

Task Force to Study Student Membership for the Membership Committee
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The Task Force to Study Student Membership was created by the SAA Membership Committee at its August 2008 meeting in San Francisco.

The taskforce consists of:

Rachel Vagts, chair
Katie Benedix, student intern
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The charge of the task force was to study outreach to students and the student chapters.

We asked the following questions:

Outreach to students:

- *What can we do to improve retention of student members?*
- *Should there be a position for a student representative on the committee*

In addition, the Task Force should brainstorm other ideas, such as how to get students more involved, identify their needs, and make recommendations to the Membership Committee.

This fall the task force has designed sets of data to be gathered and designed a survey tool that will be used to survey student members and the student chapter leaders. We hope to finalize the survey, gather the necessary contact information and share the survey in early February. I have attached the preliminary versions of the survey for your information.