



March 1, 2012

Hi NAPA Members!

It is already March and what a whirlwind winter this has been, with warmer weather here in North Carolina than we normally experience. Without much of a winter, things have sped by. It is almost time to get in your session, paper, Inno-vent and workshop abstracts to the Program Chair for the next AAA meetings in San Francisco. Your Governing Council has been hard at work throughout the winter on a number of ideas and initiatives. This short note will hopefully bring you up to date.

Three new GC members took office this year. They are:

[Lisa Henry](#) - Secretary (University of North Texas)

[Susan Andreatta](#) - Member-at-Large, (University of North Carolina-Greensboro)

[Pam Puntenny](#) - Member-at-Large (Environmental & Human Systems Management)

In addition,

[Terry Redding](#) has been appointed the Chair of the Communications Committee

[Susan Andreatta](#) is the new Chair of the Ethics Committee

[Niel Tashima](#) is the Chair of the new Mentoring Committee

[Ellen Puccia](#) is the Chair of a new committee, called the Volunteer Coordination Committee, and she is also our LPO representative

I want to also mention that [Sabrina Nichelle Scott](#), Workshops Chair, was quite successful at the Montreal meetings in producing one of the highest numbers of workshops we have ever sponsored. Our Treasurer, John Massad, reports that we even made a little profit. The Montreal Employer's Expo was again excellent, and Organizational Relations Committee Chair Cathleen Crain deserves a lot of credit for pulling it off, especially since it took place across the border.

The April 1 deadline for session, Inno-vent and paper proposals will soon be here. Carol Hafford (cah18@caa.columbia.edu) is again our Program Chair, so please contact her with your plans and she can help you with any issues you may have. Please go to this AAA direct link for important submission information: <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/index.cfm>.

If you are interested in submitting a workshop proposal before the April 15th deadline, I strongly encourage you to contact Sabrina Nichelle Scott at sabnscott@gmail.com **by April 5** to get important details if the workshop is to be NAPA sponsored. This is important and necessary due to the potential costs related to workshops, along with branding and implementation issues. Please contact her as soon as possible to receive all necessary information for NAPA sponsorship.

I also want to call your attention to our active online sites that perhaps you are not familiar with. Of course, you know that we have a website, www.practicinganthropology.org, but, in addition, we have an active LinkedIn site and a Facebook page. Here is a description of our NAPA LinkedIn Group:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groupsDirectory?results=&sik=1330033302345&ppSearchOrigin=GLHD&key words=napa>. The site has over 1,400 members, and our LinkedIn group grows by about 20 members a month. The Facebook page is also growing, and all online media will continue to be developed in the months ahead.

[Terry Redding](#) is adding new content to our website; if you have any questions or suggestions for additions/changes/post info, please email him.

[Jennifer Wies](#), our Membership Committee Chair, wants to remind you that we now have our Membership Directory. Members who opted in to the directory should have received a PDF copy via email in October. Please contact her should you need a copy of the PDF, and send her your feedback on it. We are interested in knowing your thoughts about this as a NAPA activity, and whether you think we should keep it updated, and, if so, how.

[Niel Tashima](#) is developing our mentoring program and he will have a report on their progress in implementing the new system they proposed in the Fall. Keep an eye on the website for updates.

The [NAPA OT Field School](#) begins its fourth season this year, starting July 16. If you are interested in learning more about it, please contact [Rachel Hall-Clifford](#) or [Gelya Frank](#).

The Governing Council will be meeting in Baltimore on Friday, March 30th from 1:30-5:30 in the Radisson Plaza, Room Hanover A, next door to the SfAA conference hotel, the Sheraton. Please feel free to drop in on us if you are interested and want to express your ideas and thoughts about NAPA's work.

Finally, please write me, [Tim Wallace](#), and let me know what we can do for you, how we can make our organization as responsive as possible to the needs of our members, and what we can do better. I am sure you share with me the sense that NAPA is the one section of the AAA that best represents the huge applied and practicing interests of the discipline. Please help us get the word out and help us grow our membership. I hope the winter does not have tricks up its sleeve for us in March. I am ready for Spring!