

<p>Student Committee Bi-Annual Report- March 2004 Prepared by Jennifer R. Wies, Chair and the Student Committee (SC)</p>
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This report covers SC activities and progress on activities and goals from November 2003 to March 2004.

2004-2005 Committee Membership

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2003-2004 Student Committee Activities

1) 2003 American Anthropology Association Meeting Activities

- Distributed handy reference cards announcing the new website for the SC.
- Distributed SfAA Student Award Opportunities flyers.
- The SC Chair met with student leaders from numerous anthropology-centered organizations to discuss effective modes of transmitting award and membership information. The Student Representative Forum meeting provided a valuable venue for student leaders to share information and strategize ways of disseminating information for the future. This group will continue to use the listserv to publicize student opportunities as well as meet yearly at the AAA meetings.

2003-2004 Committee Goals

The SC committee goals remain the same, however, we continue to advance fresh approaches to compliment previous mechanisms to accomplish our objectives. Please find below the SC goals and recent innovations to continuously meet those goals.

1) Increase the Visibility of the SfAA and the SC

Increased visibility includes distributing information about the opportunities the SfAA holds for students of applied anthropology and other social sciences.

- Since moving the SC website to the SfAA server, we have received significant positive feedback regarding the ease of use and organization of the webpages. To continue to increase traffic to the SfAA website and the SC pages, we are actively **promoting the use of the “Student Forum”** as a way to communicate activities and opportunities to student members.

2) Increase Student Membership in the SfAA and Increase Student Participation at the Annual Meetings

- At this time, the SC reports that extensive time and effort has been placed on preparing a proposal for the **SfAA Student Membership Award Fund**, a three-year membership awarded to two students at the annual meetings. The revised proposal is attached to submit for the Executive Board’s Approval, as well as generate discussion. This project falls under

our goal of increasing student membership, as well as encouraging more students, in all their diversity, to participate at annual meetings. The revised proposal also aligns more closely with several other committee's goals, including the Membership Committee and International Committee.

2004 Conference Activities

1) Sessions

- Past Presidents & Student Luncheon. (S-41) SATURDAY 12:00-1:30
- Student Conference Welcome Orientation. (W-40) WEDNESDAY 12:00-1:30
- "Got Grants?" An Information Session for Students Searching for Research Money. (T-45) THURSDAY 12:00-1:30
- Student Opportunities in the SfAA: the Annual Student Committee Business Meeting. (F-64) FRIDAY 1:30-3:15

2) Other activities

- Handouts- this year, we are promoting several handouts aimed at long term participation, including a handout reminding students and professors (who can encourage students) to "prepare now!" for the award opportunities for next year, especially the Peter K. New Award.
- Networking- we continue to work with and schedule meetings with other student representatives and leaders to provide the best services to students and disseminate important information.

2004 Budget

The SC did not request any additional funding for the year 2004, maintaining a proposed \$300.00 budget. However, the SC did shift line items to increase our copying costs in order to better disseminate information at the annual meeting. This budget was accepted.

Thank you for your continued support of our activities, performed in service to the SfAA!