RE Taylor Awards were presented at the SAA and ISA meetings. The Student Research International Travel Award is operational, and for three calls since its set up has had several candidates for each call.

Advertising these awards efficiently and timely will be essential to keep interest up. The ‘rules and regulations’ for the Student Research International Travel Award will be evaluated in the next months. It may be useful to assess effect these awards have on membership numbers, and whether how these are kept financially viable on the long term.

The General Secretary is on the local organizing committee for ISA 2014 in Los Angeles, and preferential rates are offered for SAS members. The past-president, president and president-elect are (will be) on the ISA standing committee. This should facilitate interactions between ISA and SAS significantly, and enable further combined SAS-ISA activities (e.g. publication of proceedings).

 Preferential rates for SAS members have been offered at several conferences, increasing the remuneration of being an SAS member.

Our Bulletin editor Jay Vanderveen wants to pass on his responsibilities. A new editor is being looked for, currently three candidates are being assessed.

As of the SAA business meeting, Robert Tykot will come into office as president of the SAS, assisted by Marc Walton, just elected as the president-elect.