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Vanessa Muros has just completed her second year as editor of the *Bulletin*. This report covers the period of the publication of Vol. 37, No. 3-4 and Vol. 38, No. 1.

All issues of the *Bulletin* were published last year on its quarterly schedule, with the exception of the Fall issue. This issue is normally set to be published on August 1st, but due to Vanessa's field work schedule over the summer, the date had to be pushed back until September when she returned from the field. This adjustment of publication date may need to occur again for the Fall 2015 issue since her field work dates are the same as last year.

The *Bulletin* is still currently printed by Print and Document Services at UCLA. Over the past year, the number of copies printed has been 85 per issue. The average cost of printing and mailing each *Bulletin* averages about \$5.33 per copy. This is a little less than last year's cost for printing and mailing. One of the reasons for the lower cost is that UCLA Print services no longer carries the heavier stock paper that was used last year to print the cover of the *Bulletin*. A thinner, lighter stock compared to last year's issues is being used. Two different types of paper were tested as replacements (a glossy heavier paper for Vol 37, No. 3) and a thinner, matte cover stock paper for the other two volumes published. The cover paper used for 37(3) increased the cost of shipping and printing due to its weight and quality, and so Vanessa opted to go with the thinner cover stock paper for the *Bulletin* cover.

A summary of the submissions by Associate Editors to the *Bulletin* over the last two years was compiled to see the frequency that certain topics are covered. The summary is as follows for Vol. 36(2)-38(1) [8 issues]:

- *Archaeological Ceramics*
 - In each issue- average of 11 pages
- *Archaeological Chemistry*
 - 1 issue-2 pages
- *Archaeometallurgy*
 - 7 issues-average of 8 pages
- *Bioarchaeology*
 - 5 issues-average of 2 pages
- *Book Reviews*
 - 6 issues-average of 2 reviews per issue
- *Dating*

- 0 issues
- Geoarchaeology
 - 1 issue- Assoc. editor Jane Entwistle co-wrote a report on research using UAV's published as a short note/article
- Maritime Archaeology
 - 3 issues (this column is published every other issue)-average of 5 pages
- Meeting Calendar
 - In each issue-average of 2 pages
- Remote Sensing
 - 1 issue-2 pages

From this summary it is clear that there are certain topics that are regularly covered, while others are not, though they may be of interest to the SAS membership. Moving forward in this next year, Vanessa would like to focus on how make sure the *Bulletin* covers a broader range of information for the membership, and increase the submissions from some of the less covered topics. She would also like to have more featured articles or short notes published in each issue to highlight ongoing research, especially by student members or recent graduates as a way to get their work out there and accessible to the archaeological science community. Vanessa hopes to work with the board, and the new President and President-elect, to brainstorm ways in which the type of information provided in the *Bulletin* can encompass more topics of interest to the membership.