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General Business Meeting Minutes

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Southern Anthropological Society
General Business Meeting Minutes
April 11, 1997
Memphis, Tennessee

CALL TO ORDER: President Pat Lerch called the General Business meeting to order. There were 24 members attending.

ITEM 1. Financial report:

Daryl White, Secretary/Treasurer, gave the financial report. A financial statement for the 1997 annual meeting for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1996 was distributed. Total revenues amounted to \$5866.48. At the Baton Rouge Meeting, good income was realized by Miles Richardson's program-- for example, book and T-shirt sales totaled \$851.48. A general observation: what seems to be a cash surplus generated at meetings is consumed by awards. The 1995 registration fees get credited to next year, a complication, but it "averages out." [The 1995 revenue from registration fees was \$2,265.00; the 1996 revenues were \$1,215.00.] Total cash revenues for the 1996 meeting were \$5019.69; total disbursements were \$10,350.77. The SAS now has about \$5,379.37 on deposit.

Membership fees: There has been some confusion after the rate increase. Society expenses are still not being covered. About 150 per year on the average pay membership; membership comes up to 200-250 at meeting registration. Some individuals are only paying members at one meeting. Membership categories in 1996 break out to 55% full paying and 45% retired or student.

Proceedings: In the recent past, the Proceedings have cost the SAS about \$16.00 per member. This years' volume's costs will run about \$20.00. Student membership at \$15.00 does not even meet costs of membership. In addition newsletter (Southern Anthropologist) costs are up. A major hidden cost is newsletter postage, now paid by North Carolina A & T State University, the newsletter editor's institution, about \$500.00 per year or \$250.00 per issue. We are not able to count on postage being covered by an outside institution. The cost of an issue of the newsletter is about \$3.00 per member. The newsletter is sent to paid up members of 2 years. About \$6.00 of each member's dues payment goes to SAS awards. Based on 150 members, with current costs, a deficit of about \$1350 would result; it is clear that revenue needs to increase. At the 1996 meeting, regular membership was raised from \$25 to \$30 per year, but that raise is still not sufficient to cover costs. At the SAS Board meeting this morning it was proposed and unanimously approved to raise the membership fees to \$40.00 per year regular and \$20.00 student, retired, and unemployed. The Board moved that students who want to present papers but who cannot afford membership, could just pay registration fees for the meeting. However, an effort should be made to let students know about membership advantages-- in receiving the call for papers, meeting schedules, and the Proceedings, etc.

ITEM 2. President's Announcements:

Pat Lerch announced the establishment, by the SAS Board, of a committee to consider long range planning, membership drives, and finance strategies. The committee will consist of SAS councillors, and the past-president, present and incoming presidents, plus volunteers. Tim Wallace will be a volunteer member of this committee. A list was circulated for volunteers interested in assisting with this project. The committee will try to schedule its first meeting tomorrow (April 12) and then at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in November 1997.

Tim (James) Wallace will be mounting Web pages and a ListServe for the SAS. The site, which would piggy-back on North Carolina State's Anthro ListServe, could be a clearing house for news from Departments. The Board approved making available \$150.00 to help cover expenses of getting started. Tim will need help and suggestions from members in getting information, the logo, ideas, etc.

Pat thanked 1997 program organizers David Suggs and Andy Miracle, local arrangements manager Tom Collins and newsletter editor David Johnson for all their help in putting together the 1997 meetings and other SAS projects.

Daryl White was thanked for 6 years of service to the SAS, "an institution within an institution."

ITEM 3. The program:

Tom Collins thanked the faculty and 14 or more student volunteers from the University of Memphis for their local support, as well as the staff and student volunteers at Kenyon who helped put the program together and who hosted a pre-conference meeting of the key symposium participants.

ITEM 4. Report on Elections:

Harry LeFever reported on elections. Results: 85 valid ballots were received. The President Elect is Daryl White; the Secretary/Treasurer is Daniel Ingersoll; and the Councillor is Barbara Hendry. Pat thanked Hans Baer, Susan Keefe and Pat Beaver for their work on the slate.

ITEM 5. Report on SAS Proceedings:

Michael Angrosino, SAS Proceedings editor, stated that the next volume of the SAS Proceedings is ready but has not yet been ordered by the Secretary/Treasurer; the future volume, Cultural Diversity in South (Pat Beaver, ed.), is ahead of schedule. In the series, the most profitable for the SAS have been, in order, African-Americans in the South; Anthropology and Food Policy; Women in the South; and Anthropological Contributions to Conflict Resolution. The biggest sellers in terms of numbers, in order, have been Holding on to the Land and the Lord; Interethnic Communication; Predicting Sociocultural Change; and African-Americans in the South. Current list prices average around \$20.00 in soft cover and \$40.00 hardcover. These volumes are now out of print: 1-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20, and the Index to Vols. 1-10. The Board discussed the possibility of making out of print available on the Web or on disk.

ITEM 6. SAS Oral History Project:

Michael Angrosino reported on the status of the data from the SAS Oral History Project. A Wenner Gren grant had been awarded to help establish an archive. The masters of documents and tapes were located at Wenner Gren, but copies could be made available for the SAS also. Included in the data are tapes and tape indices. The Board discussed options earlier at its meeting. Alternate locations considered included the Smithsonian, the University of Georgia, and Chapel Hill. Michael will report back on a solution for the designation of additional archive location(s). Pat offered thanks to Michael for his work on the SAS history project.

ITEM 7. Student Papers Award Committee Report::

Barbara Hendry, chair of the Student Paper Award Committee, reported that 6 undergraduates and 9 graduate students had submitted their papers on schedule from a total of 15 out of 28 abstracts. She asked if there should be a requirement for winners to attend the meetings to deliver papers or to receive monetary awards in person. It was pointed out that the Mooney Award recipient is not required to come to the meetings. There was a general discussion of pros and cons and possible solutions including the judging of paper presentation/delivery. No consensus could be reached. Andrew Miracle moved to table and the motion to do so was approved by voice vote.

Barbara commended the evaluation of written papers by the judges as having been done well and thoroughly. She then invited volunteers for the next Student Paper Chair. The incoming president can name people to the position. Morgan Maclachlan said he would be willing to do the job. More judges will be needed for next year. Mary Schweitzer volunteered to be a Student Paper Competition judge for the graduate student division.

Pat thanked Barbara for her work on the Student Paper competition.

ITEM 8. Endowment Report:

The Endowment Report was delivered by Pat Beaver, SAS Endowment Committee Chair. Use this address if you want to contact the SAS and make a donation:

Thomas Arcury, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, CB 3410, Hickerson House, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, phone 919-962-3512 and FAX 919-962-2518.

Receipts can be used for tax purposes. Do you have ideas about how to raise funds? Send them to Pat Beaver at the Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608, phone 704-262-2295, or beaverpd@appstate.edu. Authors: you can sell your books at a 20% or whatever discount, and donate the rest to the SAS Endowment. Pat asked that a line be placed on the SAS dues notice as a reminder for endowment donations. It was suggested that a list of donors could be published in the newsletter. [S/T's note: At the Board meeting in the morning, Pat Lerch asked Andrew Miracle to take the place of Steven Folmar's expired position on the Endowment Campaign Committee, and he accepted the nomination. The other committee members are Thomas Arcury (term expires 1998), SAS Endowment Treasurer, and Sara Quandt (two year term expires 1997). Total endowment as of December 31, 1996 was \$8,866.53]

ITEM 9. Meeting site selection:

Pat Lerch announced the 1998 Meeting Site: the Washington Hilton in Wilmington, NC. The local arrangements chair is Jim Sabella, UNC at Wilmington (sabellaj@uncwil.edu). [S/T note: At the Board meeting, Tom Collins and John Wingard at the University of Memphis proposed a theme for the 1998 annual meeting key symposium, which the SAS Board voted on and approved. Daryl White offered to check out Atlanta for a possible future year.]

ITEM 10. SAS Book Exhibit Chair:

Tim Wallace is retiring as SAS Book Exhibit Chair; Pat Lerch thanked him for his work on this task. Mary Schweitzer has volunteered to pick up this role for the next meeting.

ITEM 11. Newsletter report:

David Johnson, editor of Southern Anthropologist, noted that the SAS has had to cut back to two issues per year. He pointed out that his institution, North Carolina & T State University has generously paid the postage. Even though he takes all issues to the post office at the same time, and all are sorted by Zip code, mailing lots do not seem to all go out at the same time, and some seem to take a long time to reach members!. It has been the case that some members did not get issues, so let him know if you do not receive your issue. Look in the next issue for a rebuttal of Hans Baer's article of the preceding issue, by Kendall Blanchard. David stated that news of departments is needed. David suggested that some meeting sessions could be videotaped and copies of the tapes could be sold.

ITEM 12. Passing of the gavel:

Pat Lerch passed the gavel to Susan Keefe and Susan thanked Pat for the fine job she had done as president.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W. Ingersoll, Jr. Secretary-Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1997 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 17-20, 1996
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

REVENUES

Registration Fees		3,480.00
1995 revenue	2,265.00	
1996 revenue	1,215.00	
Book Exhibit Fees		125.00
Book and T-shirt Sales		851.48
Bus Tickets		1,210.00
1995 revenue	925.00	
1996 revenue	285.00	
Refund: Hotard Coaches		200.00
TOTAL		5,866.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Program Chair Expenses		984.60
Print Programs, Name Tags		
T Shirts		
Miscellaneous		
Hotel Expenses: Radisson		595.22
Receptions		
Meeting Rooms		
Entertainment		500.00
Henry Grey Band		
Bus: Hotard Coaches		1,170.00
1995 disbursement	200.00	
1996 disbursement	970.00	
TOTAL		3,249.82

REVENUES MINUS DISBURSEMENTS 2,616.66

OTHER MEETING RELATED EXPENSES

Student Paper Competition Awards	400.00
Mooney Award	500.00

Southern Anthropological Society
Statement of Revenues and Disbursements
for the Year Ending
December 31, 1996

REVENUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR:	1996	1995	1994
Dues	1,943.33	3,415.00	3,281.00
Royalties on Proceedings	144.46	166.62	269.61
Address Label Sales	—	—	150.00
1994 Annual Meeting			
Registration Fees	—	—	4,054.60
Book Exhibits	—	—	275.00
1995 Annual Meeting			
Book Exhibits	—	295.00	—
1996 Annual Meeting			
Registration Fees	1,215.00	2,265.00	—
Book and T-shirt Sales	851.48	—	—
Book Exhibits	125.00	—	—
Bus Tickets and Refund	485.00	925.00	—
Endowment Contributions	50.00	—	3,647.00
Interest Income			
C&S/NationsBank, Atlanta, GA			
Commercial Checking Account	—	.99	—
Certificates of Deposit	205.42	260.11	211.99
Credit Union of North Carolina			
Account closed out	—	51.98	—
TOTAL CASH REVENUES	5,019.69	7,379.70	11,889.20

DISBURSEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR:	1996	1995	1994
Newsletter	2,851.40	1,722.50	735.58
Postage	257.80	376.50	194.00
License Fee	—	15.00	15.00
Officer Expenses	301.84	338.17	363.99
Bank Account Service Charges	3.53	—	99.26
1994 Annual Meeting Expenses	—	—	3,575.69
1995 Annual Meeting Expenses	—	1,822.00	500.00
1996 Annual Meeting Expenses	3,074.82	200.00	—
Proceedings	2,911.38	2,897.32	2,603.38
Endowment	50.00	3,647.00	—
Awards and Grants			
Mooney Award	500.00	500.00	500.00
Student Paper Prizes	400.00	400.00	400.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	10,350.77	12,047.12	8,986.90
REVENUES OVER DISBURSEMENTS	-5,331.08	-4,667.42	2,902.3

CASH ON DEPOSIT ON DECEMBER 31,	1996	1995	1994
First Union National, Atlanta, Georgia			
Commercial Checking	5,379.37	5,314.74	10,068.30
NationsBank, Atlanta, Georgia			
12 Month Certificate of Deposit			
(3.35%, Due 12/31/95)	—	2,683.26	2,683.26
24 Month Certificate of Deposit			
(4.65%, Due 12/31/96)	—	2,742.45	2,742.45
TOTAL CASH ON DEPOSIT	5,379.37	10,740.45	15,494.01