

SfAA Student Committee Semi-Annual Report October 2005

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2005-2006 Student Committee Officers

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Overview

The Student Committee does not request that any actions or votes be taken by the Executive Board at this time. A summary of our activities since the April 2005 Annual Meetings in Santa Fe is presented below. We are particularly proud to have announced of the new Student Endowed Award.

The Student Committee is grateful to the SfAA for its continued support. We specifically wish to thank Art Hansen for his aid regarding the Student Endowed Award, Tom May and Neil Hann of the SfAA Business Office for their assistance in creating new web pages, and Bruce Miller and Orit Tamir for their advice about promoting the Vancouver meetings.

Summary of Activities Since April 2005 Annual Meetings

Time Period	Officer(s) Responsible	Activity	Description
continuous	Chair	Ad hoc student advising.	Response to student email requests for advice about choosing graduate programs, submitting abstracts to SfAA, and other topics. Average of 2-3 email requests per week, greatly increased after introduction of new student web pages in September (see below).
continuous	Comm. Coordinator	Management of SfAA student web forum.	Weekly monitoring and forwarding of information requests to appropriate officers. Creation of specific threads providing information about grants and scholarships, Hurricane Katrina, and proposed sessions for Annual Meetings.
continuous	Secretary	Officer activity files.	Record of Committee officer activities for use in reports and for benefit of future officers.
April	All officers	Set Committee agenda for 2005 – 2006.	Based on student suggestions at Committee Business Meeting in Santa Fe, drew up a plan of action for the coming year. Incorporated feedback from 36-member Student Committee email group.

April - May	Treasurer	Reimbursement of funds.	Worked with SfAA Business Office to reimburse previous year's officers for expenses related to Annual Meetings.
May - June	Chair, Editor	Research of visa issues for international students.	Responding to requests by students studying in the US on student visas, consulted with International Student offices at Univ. of Arizona and UC-Boulder. Published advice for such students in July SfAA Newsletter and on new student web pages (see below).
June – August	Vice-chair	Research of student clubs and organizations in western Canada.	Worked with an at-large Committee member at Univ. of Saskatchewan to compile contact information for student organizations at 19 universities. Club focus included anthropology, natural resource management, sociology, and others. Undergraduate clubs emphasized.
August - October	Chair	Promotion of Vancouver conference to student clubs and faculty in western Canada.	Posters and flyers promoting Vancouver 2006 meetings and student awards (Student Endowed, Del Jones, Peter K. New, etc) distributed to 24 social science departments and student clubs in western Canada. Program Chairs Bruce Miller and Orit Tamir consulted during the process.
May, July, October	Editor	SfAA Newsletter column.	Topics included summary of Committee activities in Santa Fe, student visa advice, and promotion of student web pages and awards.
August – September	Chair, Comm. Coordinator	Creation of new SfAA student web pages.	Creation of new “students” link on SfAA homepage. New content and links created, including detailed student-tailored information about the Vancouver meetings. As of date of report 6 students and 3 faculty have provided unprompted positive feedback to Committee officers.
September	Vice-chair, all officers assisting.	Formalization of procedures and posting of announcement for Student Endowed Award.	Created application forms and announcement, finalized judging procedures, and set deadline for applications. Posted announcement on SfAA student webpages.
October	Chair, Treasurer	Proposal of budget.	Submitted to Dr. Diane Austin of SfAA Executive Board.

FY 2006 Student Committee Budget

For the second straight year the Committee has been able to decrease its proposed budget due to increased use of the Internet, which permits us to reduce telephone and postage costs. The SC budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2006 is \$265, representing a decrease of \$20 from the previous fiscal year. An itemized justification of the proposed Committee budget was submitted to Executive Board member Dr. Diane Austin on October 19, 2005.