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Dear AAPA Member:

It is time to begin making plans for our next annual meeting. The 77th annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, from Wednesday, April 9th to Saturday, April 12th, 2008. The host institution for the 2008 meeting is the Ohio State University, and the local arrangements are in the very capable hands of Clark Spencer Larsen, who chairs the Local Arrangements Committee. As usual we will be collaborating with other organizations—the American Association of Anthropological Genetics, the American Dermatoglyphics Association, the Dental Anthropology Association, the Human Biology Association, the Paleopathology Association, and the Primate Biology and Behavior Interest Group.

Along with this letter, you will find instructions for preregistration, abstract submission, and other key information. Registration and abstract submission is done online at the association's web site: **www.physanth.org**. Please read the instructions in the accompanying Call for Papers carefully. If you are submitting an abstract and it is accepted for presentation, it will be published in the annual meeting supplement of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology. If you know people who are not members of the Association who might be interested in attending the meeting, please share these materials with them. All questions regarding preregistration, abstract submissions, and other matters relating to the scientific program, should be directed to the Vice President and Scientific Program Chair, Dennis O'Rourke, University of Utah (aapavp@anthro.utah.edu).

There are two key deadlines to bear in mind. The first is for submission of proposals for podium and poster symposia. This deadline is July 15, 2007. Symposia proposals do not include abstracts, but instead consist of a symposium synopsis and a list of proposed presentations. They should be submitted to Dr. O'Rourke via e-mail following the instructions given in this document. The second deadline, for abstract submission, is September 15, 2007. Preregistration is required at this time if you are submitting an abstract for review. You must submit your abstract online at **www.physanth.org**.

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The annual meeting is our biggest event of the year. Its success is made possible by a capable local arrangements team. For the wonderful AAPA meeting that we just enjoyed in Philadelphia (the largest in our history), we owe the chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, Theodore (Tad) Schurr, our collective gratitude. Tad and the other members of the Local Arrangements Committee did a wonderful job of meeting the needs of the attendees in a timely and efficient fashion, particularly in the face of unforeseen construction issues. We also thank the many volunteers who assisted in the tasks associated with running the meeting.

The other key ingredient for making meetings happen is the dedication of the Scientific Program Committee, led so capably for the past year by Dennis O'Rourke. I would also like to extend a word of thanks to Dennis, the Vice President of the Association, and to the other members of the Executive Committee for 2006-2007: John H. Relethford, President; Trudy Turner, Secretary-Treasurer; Clark Larsen, Editor of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*; Sara Stinson, Editor of the *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*; Leslie Aiello, Simon Hilson, Pat Lambert, and Lorena Madrigal. I offer the associations deepest gratitude to Lorena, Clark, and Sara who are all retiring from the Executive Committee this year. All three have served the AAPA long and well. We welcome to the Executive Committee three new members: Christopher Ruff (Editor, *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*), Robert W. Sussman (Editor, *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*), and Brigitte Demes.

We congratulate the recipients of the student prizes for the 2007 annual meeting. The announcements of the awards were made at a reception held on the last night of the AAPA meeting, to a packed house, in Philadelphia:

Juan Comas Prize: **Maria Serrat** from the Department of Anthropology and School of Biomedical Sciences, Kent State University for "Effects of rearing temperature on long bone growth in mice: an experimental model for examining Allen's rule" (co-authors: D. King and C.O. Lovejoy).

Earnest A. Hooton Prize: **Erin Leslie** from the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, Northwestern University for "A comparative analysis of internal cranial anatomy in the Hylobatidae."

Aleš Hrdlička Prize: **Valerie Andrushko** from the Department of Anthropology, University of California at Santa Barbara for "Strontium isotope evidence for prehistoric migration in the Valley of Cuzco, Peru" (co-authors: M.R. Buzon, A. Simonetti, & R.A. Creaser).

Mildred Trotter Prize: **Christopher Gilbert** from the Interdepartmental Doctoral Program in Anthropological Sciences, Stony Brook University for "Cranio-mandibular morphology supporting the molecular African papionin clades and the identification of *Cercocebus antiquus*."

Sherwood L. Washburn Prize: **Campbell Rolien** from the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University for "Walking, running and the evolution of short toes in humans" (co-authors: D.E. Lieberman, J.W. Scott, and J. Hamill).

The AAPA also awarded six William S. Pollitzer Travel Awards this year. Ten will be awarded next year. Winning essays for 2007 can be read on the AAPA web-site. The 2007 recipients are:

Elizabeth DiGangi, University of Tennessee; **Amy Farnbach**, Arizona State University; **Rebecca Gray**, University of Florida; **Robert O'Malley**, University of Southern California; **Susan Landers Roberts**, University of Colorado; and **Kristin Young**, University of Kansas.

Our association represents the largest organization devoted to the study of physical anthropology in the world. It is impressive indeed that so many of our members attend the annual meeting, indicating that this is considered the place to report new research results. Please consider submitting an abstract for the Columbus meeting and encourage others to do the same. In addition, please encourage your students and colleagues who are not currently members to join the AAPA (the membership application form is available at <http://www.physanth.org/member/form.html>).

Beginning with the Columbus meeting, new registration fees will be in place. Registration for Regular Members (including Special Members) will be \$100. For Student Members, registration will be \$50. However, registration for non-members has been set at \$230, and for non-member students, at \$115. Thus for both of the non-members categories, it would be the same price to join the AAPA and pay the member's rate as it would be to register as a non-member. The Executive Committee feels particularly strongly that students should be members of the AAPA. Of course, non-members who are invited to participate in organized symposia will be able to register at the appropriate membership rate.

A great deal of work goes into the many activities that our association engages in as a professional organization. Nine standing committees (Nominations, Membership, History, Publications, Student Affairs (Prizes), Career Development, Ethics, Education, and Meetings) and three ad hoc committees (Repatriation, Web Site, and Newsletter) are responsible for carrying out these activities. Contained in this document is a listing of committee chairs. If you have concerns or questions relating to any of these areas, please contact me or one of the chairs.

Lastly, the AAPA web site (www.physanth.org) provides our membership with up-to-date information relating to our discipline. The web site includes an on-line newsletter, Physical Anthropology: Official Newsletter of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. The newsletter, edited by Peter Ungar, features announcements, meeting reports, letters, and other features that help to build a sense of community in our science. Please visit the Newsletter and send in your contributions. Submissions can be sent directly to Peter Ungar at: pungar@comp.uark.edu.

See you in Columbus!

Best regards,

Fred H. Smith, President

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS

TO: AAPA membership and annual meeting attendees
FROM: Dennis H. O'Rourke, Vice President and Scientific Program Chair
RE: The 77th annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists

As we begin to prepare for the 2008 AAPA meetings, we are providing various materials for paper and poster presentations, and other key information, including pre-registration.

✍ **Please keep in mind several important deadlines:**

Symposium proposals	July 15, 2007
All abstracts	September 15, 2007
Student prize manuscripts	March 2, 2008

Included with this first and final call for papers are the following materials:

1. Letter from Fred Smith, AAPA President
2. General information regarding symposia, oral, and poster presentations (pp. 2-5).
3. Guidelines for preparation of effective oral presentations (p. 6).
4. Guidelines for preparation of effective poster presentations (p. 7).
5. Information concerning eligibility, submission and awarding of student prizes (p. 8).
6. Call for Nominations for President-Elect, Vice President, and Executive Committee member (p. 9)
7. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award nomination form (p. 10).
8. Gabriel W. Lasker Service Award nomination form (p. 11).
9. List of AAPA Committee Chairs (p. 12).

Submission of abstracts and pre-registration of authors will occur online at www.physanth.org. Detailed instructions are located on the web page. **All abstracts must be submitted online.** Please contact Dennis O'Rourke if you encounter any problems. Credit card payment of pre-registration fees will be processed online. Please note that this is the preferred method for pre-registration. However, if you would like to pay by check or money order, you may do so without penalty (See details on p. 4). As in previous years, all first authors are required to pre-register and pay the pre-registration fee at the time of the abstract submission. Additionally, no one may submit more than one abstract as a first author.

If you have any questions regarding the submission of your abstract, pre-registration, or the development of the scientific program, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis H. O'Rourke at the University of Utah, either by telephone (801-581-7454) or e-mail (aapavp@anthro.utah.edu). I'm looking forward to working with all of you as we put together another great program. See you in Columbus!

Pre-Registration and First and Final Call for Papers

2008 Annual Meeting of the
American Association of Physical Anthropologists

Columbus, Ohio
April 9 – 12, 2008

General Information on Symposium Proposals, Oral Presentations, and Poster Presentations

A. Deadlines

Deadlines for submission of proposals for symposia, abstracts and manuscripts competing for the student prizes are as follows:

Symposium Proposals	July 15, 2007
All Abstracts	September 15, 2007
Student Prize Manuscripts	March 2, 2008

Please read and follow all instructions carefully. Ensure that your abstract is submitted online by the deadline. Owing to the inflexible and very tight production and publication schedule for the AJPA meeting supplement, no deadline extensions will be granted. In fairness to those persons submitting on time, material submitted after the deadline date of September 15 will not be accepted for review.

B. Symposium Proposals

Symposia are intended to provide interested scientists with the opportunity to bring together experts — physical anthropologists and others — to address a chosen topic in a coherent fashion. Each symposium is limited to no more than one half day in length. This usually means 14 oral presentations of 15 minutes each and a 15-minute presentation by a discussant. Symposia should include no fewer than 8 papers (plus discussion). Poster symposia can also provide a highly effective means of presenting research results dealing with a specific topic. There is more flexibility with poster symposia and they can include as few as 10 or as many as 20 posters. The Program Chair, Dennis H. O'Rourke, must receive proposals for symposia by **July 15, 2007**. The number of sessions available for symposia is very limited. Poorly focused proposals lacking sufficient planning and organization will be rejected.

To propose a symposium, please e-mail to Dennis O'Rourke (aapavp@anthro.utah.edu) a document including the following elements: (1) title and organizer(s); (2) short paragraph describing the content and purpose of the symposium, (3) names of the symposium participants who have provided the organizer with a commitment to participate prior to the submission of the proposal; and (4) the titles of the papers in their order of presentation. Please specify whether poster or oral presentations are preferred. **Do not submit abstracts, registration materials, or fees at the time the proposal is submitted.** The program organizer and symposium participants should submit their abstract and register online at www.physanth.org after the Program and the Executive Committees have formally accepted their symposium proposal. If the proposal is accepted, the symposium abstracts and other materials are due at the same time as all other abstracts (**September 15, 2007**).

It is essential that the symposium organizer(s) carefully plan the selection of topics and speakers. Various possibilities exist; for example, the symposium may consist of posters with designated discussion times for specific posters or groups of posters (i.e., a Poster Discussion session). Regardless of the format, time must be allotted for discussion.

If the symposium proposal is accepted, abstracts for the individual presentations must conform to the same specifications as all other abstracts and are reviewed with equal rigor. Although every attempt will be made to accommodate symposia consisting of podium presentations, this may not be possible owing to the limited number of oral sessions available during three days of meetings. Please note that nonmembers participating in symposia pay the same pre-registration fee as members (see below).

C. Oral and Poster Presentations

Oral (podium) presentations are one way to deliver research results. Guidelines for the preparation of effective oral presentations are enclosed. Careful preparation, rehearsal, and use of high-quality visual materials (computer projection) are necessary to ensure an effective presentation. The oral presentation is limited to 15 minutes, which typically consists of 10–12 minutes for the presentation and 3–5 minutes for questions and discussion.

The session chairperson is responsible for ensuring that all oral presentations stay within the time limit. Authors must state their preferences for an oral versus a poster presentation and suggest sessions appropriate for their presentation. Every effort will be made to comply with these requests. However, because of the conflicts inherent in scheduling so many papers, no guarantees can be made about the format or session assigned to your presentation.

Poster presentations are an effective way to convey research results in a manner that is efficient and that maximizes opportunities for productive discussion between the author(s) and interested scientists. Guidelines for preparation of effective poster presentations are enclosed. Because many more poster presentations than oral presentations can be accommodated at the meetings, authors are encouraged to request a poster presentation when either a poster or an oral presentation is appropriate for the material they are presenting.

D. The Review Process

The AAPA Executive Committee and the Program Committee will review symposia proposals. The symposium organizer will be notified as to the decision to accept or reject the proposal. Acceptance of the symposium proposal does not guarantee acceptance of the individual abstracts; symposium abstracts are reviewed in the same way as all other abstracts.

All abstracts are read by the member(s) of the Program Committee responsible for the relevant area (e.g., Paleopathology). The Program Committee is chaired by Dennis H. O'Rourke and the members are Robert Anemone, Heather Edgar, Augustin Fuentes, Christine Hanson, Fredericka Kaestle, John Kappelman, Thomas McDade, G. Richard Scott, and Christopher Tillquist. The reviewer(s) will be asked to recommend acceptance or rejection and, if accepted, oral vs. poster assignment and the session to which the abstract should be assigned.

We will make every effort to assign presentations to oral or poster sessions as requested and to the session category you listed as your first choice, **but we cannot guarantee that this will always be possible**. Final authority for designation of oral vs. poster presentation and session assignment rests with the Program Committee Chair.

E. Abstract Preparation

Abstracts are required for all presentations, whether they are contributed oral presentations, poster presentations, or presentations that are part of an organized symposium. There are no limits on the number of authors or abstracts submitted per author, but **each author may be the first author of only one abstract**.

Prepare your abstract carefully. To be accepted, the abstract must contain a clear statement of purpose, provide essential new information, including results of the investigation and conclusion(s), and address the importance of the findings for anthropology. The present tense is preferable. Abstracts will be rejected if they are not prepared in the following manner:

- All abstracts must be submitted online at <http://www.physanth.org/>
- **Format guidelines are posted on the above web page and *must* be followed. Read these guidelines and prepare your abstract accordingly before registering.**
- **Text of the abstracts must not be longer than 250 words *exclusive of author and title information and acknowledgement of grant support*. Abstracts that substantially exceed 250 words will not be accepted.**
- Do not include tables, graphs or similar graphic materials within your abstract.
- Do not include a list of references cited.
- Avoid superscripts, subscripts, and other special characters if at all possible.

If accepted, your abstract will be reproduced in the annual meeting supplement of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. Thus, please proof-read your abstract carefully.

Do Not Send Abstract Submissions to the Vice President!!

If you have questions, however, please contact the Vice President:

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If a symposium proposal, abstract, pre-registration, student paper (anything with a deadline!) arrives late, it will not be considered. *No extensions will be granted.*

F. Author Information and Pre-Registration Form

Provide complete address information for *each* author. *All first authors are required to pre-register and pay the pre-registration fee at the time of abstract submission.*

Pre-registration Fees

AAPA Regular Members and Special Members \$100.00
 Nonmember symposium participants \$100.00
 Nonmembers \$230.00
 Student Members \$50.00
 Nonmember Students \$115.00

Registrants from certain countries are eligible for reduced pre-registration rates of \$25 rather than \$100 for members, \$40 rather than \$230 for non-members, and \$15 for students. These reduced rates are available to residents of all countries EXCEPT Western Europe (including Scandinavia and the following countries sometimes considered central Europe: Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Slovenia), Andorra, Aruba, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bermuda, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, French Polynesia, Greece, Guam, Hong Kong SAR of China, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Macao SAR of China, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Is., Qatar, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States, U.S. Virgin Islands. Please write checks accordingly.

The pre-registration fees are nonrefundable. You will be provided with a confirmation page at the end of your online submission and pre-registration. This will serve as your receipt. If you require an additional receipt or notification, please contact Dennis H. O'Rourke if you paid online, or local arrangement's chair Clark Larsen if you paid by check or money order.

Pre-registration will occur online at the time of abstract submission. *You have the option of paying online by credit card or by mailing a check or money order (made out to AAPA) for your registration fee to:*

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If you pay by check or money order there is *no* additional fee.

Online payment is made through PayPal, our credit card transaction service. To register with PayPal, you will need your EXACT credit card billing address. International members who have not previously used PayPal but who wish to use their credit cards to pay the meeting fees should register with PayPal (www.paypal.com) immediately (The PayPal verification procedure usually takes one month for non-U.S. residents). U.S. residents who have not used PayPal may also wish to register with them now in order to avoid last-minute problems.

If you *are not submitting an abstract* and wish to preregister, please do so online at www.physanth.org.

You will receive a notification via email confirming the acceptance of your abstract, as well as the session, day and time for which it is scheduled.

On-site registration fees (after March 25, 2008)

Regular Members and Special Members \$110.00

Nonmember symposium participants \$110.00

Nonmembers \$240.00

Student Member \$55.00

Nonmember Students \$125.00

G. Hotel Information

The 2008 AAPA meeting will be held from April 9th through April 12th at the Hyatt Recency Columbus. Hotel information will be available by December 2007 on the AAPA website. The Local Arrangements Chair can be reached at:

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The Local Arrangements Committee will be developing a web site for your information about the meeting locale, Ohio State University and opportunities for places to visit in Columbus. Please watch for a link to appear in the early fall at the physical anthropology web site at www.physanth.org.

Guidelines for Preparation of Effective Oral Presentations

General Comments

A good oral presentation should: (1) define the problem or state the central question being addressed; (2) indicate its importance; (3) tell what was done; (4) state what was found; and (5) consider the broader implications of the findings. It is not possible to cite all previous work, provide detailed descriptions of methods, or include all the data obtained in a 10-minute talk. A good presenter seeks to make a single point, and to make it simply, clearly, and concisely.

We will provide equipment for computer projection. Given the very low demand for overhead and traditional slide projectors at the most recent AAPA meetings it is no longer cost-effective for the association to provide these media services. If you require an overhead or slide projector you will need to make arrangements with the LAC prior to the meetings in Philadelphia and bear any of the related costs. Computer projection will be available for PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat presentations and require that you bring your presentation on a CD or "hotplug" USB device. Do *not* bring a laptop to the podium as there will already be a laptop there. Specific details will be included in a subsequent e-mail. Please contact Tad Schurr if you have any questions about projection equipment.

Oral presentations are greatly enhanced by the use of good visual material. Good visuals convey the essential material of the talk, including key points and research results. They allow the listener to both see and hear; this enhances understanding. A text written for publication is likely to be difficult to understand when read verbatim, even with the aid of visuals. It will need to be rewritten and simplified to create a text suitable for an oral presentation.

To maximize the effectiveness of your oral presentation, please consider the following guidelines.

Specific Suggestions

- 1. Clear purpose:** Effective visuals and talks make a single main point and tell a unified, coherent story. Organize your talk around a central theme. Develop a clear train of thought that does not get bogged down in detail. Provide a conclusion that summarizes the main points, and raises the important issues posed by the material you presented.
- 2. Freedom from non-essential information:** Unless the purpose of the talk is to present research methods or techniques, omit all but the key methodological details. Save non-essential information for responding to questions during the discussion period.
- 3. Graphs, diagrams, and tables:** Study results are best presented in graphic form. Diagrams can be used to present research design or study hypotheses. Avoid tables, especially those with more than a few rows and columns. Simplify your presentation so that you do not have to tell your audience "I know you can't read the table in this slide but ..." Keep graphs and diagrams simple. Avoid gratuitous three-dimensional graphs that provide no more information than their two-dimensional equivalents.
- 4. PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat presentations:** IBM-compatible laptops will be available at the podium for projection of PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat presentations. Please bring your presentation on a "hotplug" USB device or CD-R. If you use a CD be sure to "close it" for distribution to a variety of computers. Macintosh users must add the ".ppt" extension to the end of the filename. Use common fonts such as Times Roman, Arial, and Helvetica. Under Page Setup, the presentation should be set to "On-screen show." If you use the "Pack and Go" feature of PowerPoint, have the original .ppt file available on CD or USB device just in case. Please virus check your entire CD or USB device. A final word to the wise: *Always* check your presentation on an IBM-compatible computer other than the one on which you prepared the presentation. This is the easiest way to detect compatibility "issues" *before* heading to the airport/podium.

*****Simplicity and Legibility are Keys to Effective Oral Presentations*****

Guidelines for Preparation of Effective Poster Presentations

General Comments

An author may wish to choose a poster presentation for several reasons. Posters provide more opportunities for discussion with interested viewers – several hours instead of the 5 minutes that are available for podium presentations. An oral presentation can be heard at one and only one time; a poster presentation is available over a half day and thus its viewing can be tailored to fit the interested person's schedule. Therefore, the opportunities for reaching a large audience, receiving useful feedback, and discussing your research are at least as great for a poster as they are for an oral presentation. Typically, the number of podium and poster presentations are approximately equal at the annual meeting. And good oral and poster presentations entail equal effort.

Specific Suggestions

- 1. Dimensions and mounting instructions:** The maximum poster size is 8 feet long by 4 feet high. Bring your own pushpins or thumbtacks. Mount the components on heavy poster board, which is readily available at office supply stores or college bookstores. Each component can be mounted individually or several components can be grouped together on a single backing board. Using a different color for the backing board can effectively highlight selected elements.
- 2. Single page posters:** Effective posters can be prepared using software such as PowerPoint and printed on a wide format printer. It is recommended that posters prepared in this manner be rolled with the text to the outside for transport. However, be careful to protect the ink from being scratched.
- 3. Organization:** Make an initial sketch of your poster presentation, allocating space for Introduction, Methods and Research Design, Results, Summary and Conclusion. Start early. Focus attention on a few important points. Try different styles of presentation to achieve clarity and simplicity. Graphs and diagrams provide a clearer statement of your research results than tables. Use limited text to convey the essential information concerning the problem under investigation, methods, results and salient concluding points.
- 4. Legibility:** The title should be legible 8 feet away; viewers should be able to easily read the remaining words from 5 feet away. Poster legibility suffers greatly when the type you use is too small. The letter size should be at least 18 point, with 20-24 even better. Smaller point size (12-14) is strongly discouraged. Headings (e.g., Materials, Methods, Results) should be bold type. Heading letter size should be larger than the text (30-36 point). Use short, informative ("headline" style) titles to state the essential point of each figure. Avoid abbreviations, acronyms, and jargon. Use consistent type styles and letter sizes throughout. Some have the misperception that posters are simply mounted papers (as though the author attaches a paper to a poster board). You will need to simplify the text of your paper to create an effective poster presentation. Avoid presenting lengthy bibliographies. These take up space and are distracting. The presenter might provide photocopies of figures and tables for distribution. **If you prepare your poster with a graphics program, the background of the poster should be a solid color, not a pattern or a distracting photographic image. Text becomes illegible when superimposed upon complicated background images: Don't use them! Black type on a white background works best.**
- 5. Create a balance between figures, tables and text:** Figures and tables should occupy approximately half the viewing area. If you have only a few illustrations, make them large. *Try to limit the amount of text in your poster to 1500–2000 words so that it can be read in less than 10 minutes.* Studies have shown that most people can read technical text at a rate of 250 words per minute or less.
- 6. Eye movement:** The pathway traveled by the eye should be natural, either top-to-bottom or left-to-right.

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Information on Eligibility for and the Awarding of Student Prizes

The American Association of Physical Anthropologists awards prizes to outstanding papers and posters presented at the annual meeting whose **first author is a student**.

Four prizes are given in honor of Juan Comas, Ales Hrdlicka, Mildred Trotter, and Sherwood Washburn. A fifth prize, named for Earnest A. Hooton, is given for the best poster presentation. The four other prizes may be awarded for either a paper or poster presentation. The Mildred Trotter prize is given for a superior presentation on bones and teeth; the other prizes have no restriction as to subject matter.

To be eligible for a prize, a paper or poster must meet the following criteria:

1. **The first author must be a student member of the AAPA who has not previously won a prize for a paper or poster presented at the annual meeting.** Individuals who have completed all terminal degree requirements before the abstract submission deadline are ineligible for a student prize.
2. **The paper and the project to be presented must be primarily the work of the first author.**
3. **The student should indicate that the presentation is being entered in the competition for a student prize** by checking the appropriate box on the online abstract submission form.
4. The abstract must have been *accepted* for presentation.
5. **The manuscript must be sent to the Student Affairs Committee Chair, preferably electronically, as a single pdf, by March 2, 2008.** If electronic submission presents difficulties, please contact the Student Affairs Committee Chair. Manuscripts **must** be submitted for all presentations entered in competition for the student prizes whether they are poster, oral, or symposia presentations. All manuscripts should be no longer than 30 total double-spaced pages, and should follow the content of the presentation/poster as closely as possible. Formatting for the manuscript and references should follow the *AJPA* guidelines.
6. **If the paper is multi-authored, include a cover letter with the manuscript stating the contributions of each of the authors in terms of intellectual and/or methodological investment.**
7. The student must **personally make the presentation** of the paper or poster.

The Student Affairs Committee judges the written and visual/oral presentations for quality of ideas and clarity of presentation. Prizes are awarded at the annual Awards Reception on the last evening of the Annual Meetings. Authors of prize winning papers are encouraged to submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* to be considered for publication.

Further information may be obtained from the Student Affairs Committee Chairperson listed below.

Send student prize manuscripts by *March 2, 2008* to:

Prof. Simon Hillson
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Call for Nominations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS

Nominations are requested from the Membership for three positions on the AAPA Executive Committee: President-Elect; Vice President; and Executive Committee Member. Nominees must be **Regular Members** of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Any member may make a nomination. Please email nominations to Patricia Lambert at plambert@hass.usu.edu, or alternatively, download this form and send it to:

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All nominations must be received on or before **September 15, 2007**.

For President-Elect _____

For Vice President _____

For Executive Committee Member _____

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Vice President: Dennis H. O'Rourke*

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#Current term expires April 2009

*Current term expires, April 2008

Call for Nominations

Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award

The Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 1992 to recognize and honor distinguished senior members of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. The Executive Committee of the AAPA invites the membership to submit names of nominees for this prestigious award. Nominees should have demonstrated a lifetime of contributions and commitment to Physical Anthropology through their scholarship, training, and service to the AAPA. Previous recipients of this award are Paul T. Baker, C. Loring Brace, Alice M. Brues, Stanley M. Garn, Eugene Giles, Morris Goodman, F. Clark Howell, William W. Howells, Francis E. Johnston, Gabriel W. Lasker, Frank B. Livingstone, M.F. Ashley Montagu, Charles Oxnard, William S. Pollitzer, Derek F. Roberts, Elwyn Simons, Robert Sokal, T. Dale Stewart, Phillip V. Tobias, and Sherwood L. Washburn.

There are two steps in the nomination process. The first is the identification of potential nominees through the completion and return of the following form by September 15, 2007. The AAPA Executive Committee will evaluate the nominations and a short list of nominees will be identified. A more detailed letter of nomination may then be requested from the original nominator by November 14, 2007, along with a brief curriculum vitae of the nominee. The Executive Committee will make the final selection. The award of an engraved bronze statue of Charles Darwin will be presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Philadelphia.

Nominee's name _____

Brief description of the nominee's qualifications and contributions to physical anthropology and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists:

Nominator: _____
 Address: _____

Telephone: _____
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Gabriel W. Lasker Service Award

The Gabriel W. Lasker Service Award was established this year to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated a history of excellence in service to the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, its members, and/or the field of physical anthropology. Nominees do not have to be AAPA members. The Executive Committee of the AAPA invites the membership to submit names of nominees for this prestigious award. The award is named in honor of the late Gabriel W. Lasker, former AAPA President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Committee member, founding editor of the *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*, and long-term editor of *Human Biology*.

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