

Society for Archaeological Sciences Business Meeting
22 May 2014
UCLA, during International Symposium on Archaeometry

In attendance: Rob Sternberg, Jim Burton, Theodore Davidson, Robert Tykot, Aaron Shugar, Mary Kate Donais, Elisa Maupas, Thomas Fenn, Doris Möncke, Ronald Bude, Marc Walton, Patrick DeGryse, Laura Conger, Alan Greene, Luis Barba, Kyle Freund, Vanessa Muros, Dawn Janney, Chris Prior, Ernst Pernichka, Carol Tohsaku

General Secretary Rob Sternberg presented the budget proposed for 2014. It was approved unanimously.

We discussed arrangements with Maney Publishing for the new open access journal, Science and Technology of Archaeological Research (STAR). We will be charged \$8 per each SAS member, and that will enable SAS members to publish in STAR without charge. STAR will also publish the proceedings of ISA 2014; only SAS members will be able to submit. Rob Tykot will be editor-in-chief of STAR.

Gaynor Redvers-Mutton from Maney was at the meeting. She emphasized that Maney wants a quality journal with a high impact factor. The journal editors will oversee the peer review process. Several people commented that open access journals will be increasingly important; funding agencies will provide publication charges, and in the UK one must publish open access to have papers count towards evaluation.

SAS will also cooperate with Springer to produce Springer Briefs (<http://www.springer.com/gp/authors-editors/author-zone/introducing-springerbriefs/20504>). This series is intended more for teaching/educational purposes. SAS will derive royalties from any such publications.

The issue of electronic access to the optional journals – Archaeometry, JAS, and AAS – was raised. We should have online access to Archaeometry, but not JAS. We are not sure about AAS. The German archaeometry group (<http://www.archaeometrie.de/>) does have electronic access to JAS.

Luis Barba announced the Latin American Archaeometry Meeting (http://www.fisica.unam.mx/iv_cla_mexico/indexe.html), to be held in Mexico City, 27-31 Oct. 2014. About 250 attendees are expected. He may submit a proposal for collaboration in some way with SAS.

Dawn Janney was presented as our new Vice President for Membership Development. She might contact regional archaeometric groups in Germany, Italy, Greece, Spain, Latin America, France, and Scandinavia.

Submitted by Rob Sternberg, 15 July 2014