AQA Business Meeting
Washington, DC
Dec 2, 2017

1. Introduction of board members
2. Approval of 2016 Business Meeting minutes
3. Co-chair report (Weiss)
   a. Membership: 293
   b. Payne Prize award raised to $500
   c. Applied to mentoring grant but did not receive, will apply again
   d. Received four section waivers to grant free conference registration for non- anthropologists
   e. Continued partnership with ENQA
   f. Created three new travel grants
      i. $350 each for travel to meetings
         1. two for grad students, one for underemployed post-grad
4. Treasurer’s Report (Sosa)
   a. Quasi endowment fund
      i. AAA holds all endowment monies, but gives option for sections to use
         funds as if they were endowments
      ii. Interest from those funds go to sections rather than AAA
      iii. $10K from general fund used to establish quasi fund
   b. expenses have remained stable
   c. aim is to use interest from general and quasi funds to pay out Payne and
      travel monies
5. Nominations Committee Report (Edelman)
   a. Incoming Board positions
      i. Co-chair, treasurer
   b. Open ballotted positions
      i. Incoming co-chair, communications chair, secretary
   c. Open Committee positions
      i. Program committee, communication committee, Payne Prize
         committee
6. Communications Committee Report (Edelman)
   a. Anthro News has online presence that is unlimited, we need content and
      people to help encourage and curate it
7. Web Master’s Report (Weiss for Baum)
   a. Site has been updated and syncs to news and social media feeds
   b. Site content needed, so send ideas and content
8. Program Committee (Durban-Albrecht)
   a. Soliciting new committee members for next year’s program
   b. Big frustration re: AAA program web portal
   c. Nine AQA panels
i. Accepted all submitted panels, created one panel from singly submitted papers
d. Next year we’d like an AQA member to help with the joint reception
9. Payne Prize (Jolaosho)
a. Awarded to William Hebert
10. Benedict Prize (Murray)
a. Awarded to Eric Plemons
11. New Business
   a. Proposal: add sustaining membership dues category of $30
      i. $15 regular membership + $15 donation
      ii. Donation would support awards and travel grants
      iii. Passed by majority vote
   b. Question from floor: why wasn’t mentoring grant accepted?
      i. Not sure; lots applied but not all funded; no official feedback provided
   c. Question from floor: in past, faculty have work-shopped grad student papers. Why didn’t that happen this year?
      i. No one volunteered to do it
      ii. Tom Boellstorff: volunteered to do so next year
d. Suggestion from Boellstorff: establish lifetime achievement award
   i. Seconded motion
   ii. Could be determined by small AQA committee
   iii. Funded award would require Board approval
e. Form a committee to plan lifetime achievement award as annual AQA event
   i. Ad hoc committee would report to Board rather than waiting for membership approval
   ii. Passed by majority vote
f. Question: has syllabus section of website been update?
   i. Yes, last year (17 currently)
   ii. Continued additions can be made: send them to Chris
   iii. Suggestion: add emeritus syllabi as archive
g. Suggestion: add website feature of current reads/films
   i. Twitter # rather than web feature
h. New members/attendees introduce themselves
i. Closing and passing of the tiarra