



**Society for Archaeological Sciences**  
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Calendar year 2015 was the 13<sup>th</sup> full year for the General Secretary's office at Franklin & Marshall College. The GS is retiring 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 recommends migration to using an online membership service like Wild Apricot at a cost of about \$840/year. Among the advantages, this will enable members to check and modify their membership status, give easier access of the database to other officers, and could enable integration of 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 has been minimal charge for secretarial help, long-distance phone calls, postage for the occasional mail item, or small volumes of copying. Some of these costs, small as they are, may have to be born by SAS due to the GS' retirement.

Membership of the Society for Archaeological Sciences at the end of 2015 was 329. For 2015, a total of 330 transactions were made as follows: check (25); subscription services (9); lifetime no-payments (52); credit card (9 MC, 9 VS); PayPal (224, 2/3 of total), cash (0), gifts (2).

Current membership is 268. Of these, 64 are lifetime members; 149 are regular members; 45 are student/retiree memberships; 10 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 Bulletins (with a \$10 surcharge) were requested by 56 members. There are 46 JAS subscriptions, 20 paper and 10 electronic-only Archaeometry subscriptions, and 14 paper and 8 electronic-only AAS subscriptions. For 2016 to date, a total of 268 transactions have been made by: check (16); subscription services (7); gifts (3), lifetime no-payments (58);

credit card (4 MC and 6 VS); PayPal (174). Only 1 CD was purchased. SAS received what may have been its first gift ever, for \$100.

There was one RE Taylor poster award (\$100, plus membership) and one honorable mention (\$50, membership) at the 2015 SAA meeting in Orlando. In 2015, one student travel award of \$1000 was given, and one award for \$1000 has been given in 2016.

Under the new arrangement with Taylor and Francis (formerly Maney) Publishing for STAR (Science and Technology of Archaeological Research), codes have been given out to 28 members (24 in calendar year 2015, 4 in 2016) for a waiver of page charges since the offer took effect in mid-March 2015.