Society for Archaeological Sciences
2016/2017 President's Report
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There have been several changes over the year since I have assumed the presidency. Highlights of this year include new appointments to the Executive and new initiatives.

The Executive Board had a few changes, as we welcomed Dr Andrew Zipkin to the role of Vice President of Social Media. Tom Fenn is now the Editor of the bulletin, with thanks to Vanessa Muros for her time in the role. Marc Walton also transitioned roles to the SAS editor for the journal Archaeometry. A couple new roles are also opening, including VP of membership

A proposal was developed by Rob Tykot towards a collaborative arrangement with the International Symposium on Archaeometry. Rob, Marc (who are both past presidents of SAS), and myself will continue to work with the Standing Committee of the ISA on the details of the ways that both organisations can support each other to further archaeological science worldwide.

We also continue to strengthen relationships with international societies such as the GMPCA (Groupe des Méthodes Pluridisciplinaires Contribuant à l'Archéologie) and the Australian and Society for American Archaeology.

There were five RE Taylor student poster awards at the ISA and ISA in 2016, and one student travel award in 2016. Conference support was provided for the Synchrotron Radiation in Art and Archaeology conference (2016), the International Obsidian Conference (2016), a symposium at the Materials Research Society meeting (2016), and the UK Archaeological Sciences Conference (2017).

The annual business meeting of SAS was at the ISA in Kalamata, Greece. We discussed: getting more input from the membership; possible changes in format for the Bulletin; ISA negotiations; renewed focus on early career researchers and student awards.

We hope that you were able to contribute to the recent SAS survey. This will help us understand more specifics of our membership and give us feedback and ways to tailor the ways that the Society can serve its members.