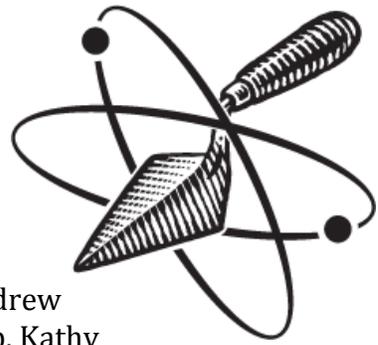


SAS business meeting, 4/16/15
SAA annual meeting, San Francisco
Minutes by Rob Sternberg



Attendees: Rob Sternberg, Detlef Wilke, Mike Glasscock, Andrew Zipkin, Jeff Speakman, Marc Walton, Rob Tykot, Charlie Kolb, Kathy Loftis, Robin Torrence, Pam Vandiver, Thomas Fenn, Chandra Reedy, Tatsuya, Murakami, Greg Hodgins, Vanessa Muros, Dana Drake Rosenstein, Rachel Popelka-Filcoff (via skype)

We discussed the Maney open access deal, where we pay \$8/member/year, which allows members to publish without charge in STAR (<http://www.maneyonline.com/page/star-editorialboard>). We've only given out 2 codes. We could target Europeans who need to publish open access. We have only 20 members from the UK; more might help with Maney.

We also have an arrangement to do Springer Briefs (<http://www.springer.com/gp/authors-editors/book-authors-editors/springerbriefs>). Nothing has yet emerged from SAS, reported Rob Tykot. We have not promoted this series. Maybe we need someone as editor-in-chief. Andrew Zipkin might be interested.

Rob Sternberg presented the Statement of Financial Position. We have around \$40,000 in our coffers. He also presented a budget proposal for 2015. This was tabled until later in the meeting. Rob also submitted a report from the General Secretary's office, containing a number of membership statistics which were asked about during the meeting.

Marc Walton, incoming President, made some comments. He congratulated Rachel Popelka-Filcoff, newly elected Vice President/President-elect. He would like to increase SAS membership. He would like to see SAS do more social media. We could benefit from having VPs for social media and web development. U.S. funding has languished for the archaeological sciences; NSF has only \$1.7 million for all archaeological science. Marc submitted an NSF proposal for a workshop on the future of NSF funding for archaeological science, which was turned down, but he would still like to hold such a meeting and produce a white paper. Marc proposed that \$5,000 be added to our budget for this workshop. The workshop would be piggybacked onto another meeting, which was suggested in the NSF proposal review, to allow for attendance by a wider audience. Pam suggested we should highlight the grand challenges in a white paper, as was recently done for archaeology by Kintigh et al. (<http://www.pnas.org/content/111/3/879.full>), and that now is timely for such a statement. Tom sees the NSF focus on STEM (<http://www.nsfresources.org/home.cfm>) and STEAM (including arts; <http://stemtosteam.org/>) as useful to tie into.

We passed the budget amended with \$5,000 for the workshop.

Vanessa Muros presented the report of the Bulletin Editor.

Destiny Crider, Vice President for Communications, was not present at the meeting, but submitted a report with useful statistics on the current uses of our website and blog. Andrew Zipkin suggested we include photos on the web page, as Marc has said. Marc wonders if we should re-balance what is on web page vs. what is in the Bulletin. The trick is to bring eyeballs to website. We need website teasers, and then full entries in the Bulletin. Pam suggested a student blog. Charlie says the Old Potters Almanac (<http://journals.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/index.php/opa/index>) would be a good model. He also suggests we could charge more for paper copies. Rachel commented that societies typically protect some information like job announcements for member use only.