

Society for Anthropological Sciences Business Meeting
American Anthropological Association
San Jose', CA.
Meeting Room 212A
Friday, November 16, 2018, 7:45-9:00pm

Murray Leaf, President
Steve Lyon, President-Elect
Robert Trotter, Past President
Steve Chrisomalis, Senior Board Member
Doug Hume, Board Member
Francois Dengah, Junior Board Member
Toni Copeland, Secretary
Sarah Carson, Student Representative
General Members, +22

Regrets: Keven Kelly (Treasurer) and Avery McNeece (Student Representative)

Murray Leaf called the meeting to order and asked for corrections to the agenda. Steve Chrisomalis pointed out that SfAA is in 2019. This was corrected. Steve Chrisomalis motioned to approved. Doug Hume seconded. Agenda approved.

Secretary: Toni Copeland

Minutes from last meeting at AAA Washington DC in 2017 were circulated, placed on the website, and approved by the Board. Steve Chrisomalis motioned for approval of minutes. Seconded. Minutes approved.

Report on Section Assemblies

Murray Leaf attended the meeting. Mostly, this meeting is for discriminating announcements. He reported that they no longer are talking about dropping small sections. This issue has been tabled for now. There was also a question about journals. AnthroSource is available and there have been questions about how to pay for this.

In addition, AAA is discussing a new portal for sections to use online. They are also proposing dues changes. Membership structures are changing. They are doing away with the lifetime membership. In addition, AAA is discussing a repository for data.

Introduce New Section Editors

Steve Lyon introduced the new AN Section Editors. Anthony Tricarico and Robert Boroch. Anthony invited everyone to send mini-articles, announcements, etc. to them for inclusion in AN. They are going to alternate issues/months.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Hume reported for Kevin Kelly. Membership is not as strong as AAA would like, but the association is doing well. There were discussions of creating a new membership category,

Sustaining Members, that will cost more than regular membership. AAA Treasurer information is available online.

SAS membership has gone down over the last few years. Most sections are experiencing this same decline in membership. The Paypal and Well Fargo accounts are closed. These have been consolidated into the quasi-endowment and AAA accounts. The quasi-endowment has reached our initial goal. Hume asked for questions. Steve Lyon asked if sections are able to have sustaining memberships.

Murray Leaf pointed out that we closed these other accounts because we no longer need a separate account for Spring meetings since we conduct those with SfAA. Even though we do not have separate accounts any longer, we are keeping both identities (SAS and SASci) in order to accommodate everyone. Caro Ember motions to approve Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Approved.

Student Prizes

Steve Chrisomalis presented the H. Russ Bernard Paper Prize and two Student Travel Awards. There were 8 submissions for these meetings, which is near or matched our record for these awards. He also thanked Francois Dengah and Doug Hume for their work on this. A special thank you to Russ Bernard for attending tonight. Award winners must embody the values of this society.

H. Russell Bernard Student Paper Prize

Erik Ringen (Emory University)

"Daily Food Sharing in Non-Industrial Societies: Effects of Subsistence, Socioecology, and Phylogeny"

SAS Travel Award

Sheina Lew-Levy (University of Cambridge)

"Who Teaches Children? Investigating the Primacy of Child-to-Child Teaching among Hadza and Mbendjele Hunter-Gatherers of Tanzania and Congo"

SAS Travel Award

Summar Saad (Wayne State University)

"Cultural Models of Personhood: Measurement, Evidence, and Certainty around the Diagnosis of Brain Death"

SASci 2019 in Portland Program

Doug Hume along with Steve Chrisomalis and Francois Dengah form the committee for SfAA in 2019. There are 103 people involved in submissions, counting co-authors. SfAA meetings are from Tuesday through Sunday early afternoon. SASci was able to maintain non-overlapping sessions. These sessions will go all day on Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sat. Each paper continues to have 20 minutes to present with an additional 10 minutes of discussion. There will also be 2 workshops, including one on Mentoring and another on Consensus Analysis. We also plan to have all the sessions in the same room.

Mentoring Program

AAA has a mentoring grant for a total of \$5000. We will apply for some of those funds. Steve Lyon is looking into what we can do that would qualify for these funds. AAA does not want to pay for food. Steve Chrisomalis suggested a subsidy for students to attend workshops. Carol Ember said that she does not believe that AAA would support workshop funds. She believes that in the past, more personal proposals were received better. A student discussed a more formal methods teaching process would be really helpful. Another student suggested a student organization within the section, webinars, etc. so that students could attend remotely. Carol Ember suggested that the money could be used to set up a webinar and also connect students to it. Another suggested a blog where students can go to ask questions and get answers. Another suggested a mentoring lunch with students and mentors with cheap sandwiches. Steve Lyon pointed out that we do this at SfAA, but we do not brand it as such. Another referenced the HBAs where they have a reception with tables with topic themes. Students drink wine and go from table to table.

Steve Chrisomalis discussed the mentor matching program. This is apart from the meetings at AAA and SfAA. We will use the meetings as opportunities for students and scholars to meet in person. He reminded everyone about the Google form for mentors and mentees. The matching will start around the new year.

S. Chrisomalis also talked about the mentoring workshop he is running at SfAA. He discussed how this workshop will work and how it will give students ways to talk about what they do, especially about scientific anthropology. People will bring their CVs and receive some feedback. A link will be sent out for the workshop (to the listserv, Twitter, Facebook, and available on the website).

Steve Lyon suggested that students talk with Sarah, the Student Board Member, about their ideas.

SASci Election Update

Steve Lyon explained how the elections work. We first hold the elections for SASci. The winner of that will be sent to AAA as the sole candidate for SAS. We do this to ensure that the board members for both organizations are the same. Nominations will close at the end of this meeting. If anyone would like to submit themselves, they can do that now or see Steve Lyon after this meeting.

Steve Lyon read all the current nominations. He invited additional nominations by the end of the AAA conference. Any nominations should be sent to him. Steve Lyon moved to accept the nominations. Doug Hume seconded. Approved.

AAA 2019 Ideas

Doug Hume suggested an open methods workshop with tables and let anyone who wants to come in, come in to ask questions and have discussions. Run it as a workshop, then we have the ability to do more and have more leeway. Murray Leaf asked a student to work with Doug on creating this and working out the details.

Steve Chrisomalis suggested that we immediately start talking to EAS about a co-panel. Murray will talk to the president.

Steve Chrisomalis is going to put together a panel and try to get the Linguistic Anthropology folks to co-sponsor the panel. Steve Lyon and Carol Ember pointed out that co-sponsoring has to be 2 panels, not 3 because of how this work. It was also suggested that mentoring events may not count towards the panels/sessions.

Doug Hume also suggested the Society for Medical Anthropology and the Environmental folks. He also suggested having a section of methods experts on the website. If they agreed, they could have short videos and contact information for students. Then, follow up with workshops in 2020 in the fall and spring meetings.

Murray Leaf motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Doug Hume. Adjourned.

Toni Copeland

Toni Copeland, Secretary

Approved:
