

SAS General Meeting
at the ISA, Kalamata Greece
18 May, 2016

In attendance:

Rachel Popelka-Filcoff (president)

Rob Tykot (past president)

Rob Sternberg (general secretary)

Daniel Fraser, Detlef Wilke, Kyle Freund, Ruth Ann Armitage, Roxanne Radpour, Cathy Batt, Ioanna Kakoulli, Adelphine Bonneau, Yuan Lin, Doris Mönke, Ian Freestone, Thilo Rehren, Christian Fischer

Minutes Approved

Budget Financial Position

- The General Secretary reviewed the statement of financial position.
- The proposed budget for 2016 was presented. Changes for this year include the support of two conferences, and the proposed migration to use the Wild Apricot online membership database.
- It was suggested we could increase dues.
- Kakoulli suggested more awards, such as an early career award, rather than sponsoring meetings
- Rehren moved the budget be approved, Ioanna seconded, and the budget was approved.

Officers Reports

Vanessa Muros' Bulletin Editor report was presented.

- Rachel reported that Tom Fenn will take over as editor.
- There was some discussion of possible format change, including moving part of the Bulletin online.
- Tykot asked if Wild Apricot can post notices to the membership.
- Freestone thought the more online the better
- Tykot suggested if you are printing for institutional members anyway, why not print additional copies.
- Rehren says that members getting the printed copies of the Bulletin should cover the cost of printed copies, so their incremental charge should cover the printing and mailing costs. The average annual cost of a printed copy of the Bulletin is about \$20, while the current membership differential for a printed Bulletin is only \$10. It was suggested that the members who request the printed copy will have these costs billed to them and we will institute this gradually over the next 3 years or so.

Rehren, editor of JAS, says contact him about acquiring JAS electronic access for our subscribers.

Destiny Crider's report on the website and listserv was presented by Rachel.

- Freund suggested all members could be defaulted into listserv.

- After some discussion, the conclusion seemed to be that the most useful online platforms tools could be: the Bulletin; Facebook, the web page, and the listserv. (open question for survey)
- One person recommended better integration of social media tools, rather than requiring separate looks at the various platforms.
- Rehren suggested we focus on select social media platforms.- These will be the focus of the new positions of VP Membership and VP Social Media.

Sternberg presented the General Secretary's report.

- Rehren asked why are members not renewing? Can we find out, or ask? Maybe have further appeals? Could Rob S send renewal emails after a member has not been active for a set period of time?
- Could we make SAS more supportive of foreign students, say via SAS training courses, not all to be held in North America, e.g., on topics like multivariate statistics or surveying.

No report from the president was available. Marc Walton has resigned that position, so president-elect Rachel Popelka-Filcoff will finish off the last year of Marc's term before beginning her own schedule two-year term.

Rachel presented some ideas.

- We could better support early career researchers.
 - perhaps via a Bulletin column.
 - Ways to bridge the gap between graduation and first jobs/early career
 - Mentoring project
 - Links between students looking for positions and institutions/labs looking for graduates
 - Internships- sponsored between labs facilitates collaborations
 - Freestone- support professional development courses for students/ECRs
 - Build on strengths together as a united group
 - Membership survey
- Ways to attract/continue membership
 - We could use the membership database to make our expertise more available to colleagues and students, like the expert lists used by some universities.
 - Ways to attract: make membership related to conferences (either sponsorship or integrating with conference)
 - At future ISA conferences we could include an SAS membership form in the ISA bag of materials. We could also place the SAS meeting in the published ISA program, as is done for the SAA.
 - We could have a more prominent link on web page to membership information.
 - Armitage: similar to ACS "Member get a Member" campaign?

Rob Tykot spoke about the "Maney" deal.

- (Maney was bought by Taylor & Francis).
- The deal was extended to the end of 2016 without a new charge for this year. The General Secretary was recently billed, so he will check whether that was for 2015.
- Tykot is negotiating to further extend the arrangement.
- There were some problems when T&F took over from Maney, and there is some question about the number and quality of papers published.
- ISA negotiated a separate deal with T&F for the proceedings of this conference, with the charge included in the registration fee. In the future, ISA might wish to take advantage of the SAS arrangement, as was done with ISA Los Angeles.

There are 8 entries for the R.E. Taylor poster award at this conference.

- The student travel award has required two years of membership for eligibility, but this may be counterproductive. Perhaps an alternative would be to pay for two years membership in advance.