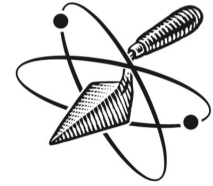


**The Society for Archaeological Sciences (SAS)
VP for Intersociety Relations Report**

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- Andrew Zipkin replaced Adrian Burke as the Vice President for Intersociety Relations effective August 2020. In turn, Zipkin stepped down as Vice President for Social Media and Outreach and was replaced in that role by Ben Marwick.

Major activities since August 2020

- SAS continues to be a member of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS); Zipkin serves as the voting delegate from SAS to the FACSS governing board. SAS organized two invited speaker symposia at the FACSS virtual SciX conference in October 2020. SAS Past President Rachel Popelka-Filcoff was the conference keynote speaker as part of a heritage science special theme. For SciX 2020 and 2021, Zipkin is also the Art & Archaeology Section Chair but will be replaced in 2022 by SAS member Mary Kate Donais – a past SciX Program Chair. Zipkin will continue as delegate to the FACSS governing board.
- As part of SAS support for SciX, in August 2020 Zipkin reached out to the student Archaeological Science Group at Cornell. Its then President, Rebecca Gerdes, was an invited speaker recruited by Zipkin for an SAS-sponsored SciX 2019 symposium. Gerdes and her fellow officers organized a virtual networking session for early career researchers as a pre-conference event for SciX 2020 and managed the session with the SAS Student Ambassadors. The Archaeological Science Group at Cornell has since organized virtual events on its own, with SAS, and with other organizations.
- The SciX 2020 virtual networking session led to the formation of a spin-off organization and virtual event series, the Bay Area Archaeological Science Alliance (BAASA). Its co-founder is another former SciX invited speaker from 2019, AJ White. He reached out to Zipkin in April 2021 about putting BAASA on a path to official SAS partner organization. Zipkin's recommendation was to develop joint programming over the course of one year and then propose a formal inter-society relationship to the SAS executive board. White was appointed an SAS Student Ambassador in April 2021.
- In March 2021, SAS was a co-sponsor of the Australasian Research Cluster for Archaeological Science (ARCAS) virtual conference. Popelka-Filcoff put Zipkin in contact with the principal conference organizer and SAS member Rebekah Kurpiel. ARCAS is based at La Trobe University in Australia but its conference had been dormant for a few years prior to 2021. ARCAS 2021 was the first time (to best of the author's knowledge) that SAS implemented a formal co-sponsorship agreement specifying precise conditions for SAS and the external partner in a document written, revised, and approved by both the SAS executive board and the external partner. This is the suggested model for all future joint programming that involves SAS commitments other than or additional to social media and email promotion. At ARCAS, SAS sponsored two student prizes with a monetary award and free membership in SAS for the rest of 2021. In addition, Zipkin recruited the keynote speaker Anne Jensen to discuss the intersection of

archaeological science and indigenous archaeology. ARCAS should be considered a potential future partner organization if it shows reinvigorated activity in 2021.

- In April 2021, SAS is sponsoring events or prizes at two meetings. For this year only, the R.E. Taylor Award has been transferred from the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) virtual annual meeting to the International Obsidian (virtual) Conference (IOC) due a lack of SAS officers who can serve as prize judges at the SAA meeting. This was a decision reached internally by the SAS executive board in consultation with IOC conference organizer Kyle Freund who is also SAS General Secretary; a formal co-sponsorship arrangement was not established. For the SAA meeting, Zipkin sent a solicitation for symposiums for the society to sponsor to the SAS member listserv in August 2020. SAS is sponsoring the session “Constructing Chronologies II: The Big Picture with Bayes and Beyond”, organized by Anthony Krus and Lori Barkwill Love; the primary SAS contribution is social media and email listserv promotion of the event.
- The major non-conference initiative undertaken by Zipkin during the reporting period is the development of a survey of the United States cultural resource management (CRM) industry about the intersection of business trends and archaeological science. This idea grew out of the SAS sponsored SAA 2019 symposium “Archaeological science outside the ivory tower: perspectives from CRM”, organized by Zipkin and David Leslie. In late 2020, Zipkin reached out to Duane Peter, former president of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA), about surveying CRM firms on the archaeological science services that they offer, the number of staff engaged in such services, and perceived future trends. In collaboration with Peter, ACRA Executive Director Amanda Stratton, and the ACRA Standards and Metrics Committee, Zipkin wrote a survey questionnaire that will be sent to three groups. The main target audience is composed of ACRA member businesses. The second target is composed of non-member businesses that subscribe to the ACRA listserv. The final audience is the SASnet listserv; this group is expected to yield few responses but may capture businesses not reached by the other audiences. All recipients of the questionnaire will be advised to only respond once in the event that they receive the survey multiple times. At the time of report preparation, the questionnaire had been approved by the SAS Executive Board and the ACRA Standards and Metrics Committee. A data sharing agreement and plan for administering the survey is also approved. The survey is anticipated to launch in early May and remain open for one month. ACRA should be considered a target for future partnership if a mutually beneficial arrangement can be reached.
- Recruitment of a cohort of SAS Inter-organization Delegates to extend the programming reach of the VP for Intersociety Relations position has begun. Similar to the Student Ambassador Program, delegates will be appointed by the Vice President for renewable two-year terms. Delegates must be current, non-student SAS members and should have a leadership role or other strong connection to an external organization with which SAS intends to develop joint programming and potentially enter into an ongoing partnership. Current delegates include Adrian Burke (Groupe des Méthodes Pluridisciplinaires Contribuant à l'Archéologie) and Zipkin (FACSS/SciX). Potential additions in the near term include Marcela Sepulveda (Congreso Latinoamericano de Arqueometría), Kyle Freund (International Association for Obsidian Studies), and Rebekah Kurpiel (ARCAS). Recommendations of possible delegates, including self-nominations, are welcome.