Making a Bill": How Ways of Speaking Impact Behavior in Healthcare Settings"
Email: averymcneece@gmail.com

AAA Report (M. Leaf):

- 5 panels and 1 poster session
- M. Leaf will be program chair for next AAA meeting
- S. Chrisomalis noted that SAS also had a really nice Executive Session

Treasurer's Report (D. Hume):

- SAS membership over last few years (see additional document)
- Feb 2015 when Chrisomalis spear-headed recruitment drive resulted in nice increase
- Drop in membership when AAA stopped counting dead people / prior members
- Mostly static since Feb. 2015
- Noted that multi-section membership has dropped across AAA to median of 1.96
- AnthroSource gives access to journals that used to require section membership
- ~US\$ 13,000 at the beginning and the end of the year and in good shape
- SASci: 25 people paid via PayPal – mostly gifts of memberships for those not in AAA
- Wells Fargo account ~US\$ 2800 with interest income of US\$ 0.07
- D. Hume also renewed Non-Profit status (through state of California)
- K. Kelly becomes Treasurer at the end of these meetings and needs access to accounts
- Hume noted Kelly *should* get automatic access to all SfAA stuff
- Chrisomalis will send student awardee information to Kelly for money awards from SAS account (*sent on 11/21/2016 to board, including Kelly*)
- C. Ember moved to approve. Chrisomalis seconded. Approved

Nominations for New Officers (M. Leaf):

SASci membership will vote on officers in Jan. The winners are submitted to AAA as the sole candidates for SAS voting in the fall. This ensures officers for SASci and SAS are the same.

- Victor De Munck, President-Elect (by C. Ember) has agreed to nomination
- Steve Lyon, President Elect (D. Hume) agreed to nomination
- Toni Copeland, Secretary (D. Hume) agreed to nomination
- Sarah Carson, Student Representative (S. Chrisomalis) agreed to nomination
- H.J. Francois Dengah, Board Member (T. Copeland) agreed to nomination
- *Nominations sent to B. Blunt (T. Copeland) 11/21/2016*

Possible Panels for AAA 2017 or SfAA 2018 (M. Leaf)

- Anthropology and IRB
- Making Ideas Objective
- Describing Collective Action
 - Wesley will organize, Leaf will contact psychological anthro section
- Cultural Models structuring agreement on themselves
- Anthropology and Development
- Anthropology in Government
- Repeated Studies
- Simulation as Prediction – possible roundtable?
- Health Disparities
- Design Anthropology
- Memorial in honor of Roy D’Andrade co with SPAA? (Hume will organize, Leaf will contact SPAA)
- Language, Culture, and Cognition (Chrisomalis will organize)

AAA Encouraging Section Combination (C. Ember)

- AAA sections have grown from 15 to 40, yet total membership and income has not
- Moratorium on section formation (no more than 40)
- Interest groups – some with as many as 1000 members – want to become sections
- AAA increasing minimum membership for sections to 250 (& likely to continue to +)
- AAA wants fewer sections because they require time and money
- Offering incentives for section combination
 - More invited panels for sections that combine
 - Affiliated Interest Groups
 - Will help with legal fees to change by-laws
- Chrisomalis noted that the only section close enough to SAS is Evolutionary and it is not at all clear that they would be interested. Also, membership overlap means that membership would not simply double (can’t just add the memberships together)
- C. Ember said that they were interested and overlap is ~40%, but old figures
- M. Leaf stated that there were some benefits to considering this
- Chrisomalis suggested a joint reception event to test the waters and evaluate actual overlap

- Leaf will reach out to them. Has asked AAA to provide lists of sections, interest groups, and contact information
- Interest groups listed on website do not really fit with SAS
- Plan A: INCREASE membership; Plan B: merge with another section

Recruitment, Visibility, Etc. (D. Hume)

- Anthropology News editor interested in having more information for website
- Hume is putting Copeland in touch with her
- Copeland agreed to take the lead on this and will contact Lyon for assistance
- Value-added to promotion of section and self-promotion of members
- Link this information to SAS/SASci website
- Lyons points to having a clear statement of our mission
- New Senior Book Prize for faculty – no need to include \$ in award
 - Motion to establish Senior Book Prize, seconded, APPROVED
 - Information Below

Society for Anthropological Sciences Book Prize

Awarded at AAA 2017

- Review committee the same as Student Prize committee
- Published in past 2 years & not yet submitted for this prize
- Author send copy to committee (hardcopy or electronic)
- Deadlines earlier than student prizes

By-Laws Changes (M. Leaf)

- Article 2: update principal offices to Dwight Reed's address
- 1147 Beaverwill Dr. Los Angeles, CA. 90035 (Please check for accuracy)
- Article 6, Section 1: change wording from "interest group" to "section"

SfAA Report (Chrisomalis):

- 11 sessions, 5 of which were organized panels, 6 organized from individual submissions
- 3-4 presenters in each for 25-30 minutes
- 5 workshops
- ~ same as last year
- At least 12 are students
- None will overlap
- Will ask SfAA for a reception

Moved to adjourn, seconded, approved. Meeting adjourned.