



Society for Archaeological Sciences (SAS)
General Meeting Minutes

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ISA, Mérida, Mexico



Attended by: Ruth Ann Armitage, Patrick Degryse, Daniel Fraser, Kyle Freund, Alessandra Pecci, Rachel Popelka-Filcoff, Rob Sternberg, Rob Tykot, Michał Wasilewski, and Detlef Wilke

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Changes to SAS Executive Board
 - A. Election of Marcos Martín Torres as SAS President
 - B. Retirement of Rob Sternberg and transition to VP Advisory
 - C. New General Secretary: Kyle Freund
 - D. New Treasurer: Destiny Crider
 - E. New Vice President for Membership Development: Tatsuya Murakami
3. President's Report
4. General Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Vice President for Membership Development
 - A. Possibility of adding a student member to the SAS executive board
 - B. Importance of overcoming the perception that SAS is solely an American organization
7. SAS/ISA MOU Proposal
 - A. Discussion at the ISA Standing Committee Meeting
 - B. SAS membership would be required for attending ISA
 - i. Requires rethinking how we process and maintain membership database
 - ii. Possibility of a two-year membership
 - C. SAS travel bursaries for ISA participants
 - D. Website hosting
8. *SAS Bulletin*
 - A. Changes to formatting
 - i. Without a regular paper *Bulletin*, we would lose Institutional members.
 - B. Further integration with social media
 - C. There was broad support of a quarterly digest to recap and summarize content.
9. Raising SAS Membership Rates
 - A. There was broad support for a \$5-10 rate raise for entire Society, particularly in light of the benefits we provide members in terms of travel support, poster awards, conference sponsorship, etc.

10. Early Career Programs

- A. “Emerging Investigator” award or “SAS Fellow”
- B. Ideas and strategies for supporting early career researchers in archaeological sciences

11. Nominees for Future President of SAS

12. New Business/Member Discussion

- A. PittCon is another conference to look into in terms of raising awareness of SAS. Ruth Ann Armitage would be interested in supporting this endeavor.