

**SAS BUSINESS MEETING 2011**  
**Society for American Archaeology 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**31 March 2011**  
**Sacramento, California**

In attendance: Destiny Crider, Tom Fenn, Michael Gregg, Charles Kolb, Dana Drake  
Rosenstein, Rob Sternberg, Anne Skinner, Rob Tykot, Jay VanderVeen, Sandra L. López  
Varela, Kyle Freund, Paul Szoak

Minutes prepared by Dana Drake Rosenstein

### Introductions

President Patrick Degryse is not able to attend the meeting, thus Rob Sternberg will run the meeting.

#### 1. Approval of 2010 Minutes

The minutes from the 2010 Business Meeting at the ISA in Tampa, Florida are posted on the SAS webpage. They are approved without dissent. Motion to approve: Kolb; second: Tykot; passed.

#### 2. Results from 2011 Election of Executive Officers

Robert Tykot ran unopposed for the position of Vice President/President-elect of SAS. The results of the online election, run through SurveyMonkey, were 92 in favor, 3 opposed, 4 abstentions. Sandra López Varela is now the Past President of SAS, and we offer her thanks for her two years of service to the organization.

#### 3. Presentation of Officers' Reports

Reports from the 2009-2011 President, General Secretary, Vice President for Communications, SASWeb and SASNet, and Vice President for Membership Development were presented. Summaries of key points are presented here, and the full reports are posted on the SAS web site.

##### 3a. 2009-2011 President's Report

Sandra López Varela announced a Society for Archaeological Sciences International Research Travel Grant (RTG) for students. The award is US \$1,000 for field or lab work in a country other than the applicant's country of origin. SAS will offer two awards per year, around February and September. The support for this award initially is coming mainly from outside SAS, with a little bit of support from SAS. The applicant must have been a member in good standing with SAS for the year previous to the application. Guidelines are online.

Regarding President's Report Item 6 (Pending Actions): Michael Gregg indicated that he is wary of the patrimony of an ethics committee and the 'West vs. other' ideology. He suggests that the SAS Bylaws need to be revisited regarding the formation of an ethics committee or ethics code.

### 3b. General Secretary's Report

Regarding SAS web presence: it was agreed that Dana Drake Rosenstein would open a SAS Group page on Facebook and appoint Ron Sternberg and Destiny Crider co-administrators. The URL for this Facebook page will be included in the next SAS email to members so that those interested can ask to join.

Regarding the SAS website: it was suggested that a section on archaeometry laboratories around the world would be a good addition. Tom Fenn offered to create a template that laboratories can use to describe their facilities in a brief and standard manner. Destiny Crider suggested that in a reciprocal action for SAS posting their information, they can post the linked SAS logo on their website.

### 3c. Vice President for Communications, SASWeb and SASNet

Regarding the online posting of the SAS Bulletin: Destiny Crider noted that we impose a one year moratorium on free web access to the pdf of the SAS Bulletin to encourage membership. She asked if we should keep this system, or revert to the previous system, in which as a new edition was published, the previous edition was uploaded to the website. After a long discussion regarding the long-term impact of an online Bulletin, a motion was put forward to post the SAS Bulletin online for free access as soon as it is published. Motion to approve: Crider; second: Fenn; vote: unanimous approval.

Further discussion regarding the format for the SAS Bulletin that best serves the membership, online or print. Tom Fenn moved to survey the membership, via Survey Monkey, regarding their thoughts on a shift to full electronic media at a cost TBD. Second: Gregg. Comments: Sandra López Varela - this is in line with good green practices. Rob Sternberg: we will need to consider potential pricing strategies. Jay VanderVeen - the SAS Bulletin currently is printed on post-consumer waste paper. Tom Fenn, Mike Gregg and Jay VanderVeen will coordinate the survey. Vote: unanimous approval.

## 4. Presentation of Budget and Approval

The Proposed Budget and Financial Report for 2011 is posted on the SAS website. Rob Sternberg noted that it costs approximately US\$2.50 per Bulletin per member, thus we are subsidizing that cost slightly. We also raise our rates for journals slower than do the publications we provide. Motion to approve proposed budget: Varela; second: Kolb; vote: unanimous approval.

## 5. Membership Development

The report from the Vice President for Membership Development is posted on the SAS website. Michael Gregg's goal is 8% increase in membership for 2011.

## 6. SAS Student Research Travel Award

Information regarding the travel award is in the President's Report, posted online, and the application information also is posted online.

## 7. Encyclopedia and Archaeological Sciences Project with Wiley-Blackwell

Information regarding the Encyclopedia and Archaeological Sciences Project is in the President's Report, posted online. Sandra López Varela envisions the encyclopedia as published in a small handbook form, translated into other languages, and as a tool for teaching the basics of archaeological science. The publication goal is 2014/2015.

## 8. ISA American venue, 2014

After a European venue for ISA 2012, it is traditionally a North American venue. Rob Sternberg is considering proposing to host ISA 2014 in Philadelphia, since SAS has a vested interest in the meeting. Michael Gregg suggested that McMaster might consider a proposal for Toronto. We should keep alert for other interested parties.

## 9. ISA, Belgium, 2012

The next SAS Business Meeting will be held at the ISA 2012 in Leuven, Belgium.