

Society for Archaeological Sciences
General meeting
Siena, Italy 13 May, 2008
Presented by Rob Sternberg, General Secretary

In attendance: Otis Crandell, Dana Drake Rosenstein, Patrick Degryse, Judy Watson, Mark Pollard, Anne Skinner, Rob Sternberg, Thilo Rehren, Sarah Wisseman, Adrian Burke, Ruth Ann Armitage, Daniel Fraser, Dave Killick, Rob Tykot

The meeting was called to order by President Thilo Rehren at 7:15 pm

Old Business

1. Rob Sternberg presented the report of Bulletin editor Christian Wells, who was not at the Symposium. Quarterly publication of the Bulletin remained on schedule. Submissions are up. Online copies remain available. Christian suggested a survey to determine the speed of international mailings (which could be done through the SurveyMonkey website that SAS has previously used). Costs of printing the Bulletin are increasing, so we may want to consider electronic alternative to the traditional hard copy. After five years of serving as editor, Christian is asking that a successor be identified.
2. The report of Vice-President for membership AJ Vonarx, who was not at the Symposium, was presented by Rob Sternberg. There were 315 members at the end of 2007, a 5% increase from 2006. Membership categories included 162 regular, 72 students, 17 institutional, and 64 lifetime members. Geographically 211 members were in the U.S., 25 in Canada, 21 in the UK, 34 in the rest of Europe, 8 in Australia and New Zealand, 11 in Asia, 3 in Latin America, and 2 in Africa. Payment through PayPal has been a success with 74 members using this service in 2007, and 118 so far in 2008. New promotional pamphlets, posters, and buttons for the Society have been developed. An online Society directory is in progress. Rachel Popelka-Filcoff will be in charge of the new SAS blog, and will assist AJ with other membership activities in the coming year.
3. Rob Sternberg orally presented the General Secretary's report. Along with AJ Vonarx, he has developed the ability to pay for membership with PayPal, and offered a discount to the optional journals as an incentive for 2008. The membership databases have been moved from Paradox software, where it has resided for many years, to Access. As part of Microsoft Office, Access is available to most officers and members.
4. Rob Sternberg presented the accounts for the calendar year 2007. Total assets at the beginning of the year were \$33,377.49, and at the end of the year were \$36,976.43 (including checks written in early 2008 for journal subscriptions).
5. Rob Sternberg proposed a budget for calendar year 2008, generally similar to recent years, but with \$500 allotted for the support of an SAA roundtable discussion at the

annual SAA meeting, and another \$500 towards support of ISA 2010 in Tampa. The motion to accept the budget was made by Anne Skinner moved and seconded by Dana Drake Rosenstein. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. We discussed ways to be involved in SAA 2009. We will try to sponsor a Roundtable discussion, with the topic to be selected in consultation with the chair of the discussion. We have funds in the budget to support this event. Adrian will work on this event. We will again try to sponsor a topical session.
2. For the North American ISA 2010, the University of South Florida proposal will be accepted by the Standing Committee. Rob Tykot will be the chair of the local committee. The symposium will be held the second week of May. Mark Pollard suggested there could be an SAS-sponsored session, and perhaps a more formal presence on the Organizing Committee. David Killick suggested the long term prospectus for archaeometry as a possible special session, similar to what was done at previous Symposia in Brookhaven and Toronto.. He also suggested the possibility of pre-posting position papers to facilitate discussion at the Symposium.
3. Publications. Standing Committee chairperson Yanis Maniatis has asked if *Archaeometry* would publish proceedings for ISA 2008, but there are too many papers. Wiley-Blackwell will make a proposal back. Yanis wants the proceedings to come out on paper, while Wiley is thinking of something online or on CD. Mark Pollard offered to present a proposal to the Oxford monograph series. Patrick Degryse also has new series, but is not interested in full conference proceedings. Thilo Rehren says the same on behalf of the *Journal of Archaeological Science*.
4. Announcements. Mark Pollard has a database of past Archaeometry Symposium. David Killick announced the revival of the journal *Archeomaterials* (no a). Next year the SAS will have an election for the next Vice-President/President-elect. The SAS business meeting in 2009 will be at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Atlanta. There will be an Archaeological Sciences of the Americas meeting in Tampa in 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.