

Society for Archaeological Sciences
2017/2018 President's Report
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Highlights of this year include new appointments to the Executive Board and new initiatives, as well as continuing the excellent work that SAS does in promoting and developing archaeological science worldwide.

The Executive Board had a few changes. We elected Professor Marcos Martín-Torres as our President Elect, who also recently became co-editor of the *Journal of Archaeological Science*. Professor Rob Sternberg transitioned roles from General Secretary to Vice President Advisory. We thank him for all of his years of service and welcome continuing working with Rob in his new role. Dr. Kyle Freund has joined the Board as General Secretary, and Dr. Destiny Crider has also taken on the role as Treasurer along with her current role as Webmaster. Dr. Tatsuya Murakami has taken the role of Vice President of Membership. We thank Dr. Tom Fenn for his role as Editor of the *Bulletin* as he ends his term in the role. I look forward to continuing to work with an excellent leadership team and thank the outgoing members of the Board.

At the 2018 SAA meeting in Washington D.C., our esteemed Secretaries Past and Present organized a special session to honor the 40th Anniversary of SAS. Erv Taylor, Rob Sternberg and Kyle Freund organized two sessions that covered the breadth of archaeological science. The speakers comprised both established and emerging research leaders, demonstrating the long continuum of the past as well as the promise of the future in the field. We will be promoting some of these contributions from the speakers through the *SAS Bulletin* or other media, for those who may have not been able to attend. We look forward to celebrating further anniversaries of the Society.

A proposal led by Rob Tykot has been sent to the Standing Committee of the ISA, towards a collaborative agreement with the ISA. Rob Tykot, Marc Walton (who have both been 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 organizations can support each other to further archaeological science worldwide. We expect further discussions with the ISA Standing Committee at the ISA 2018 and will keep the membership updated on the results.

We also continue to strengthen relationships with international societies such as the GMPCA (Le Groupe des Méthodes Pluridisciplinaires Contribuant à l'Archéologie) and the ARCAS (Australian Research Cluster for Archaeological Science) and SAA.

We held our 2018 general meeting at the SAA in Washington, D.C. There we met with many members and discussed SAS business, and learned from our members and received feedback from membership. Our official business meeting will be Tuesday May 22 at 12:50pm at the ISA 2018 in Merida, Mexico.

The SAS Bulletin will have some updates to its formatting and delivery. We look forward to input on these changes.

A survey was sent to membership in early 2017, compiled by Andrew Zipkin. This survey helped us understand more specifics of our membership as well as the ways that the Society can serve its members. Andrew Zipkin has also been reaching out to membership through a variety of social media, in addition to our website managed by Destiny Crider. These help for us to reach all of our members around the world.

We continue to award the R.E. Taylor student awards, travel awards and this year have also supported three student travel bursaries to the ISA 2018.

Midway through my presidency, I am working on a renewed focus on early career researchers; and look forward to the membership's support of ECRs. The Society continues to be a dynamic organization that leads in archaeological science worldwide. We are exploring some new initiatives as well as new and updated benefits to members. In order to accomplish this, we will be raising our quite reasonable membership fees. Stay tuned for more details and we look forward to feedback on these changes.