

Society for Archaeological Sciences
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Calendar year 2014 was the 12th full year for the General Secretary's office at Franklin & Marshall College. The GS has announced his intent to retire from his faculty position in the summer of 2016. He is willing to continue to serve at the pleasure of the Board as GS after that, perhaps until 2018.

The General Secretary (GS) is responsible for the membership database. We are using Microsoft Access. The GS manages this software himself. The GS and Dawn Janney investigated the possibility of using online membership web services like Wild Apricot. Among the advantages, this would enable members to check and modify their membership status, give easier access of the database to other officers, and could integrate the database with email. The SAS web site might also be hosted through such a service.

Banking is done with Fulton Bank, based in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Fulton provides the benefits of working with a smaller, local bank, such as personal contacts by phone or during personal visits should problems arise. Credit card charges are processed via a web site.

The corporate headquarters for SAS is still in Riverside, California.

Franklin & Marshall College has generously provided assistance to the Society. There is no charge for secretarial help when it is needed. There is no charge for long-distance phone calls, postage for the occasional mail item, or small volumes of copying.

Membership of the Society for Archaeological Sciences at the end of 2014 was 322. For 2014, a total of 324 transactions were made as follows: check (24); subscription services (10); lifetime no-payments (47); credit card (19); PayPal (218), cash (3), gifts (3).

Current membership is 290. Of these, 61 are lifetime members; 156 are regular members; 61 are student/retiree memberships; 12 are institutional subscriptions. Members come from: USA (181), Canada (19), UK (20), Australia/NZ (10), Mexico/South America (6), continental Europe (44), Asia (8), Africa (2). Paper copies (with a \$5 surcharge) were requested by 81 members. There are 51 JAS subscriptions, 36 Archaeometry subscriptions, and 22 AAS subscriptions. For 2015 to date, a total of 290 transactions have been made by: check (23); subscription services (9); awards (2), lifetime no-payments (52); credit card (16); PayPal (188).

There was one RE Taylor poster award at both the 2014 SAA meeting in Austin, and the 2014 ISA in Los Angeles. In 2014, two student travel awards of \$1000 and \$500 were given, and one award for \$500 has been given in 2015.

Under the new arrangement with Maney Publishing for STAR (Science and Technology of Archaeological Research), codes have been given out to two members for a waiver of page charges.

Elections were just completed for the office of Vice President/President-elect. We used Google Forms with email merge rather than SurveyMonkey, which was used for the last few electronically run elections. The results:

Rachel Popelka-Filcoff	47
Jeff Speakman	43
Tom Fenn	38

About 47% of the membership voted.