

**Society for Anthropological Sciences Business Meeting**  
**Society for Applied Anthropology**  
**Vancouver, Canada**  
**West CC Rm 304/305**  
**Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, 12:15-pm**

**Murray Leaf, President**  
**Steve Lyon, President-Elect**  
**Steve Chrisomalis, Senior Board Member**  
**Doug Hume, Board Member**  
**Francois Dengah, Junior Board Member**  
**Toni Copeland, Secretary**  
**Sarah Carson, Student Representative**  
**Max Stein, Incoming Secretary**  
**Ian Skoggard, Incoming Board Member**  
**General Members, +18**

**Regrets:** Keven Kelly (Treasurer), Avery McNeece (Student Representative), and Robert Trotter (Past President)

**M. Leaf** called the Business Meeting to order and noted that the official meeting of the Society (SAS) is at AAA.

**Mentoring Update (S. Lyon)**

S. Lyon reported that the mentoring event last night was really successful! He also invited feedback via email to the Executive Board. We will be doing this again in the Spring. He also reported on the mentoring scheme. He also reminded everyone that mentors also learn from mentees. He called for anyone interested in being a mentor or mentee to contact him. S. Chrisomalis announced that we will do another round of matching in early 2020. This will be ongoing. It is not very time-intensive as it may involve coffee, light feedback, etc. S. Lyon reiterated that we did this to connect people who need advice and those who may have some to share both with each other, or other mentors, and mentees.

**Nominations Committee (S. Lyon)**

S. Lyon introduced Ian Skoggard and Max Stein who were elected in the last round of elections. Also, S. Chrisomalis (“Good Steve”) who will also be President-Elect at the end of these meetings. We are asking for volunteers for the next round of elections. We will replace Treasurer, Board Member, and Student Representative. Please contact S. Lyon or another Executive Board Member. M. Leaf also called for anyone interested to nominate themselves here at these meetings. S. Lyon also announced candidates that have already submitted themselves for positions. He also clarified the length of each commitment.

**Treasurer’s Report (D. Hume)**

D. Hume read the Treasurer Report that Kevin Kelly sent. Our money is housed with

AAA accounts. We have \$ 6586.04 and \$14532.32 in quasi-endowment. D. Hume invited anyone interested to donate to the quasi-endowment and noted that the money only goes to prizes for student awards.

D. Hume also announced that membership is down 8%. Most sections and also AAA memberships are down. Membership is higher today than it was 5 days ago. There is a link on the website to join. There are blurbs about the book prize winners on the website. We are also developing “Resources” for the website to contain standard resources for specific topics. We will expand this with tutorials later.

### **Secretary’s Report (T. Copeland)**

The minutes from our AAA 2018 are on the website. I also have a printed copy for anyone who would like to see that now. Moved to approve minutes. Seconded. T. Copeland noted that we are voting to approve the minutes from AAA 2018. Minutes from SfAA 2019 will be approved at SfAA 2020. Minutes Approved.

### **Program Chair (S. Chrisomalis)**

We have fewer sessions (8) at this meeting due to lower attendance likely because it is an international meeting. Plus, memberships and attendance are down across the board. Also, the Mentoring event was very successful. Our goal for AAA 2020 is to double our sessions and panels. There will be a call for SAS members to put together panels, sessions, etc. for those meetings that will be centrally located in St. Louis.

M. Leaf also noted that, reportedly, visas were a problem for several people trying to attend this meeting in Canada. He and S. Chrisomalis suggest that we consider and pkan for this the next time we are back in Canada.

### **Awards (S. Chrisomalis)**

He explained the Book Prize. This is the first year we are doing this. This award has NO monetary component because we decided that we want our money to go to students. We had 16 submissions. The committee chose not one, but two book prizes for the inaugural book award. The publishers know. S. Chrisomalis briefly summarized the books, awarded certificates, and had pictures for publication across social media.

- 1) William Dressler (University of Alabama)  
Culture and the Individual: Theory and Method of Cultural Consonance
- 2) Victor De Munck (Vilnius University / SUNY New Paltz)  
Romantic Love in America: Cultural Models of Gay, Straight, and Polyamorous Relationships

S. Chrisomalis thanked the other committee members for all their work on the committee (HJF Dengah and D. Hume). S. Chrisomalis announced the H. Russ Bernard Paper Prize and the Travel award, presented certificates, and acquired photos for the website and social media.

- 3) H. Russell Bernard Paper Prize

Kayla Hurd (University of Notre Dame)  
Consuming patterns: A dietary analysis of human-insect relations

- 4) SAS Travel Award  
Nicole Henderson (University of Alabama)  
Moving beyond consensus: the importance of variation

**AAA 2020 Panel Ideas**

Based on the success of the Methods Mentoring session at these meetings, M. Leaf suggested a panel on field methods, essentially a session on how to do fieldwork.

D. Hume suggested something with Evolutionary Anthropology and SAS working together on a session. S. Lyon will communicate on this. S. Chrisomalis noted that the key to these collaborations is to plan this early so that we can communicate and organize these well in advance of the AAA deadlines. We can do these co-sponsored panels. We can do as many panels as we like. The SAS program committee ranks these, and then AAA “puts them at whatever cockamamie time they choose” (S. Chrisomalis).

C. Ember talked about the session she did and the discussion they had after. She also noted that anthropologists have lots of data that we never do anything with or do not know what to do with it. A session on what to do with that data is a good idea.

S. Lyon suggested that people start these discussions here, but continue these later. S. Chrisomalis noted that the program committee and Executive Board will help facilitate this, as does the listserv. He also suggested that reach out to Central States, which is one of the oldest sections. D. Hume suggested that we reach out to the State Academy of Sciences. This may be a way to get archaeologists involved.

Ian Skoggard will organize a panel in ethnology, the need for it, and comparative research. People can contact him directly for this. He is considering a round table.

S. Chrisomalis is the contact person for AAA 2020. Please contact him with any questions.

**S. Lyon presented M. Leaf with an outstanding signed shirt to thank him for his many years on the Executive Board.**

**Turn over gavel to new President, Steve Lyon. S. Lyon welcomes New Officers.  
Meeting Adjourned.**

*Toni Copeland*  
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Toni Copeland, Secretary

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Treasurer's Narrative  
2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Anthropological Sciences  
Meeting of the American Anthropological Association  
Vancouver, British Columbia

As of September 30, 2019, the Society currently has \$6,586.04 in its capital account. This is down \$1086.16 from our balance of \$7,872.20 at the beginning of the 2019 and down \$1,728,04 from our balance of \$8,314.08 as of September 30, 2018. (Page 3)

As of September 30, 2019, the balance of the Russell Bernard Student Paper Prize quasi-endow stands at \$14,532.32. This balance results from the transfer of \$2000 from our working capital account, the generation of \$407.17 interest and the withdrawal of one \$500 student paper award (See page 4)

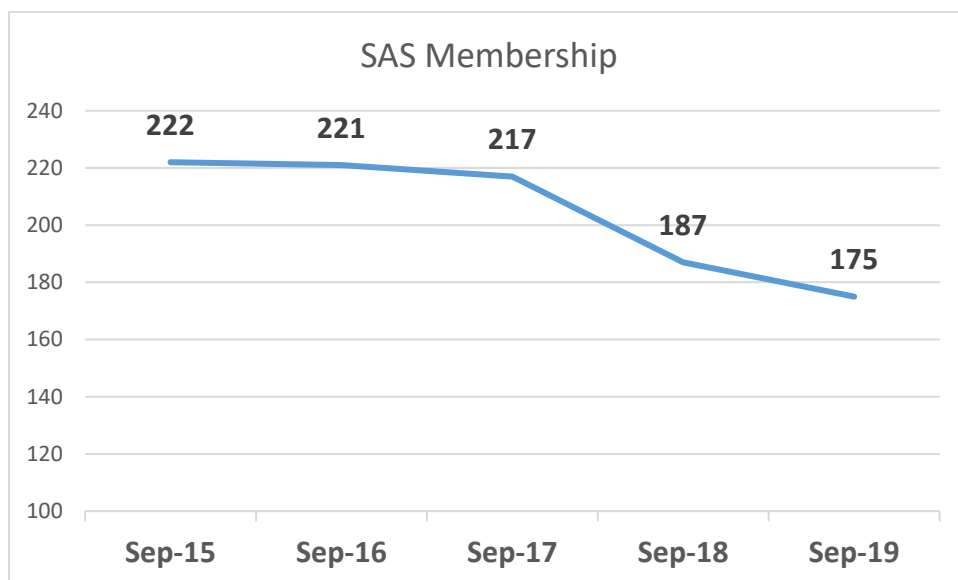
Three comments regarding our assets:

- Due to restrictions set by the AAA main office, half of our fund in our primary account are embargoed. This leaves us with approximately \$3,000 in working capital. The recent membership decline means that we will need to further draw down the funds in our primary account to meet the Society's sole annual financial obligation of \$2,200 for student awards.
- On a more positive note, at \$14,532.32 the quasi-endow has surpassed the \$12,500 needed for solvency and is now generating \$500-plus for a permanent award (based on a 4% yearly interest earnings projection supplied by the AAA)-- (though not currently sufficient for two [2] \$500 awards).

In closing, while the Society is financially solvent and should continue to be financially solvent in the short term. However, declining membership threatens our long-term viability [Figure 1 below, also Page 5 & 6].

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M Kelly  
Treasurer, Society for Anthropological Science  
22-Nov-2019



**Attachment 2**  
American Anthropological Association  
Proposed 2020 Budget Narrative by Program

Program/Service/Product: Society for Anthropological Sciences Cost Center: SAS

**Brief description of 2019 activities to CONTINUE into 2020:**

We see our membership as slowly increasing; resulting is approximately \$2,000 in revenue. We will continue to award \$2200 in paper awards and travel awards for students (undergraduate and graduate). In 2020 and subsequent years, we plan to transfer \$2,000 to the quasi-endowment for the H. Russell Bernard Paper Award so that our paper and travel awards will eventually be paid exclusively by the quasi-endowment. We recognize the membership has softened. This may require us to reduce our annual contribution to the quasi-endowment. However, we will continue to solicit contributions to the quasi-endowment and have initiated a membership drive. We do not foresee any miscellaneous or other expenditures at this time. -----

**Description of CHANGES PLANNED for 2020:**

No changes are anticipated.-----  
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**American Anthropological Association**  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
**Soc for Anthropological Sciences-Operations**  
**For the Nine Months Ending Monday, September 30, 2019**

<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>		<b>\$7,672.20</b>
<b>Revenues to Date</b>	<b>(486.16)</b>	
<b>Expenses to Date</b>	<u><b>600.00</b></u>	
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>		<u><b>(1,086.16)</b></u>
<b>Net Assets at End of Period</b>		<u><u><b>\$6,586.04</b></u></u>

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**American Anthropological Association**  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
**SAS Russell Bernard Student Paper Proze-QE513**  
**For the Nine Months Ending Monday, September 30, 2019**

<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>		<b>\$12,625.15</b>
<b>Revenues to Date</b>	<b>2,407.17</b>	
<b>Expenses to Date</b>	<u><b>500.00</b></u>	
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>		<u><b>1,907.17</b></u>
<b>Net Assets at End of Period</b>		<u><u><b>\$14,532.32</b></u></u>

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Section Name	Acronym	Sep-18	Sep-19	Y2Y Difference	% Difference
American Anthropological Association	AAA	9,011	7,859	(1,152)	-15%
Anthropology and Environment Society	A&E	716	715	(1)	0%
Association of Black Anthropologist	ABA	303	286	(17)	-6%
Archaeology Division	AD	564	477	(87)	-18%
American Ethnological Society	AES	1,008	930	(78)	-8%
Association of Feminist Anthropology	AFA	680	621	(59)	-10%
Association for Africanist Anthropology	AfAA	263	253	(10)	-4%
Association of Indigenous Anthropologist	AIA	220	202	(18)	-9%
Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologist	ALLA	222	179	(43)	-24%
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology	APLA	578	547	(31)	-6%
Association for Queer Anthropology	AQA	335	280	(55)	-20%
Association of Senior Anthropologist	ASA	180	169	(11)	-7%
Association for the Anthropology of Policy	ASAP	368	333	(35)	-11%
Biological Anthropology Section	BAS	263	244	(19)	-8%
Cultural and Agriculture	C&A	237	250	13	5%
Council on Anthropology and Education	CAE	426	269	(157)	-58%
Council for Museum Anthropology	CMA	245	255	10	4%
Central States Anthropological Society	CSAS	215	173	(42)	-24%
Evolutionary Anthropology Society	EAS	184	152	(32)	-21%
General Anthropology Division	GAD	621	561	(60)	-11%
Middle East Section	MES	282	260	(22)	-8%
National Association for the Practice of Anthropology	NAPA	338	323	(15)	-5%
National Association of Student Anthropologist	NASA	596	518	(78)	-15%
Anthropology of Consciousness	AC	138	121	(17)	-14%
Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges	SACC	141	118	(23)	-19%
Society for the Anthropology of Europe	SAE	295	245	(50)	-20%
Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition	SAFN	245	212	(33)	-16%
Society for the Anthropology of North America	SANA	320	285	(35)	-12%
Society for the Anthropology of Religion	SAR	464	381	(83)	-22%
<b>Society for Anthropological Sciences</b>	<b>SAS</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Society for the Anthropology of work	SAW	204	221	17	8%
Society for Cultural Anthropology	SCA	1,056	988	(68)	-7%
Society for Economic Anthropology	SEA	324	283	(41)	-14%
Society for East Asian Anthropology	SEAA	418	374	(44)	-12%
Society for Humanistic Anthropology	SHA	221	228	7	3%
Society for Linguistic Anthropology	SLA	741	659	(82)	-12%
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology	SLACA	459	422	(37)	-9%
Society for Medical Anthropology	SMA	1,016	921	(95)	-10%
Society for Psychological Anthropology	SPA	389	356	(33)	-9%
Society for Urban, National, and transnational/Global Anthr	SUNTA	464	401	(63)	-16%
Society for Visual Anthropology	SVA	355	336	(19)	-6%
Interest Group	Acronym	Sep-18	Sep-19	Y2Y Difference	% Difference
Anthropology of Aging and Life Course Interest Group	AALCIG	440	516	76	15%
Anthropology of Corporations Interest Group	ACIG	360	409	49	12%
Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group	ACYIG	694	665	-29	-4%
Anthropology of Tourism Interest Group	ATIG	571	607	36	6%
Digital Anthropologies Interest Group	DAIG	779	825	46	6%
Human Sexuality and Anthropology Interest Group	HSAIG	524	559	35	6%
Interest Group on NGO's and Non profits	IGNN	713	705	-8	-1%
Pacific Interest Group	PIG (MIG)	258	297	39	13%
Music and Sound Interest Group	MSIG	455	464	9	2%
Post-Communist Cultural Studies Interest Group	SOYUZ (PCIG)	452	454	2	0%



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
<b>Members</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
Professional	207	202	205	193	187	186	190	188	188	188	189	188	191	192	208	196	185	183	184	180	174
Life	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>175</b>