



Society for Archaeological Sciences (SAS)
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In June of 2017, I took over from Rob Sternberg as SAS General Secretary. Rob served in this role since 2002, and his contribution to the organization is immeasurable. A separate advisory board position was created for Rob so that his valuable experience and knowledge can benefit SAS moving forward. Based on his recommendation, a separate Treasurer position was also created. The GS now functions to maintain the membership database, run the annual renewal process, tally the biannual elections, and tend to a variety of other general business for the Society. The newly-appointed Treasurer, Destiny Crider, takes care of financial matters, including writing checks for the *Bulletin*, journal subscriptions, awards, and other miscellaneous payments, as well as depositing membership checks and preparing the annual statement of financial position and the annual budget.

For the membership database, we are using Microsoft Access. In 2018, I will explore the use of Wild Apricot membership software for this purpose, at a cost of about \$840/year. Among the advantages is that it will enable members to check and modify their membership status. SAS membership numbers from 2017 are only slightly lower than 2016, but are part of steady trend of decreasing annual membership for both regular and student members. Almost 60% of our membership in 2017 was from the United States, followed by Europe (non-UK) at 17%, and the UK at 9%.

Banking is done with Fulton Bank in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Membership payments have been made using PayPal or by check. Direct credit card payments to SAS were discontinued in February 2017 because of the high cost and low use, although credit card payments can still be made through PayPal without being a PayPal member. The corporate address for SAS remains in Riverside, California.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES			
	2018	2017	2016
Regular	114	152	161
Student/Retired	29	58	58
Lifetime (new)	65 (2)	63 (1)	65 (2)
Institutional	11	13	11
TOTAL	219	286	295

* 2018 numbers are as of 3/19

OPTIONAL JOURNALS			
	2018	2017	2016
Paper Bulletins	32	40	60
<i>JAS</i> (paper)	29	40	47
<i>ARCM</i> (paper/electronic)	17/3	24/6	20/11
<i>AAS</i> (paper/electronic)	10/0	9/12	14/8

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MEMBER COUNTRIES			
	2018	2017	2016
USA	120	167	169
Canada	17	17	19
Non-USA or Canada	81	101	106
UK	14	25	23
Europe (non-UK)	43	48	51
Australia/NZ	7	8	11
Asia	8	9	10
Africa	2	2	2
Mexico/South America	7	9	9
TOTAL	218	285	294

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PAYMENT METHODS			
	2018	2017	2016
PayPal	145	195	193
Visa/MasterCard	NA	7	11
Check	7	14	17
Subscription Service	9	8	8
Gift	1	5	8

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