**SPECIAL SAS GOVERNING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 11:30am**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Call-in Information and Preliminary Meeting Announcement E-mail**

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From: **Richard Crocombe** <[racrocombe@gmail.com](mailto:racrocombe@gmail.com)>  
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I've attached an updated agenda, and it's also posted in the dropbox.

Earlier this month we sent out the agenda for this meeting.  Following that, I received feedback requesting that the meeting spend most of its time on the financial situation, the 2020 budget and the road forward.  Accordingly, here’s an updated Agenda.

The intent is not to spend much time on Item 4, with the expectation that everybody has had time to look at the documents in the Dropbox.

The ‘Discussion’ section is not limited to the items noted – these are topics that had been specifically requested.

1.       Roll call

2.       Robert's Rules

3.       Minutes from the Governing Board meeting at SciX (10/14/2019)

4.       Introduction, (Richard), and introduction of Moderator for this meeting (Alex Scheeline)

a.       Materials circulated via the Dropbox – for background information

 i.      Update on Sage and Plan S

ii.      Report on 'Kaizen' meeting

 iii.      2019 Financial update

iv.      2020 Budget (Richard)

5.       Discussion

a.       E.g., How we got to where we are

b.      E.g., How SAS’s advertising is currently handled

c.       E.g., How this is going to be fixed in the future

6.       Any other business

7.       Adjournment

Respectfully,

Richard Crocombe

2020 SAS President

From: **Bonnie Saylor** <[exdir@s-a-s.org](mailto:exdir@s-a-s.org)>  
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All,

As a reminder, SAS President Richard Crocombe has called a special meeting of the SAS Governing Board on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 11:30 am EDT.  Details are in the email text below sent by Richard on December 23.  The documents for this meeting may be found in the Dropbox at the following link:  [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rcnhsjh41ml29l5/AAARW3ZC8NEghgHE5adh7oRPa?dl=0](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fsh%2Frcnhsjh41ml29l5%2FAAARW3ZC8NEghgHE5adh7oRPa%3Fdl%3D0&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7Cdcb66cd09dcf4df0cdf408d797121c4c%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637143976357852712&sdata=ZpPHyAX3hSpcAdG2SUG0RIe7rkfehndpaugxCVsm1GE%3D&reserved=0) An invite from Dropbox was sent to you as well. Note, this box may be updated prior to the start of the meeting.

We will be using Zoom for our conference call. Please follow the instructions below:

*Bonnie Saylor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
  
Topic: SAS Special Governing Board Meeting  
Time: Jan 13, 2020 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
  
Join Zoom Meeting*[*https://zoom.us/j/2507362969*](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F2507362969&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7Cdcb66cd09dcf4df0cdf408d797121c4c%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637143976357862703&sdata=iFBvI7IljwN%2Fx0DCs4t8npz2l3YmBR4ZXdUJcRMt0mg%3D&reserved=0) *Meeting ID: 250 736 2969  
  
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Bonnie Saylor

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From: **Richard Crocombe** <[racrocombe@gmail.com](mailto:racrocombe@gmail.com)>  
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December 23, 2019

To the SAS Governing Board:

On December 10th Rob Lascola sent the (2019) Governing Board (GB) an update, as we promised at the SciX Governing Board meeting.  The most significant point there was the sudden and unexpected shortfall in advertising revenue.  Following that, Rob and the Executive Committee received some requests for a formal Governing Board meeting to discuss the situation.

We had an Executive Committee (EC) conference call on December 13th.  We discussed the budget shortfall in detail, and also the requests for a Governing Board meeting.

The Society’s By-Laws state:

A.    Special Meetings - Meetings outside of the Annual Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by the Governing Board. These special meeting can occur in-person or virtually (e.g. by electronic means, such as telephone, computer or email).  If voting is required then it can also be conducted virtually.

Therefore, the EC passed this motion:

Motion that we authorize the President Elect to organize a meeting of the GB, not moderated by a voting GB member, before Jan 15, with the actual date and time at the discretion of the President elect.

 Accordingly, I am calling for a GB conference call on Monday, January 13th at 11:30am Eastern, with the expectation that it will last for 90 minutes.

Please let me know if you will be able to take part in that call, where we will give you an update on the 2019 financial situation and a revised 2020 budget.

Here are some other updates:

         As mentioned in Rob Lascola’s letter, Andrew Whitley (Marketing Chair) and I are both in the UK at present, and we took that opportunity to visit Sage (our publishing partner for *Applied Spectroscopy*) at their headquarters.  Rob noted that our previous contact, Louisa Strain, recently left Sage, so we had the opportunity to meet our new contacts, Lucinda Periac-Arnold and Neil Chesher.

         In addition, there was a spectroscopic conference at University College, London last week – the Christmas IRDG (Infrared and Raman Discussion Group) meeting.  Andrew and I both attended that meeting, and had the opportunity to talk with some European SAS members regarding how the Society could be more active in Europe – recruiting more members, having members publish more in *Applied Spectroscopy*, etc.  The Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, Sergei Kazarian, was also at the IRDG meeting, as was Ian Lewis (SAS Secretary), and both Fay Nicholson (SAS Social Media Coordinator) and Curt Marcott (former President) were invited speakers.

Finally I would like to remind everybody that SAS adopted a Conflict of Interest policy earlier in 2019.  This has been posted on our web site at: [https://www.s-a-s.org/conflict-of-interest-policy/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.s-a-s.org%2Fconflict-of-interest-policy%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7C541d1a33e25f4c41b03f08d7971224a9%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637143976512486203&sdata=q3il996gZu044IbUVda6zvIdU6ZQjfQ3g21TrU8PyOY%3D&reserved=0).  You should all be aware of this policy.

I would draw your attention in particular to:

Article VI

**Annual Statements**

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

a.    Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,

b.    Has read and understands the policy,

c.    Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d.    Understands the Society for Applied Spectroscopy is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Sincerely,

Richard Crocombe

2020 SAS President

I. Call to Order Richard Crocombe

RC called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM

II. Roll Call Ian R. Lewis

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| Title | Name | Initials | Attendance | Voting | Membership Status |
| President | Richard Crocombe | RC | Y | Y | 04/30/2020 |
| Past-President | Rob Lascola | RL | Y | Y | 08/31/2021 |
| President elect | Karl Booksh | KB | Y | Y | 08/31/2022 |
| Treasurer | Diane Parry | DP | Y | Y | Lifetime |
| Secretary | Ian R. Lewis | IL | Y | Y | Lifetime |
| Executive Director | Bonnie Saylor | BS | Y | N | NA |
| Parliamentarian | Jay Kitt | JK | Y | N | 02/29/2020 |
| **Elected Governing Board Delegates** | | | | | |
| 1 | Karen Esmonde-White | KEW | Y | Y | Exp 12/31/2020 |
| 2 | Andrew Whitley | AW | N | Y | Exp 12/31/2020 |
| 3 | Ellen Miseo | EM | Y | Y | Exp 12/31/2020 |
| 4 | Mike Blades | MB | Y | Y | Lifetime |
| 5 | Linda Kidder Yarlott | LKY | Y | Y | Exp 12/31/2020 |
| 6 | Karin Balss | KarinB | Y | Y | Exp 10/31/2020 |
| 7 | Matthieu Baudelet | MattB | Y | Y | Exp 11/30/2020 |
| 8 | Peter Harrington | PH | Y | Y | Exp 09/30/2020 |
| 9 | Luisa Profeta | LP | Y | Y | Exp 09/30/2020 |
| 10 | Gloria Story | GM | Y | Y | Lifetime |
| **Additional Attendees** | | | | | |
| Meeting Moderator | Alex Scheeline | AS | Y | N | Lifetime |
| **Additional Voting Delegate** | | | | | |
| Second Past President | Mike Carrabba | MC | N | Y | Lifetime |

Nine of 10 GB Elected Governing Board Delegates are present and all 5 EC elected Officers are present. Quorum established. Max votes = 14.

II. Roberts Rules of Order Jay Kitt

JK reads “As with past GB meetings, we will be operating under Robert’s Rules as we interpret and understand them at this meeting.  Decisions made during this meeting will be considered final.  If a clear interpretation or mutual agreement of the voting members, cannot be determined then the issue will be tabled until clarification is provided and an email vote will be performed.”

IV. Approval of Minutes from SciX 2019 GB

Due to the size of the doc (28.7 MB) it is not embedded (and remains in the Dropbox).

**Motion:** GS moves to accept the GB Minutes from SciX and LYK seconds.

Voting (Voice vote): All Aye, except 1 abstention (MattB)

III. Introductions (Richard) and introduction of Moderator for this meeting (Alex Scheeline)

RC - Materials made available to the GB in the meeting Dropbox.

## Chronology

### 10/14: SciX

* 2018 better than expected. $62k surplus vs. $11k budget.
* 2019 Journal advertising ‘doing fine’, project $120k in print ads
* 2020 budget, ‘not ideal’. Projected modest surplus

### 11/9 – 10: Kaizen

* Focus on short term, tactical opportunities

### 11/21: EC Conference call

* “Bill expects significant new advertising coming in for Nov & Dec, for the Journal and online offerings’
* Diane: advertising deficit, but doesn’t have TPM information yet. Maybe a $100k difference
* Discussion to inform the GB
  + Information received just before the meeting
  + Errors in spreadsheet
  + No time after information received to take any corrective action
  + Premature to inform the GB (vote)
  + Need updated information by 11/29

### 12/10: Rob Lascola e-mail to GB

* Letter sent to GB, with attachments, including Treasurer’s letter, spreadsheet, analysis

### 12/13 EC Conference call

* GB special meeting authorized
* Advertising revenue now estimated to be $65k
* Motion to reduce spending by 20% for 2020
* Incoming President empowered to set new budget

### 1/09 New 2020 Budget

* Sent to EC

### 1/10 EC Conference call

* Some omissions pointed out
* Some changes requested
* Phase-in salary reduction (motion)

### 1/12 Revised 2020 Budget

* Changes made
* Budget posted to GB Dropbox
* Budget does project a surplus, but there’s a lot of possible downside in advertising and sponsorship
* Expenses, especially SciX, need to be carefully controlled
* But Sparks should be cheaper than Palm Springs
* Discussions started with the FACSS organization regarding ‘capping’ SAS’s expense at the Poster Session, for instance
* We need to step up SAS’s representation on FACSS committees

### 1/13 Special GB Meeting

## RC Comments

* A major, unexpected, revenue shortfall, with minimal notice at the end of the year
* But we had expected that print advertising would decline
* Too late to do anything to affect 2019
* In addition, an overspend at SciX in Palm Springs

### Conclusions

* Can’t do business as usual - We have structural problems, and can foresee further print ad revenue reduction, and possibly loss of sponsors
* Need to devise a 2020 budget that gives a cushion for further revenue reductions
* At a high level, in the most general sense, expenses are either member benefits, or operating expense (OPEX)
* Standard business practices in these circumstances include across the board expenditure cuts, furloughs, short working hours and layoffs. (and I’ve experienced all of the those!).
* Can’t balance the books by reducing member benefits - the society exists for its members and we’re already seeing a steady decline in membership
* Therefore have to look at across the board cuts – and that’s the 2020 budget

### Increasing Revenues

* Yes, we need to increase revenue as well, and reverse the membership trends
* That was a focus of the Kaizen event, and also the visit that Andrew and I had with Sage in London. See summaries in the Dropbox
* We will continue with these initiatives, but don’t expect any short term effects – cannot bake these into the 2020 budget, but they would be ‘upside’ if they happen
* Note also that after Pittcon we will be into the 2021 budget cycle, and should use 2020 as a basis for that

### Other

* The contract with our Sales & Marketing partner, TPM, formally expired at the end of 2019
* And so we are looking at our next steps there.

RC: That’s the preliminary information and AS will moderate the remainder of the meeting including any discussion.

AS discusses the use of the Chat function in Zoom and designates that that is the way for an attendee to request to have the floor. IL: Asks a question about where the Chat function is located. AS and JK explain. IL: Thanks.

a.i Update on Sage and Plan S

 

a.ii. Report on 'Kaizen' meeting



a.iii. 2019 Financial update

  

a.iv. 2020 Budget (Richard)



AS calls on RC to present the 2020 budget.

RC - Restates the EC motion from the Dec EC meeting (12-13-2019) “"Have the President-elect implement a 2020 budget, effective Jan 1 that uses the income and expense presented by the Treasurer to the EC and GB on Dec 10 implementing a compulsory 20% reduction on all non-mandatory operational expenses.”

On the revenue - used the 2019 actuals; investment revenue moved to below the line by the EC (as its unrealized income). Market did well in 2019, and may not be so good in 2020. On expense side, reduced Office Salaries for 2020 and at EC meeting on 01/10/2020 a motion was passed to phase in the salary decrease over 3-4 months (RC has included that in the budget presented. Numbers in green can’t touch (examples given). Things like ad commissions, are linked to sales. Things in salmon color are reduced by 20%. Around lines 6400, then SAS-expenses at SciX are noted. Items needing control include sponsorship of sessions. Going to the bottom, a net income (surplus) of approximately $43,000. RC has also looked at the deltas including downside and risks. There are risks in membership income, corporate sponsorship income, advertising revenue income, and expense at SciX. RC hands back to AS to moderate discussion.

KEW – Richard this is a good place to start. With respect to SciX, expenses are more or less depending on the venue. Would like to ensure that further consideration is given on how to have a great member experience and reconsider the Sunday member event. Keep Poster session and Wine & Cheese Strong. Member event as expensive as $200 per person. It’s a fixed bucket might be better spent elsewhere. BS: Notes that the member event started with a $10k budget was reduced several years ago to $5k. Palm Springs was expensive and overspent the budget. Marketing committee wanted to spend the money. Event is well below $100 a person. At Palm Springs the Member event was capped (based on number of Jeeps required). IL: How many members attended? BS - hard number not recalled. Estimated that 60 members attended; other events in the past ~70-100. IL: Asks about the cost of the Wine and Cheese per member. BS: No door count, about 250 members; budget was ~$18k, spend if disputed charges resolve in SAS’s favor then F&B portion of event will be ~$19k. IL: So about $75 a head on the F&B part of the bill. BS: About right.

MB: His focus, advertising revenue has declined. Any expectation that it can be reversed? What are we doing to diversify? RC: Sage meeting exploratory leading to specific proposals that diversify. Opinion is that the decline in print advertising is permanent. Need to expand electronic offerings. DP: doing an income evaluation. Costs of print journal is also coming down. Income down at about the same rate as costs coming down. Online journal advertising needs to be increased. Not as worried about decline in print advertising – not all going away.

GS: Suggest supporting Stephanie and Bill (TPM) by members promoting SAS to members’ vendors. Push our members to push vendors to be advertisers or sponsors. Vendors listen to people buying instruments. Ask member to go via our website to go to vendors’ links (demonstrates utility of our site to vendors and increase our site traffic). DP: Bruker and Hellma coming back as sponsors. MB: Is Bill (TPM) capable of doing more or should we do more international work as RC is proposing? RC: Not working hard enough on international opportunities and Bill is not capable (international). DP: Plan was never to have Bill do the international work, Sage or someone overseas (international Bill). Haven’t done this before because the percentage of the income that the sales channel (Sage) wants is significant (nearly twice Bill’s contracted percentage). Sage has international team. RC: EM and RC have provided lists of target vendors and names to Bill. See comments on what Sage could do in the Sage report.

KEW – Bill and TPM – SAS are in competition with journals and publishers, offering more. For example, lead tracking and lead nurturing. No plan for Sage or TPM to do this. Providing a product of interest to sponsors is important and maybe beyond Sage or TPM. We need a strong position now and for 5 years from now. DP: Agrees. Everything you (KEW) said is true. Expand offering and change. SAS slow in changing and need to make a leap forward. EM: RC noted that the TPM contract expired at end of 2019. What’s going on? RC: RC and AW make a proposal to move forward to the EC at Feb meeting. DP: Bill is still working with us, 10 insertion orders for 2020 already. RC: Issues with TPM, including lack of a CRM (where contact, contracts, and insertions orders) can be seen, will help with visibility and avoid SAS leadership being surprised. EM: Second question, GS says Bruker lost as a sponsor. How in the world does this happen? Should not happen? Who is being contacted? BS: Bruker was a sponsor a while ago and they stopped. There are new people now there who had a different take on sponsoring us. Stephanie and Bill do follow-up with sponsors who are no longer with us and we do contact people based on our database. Not just Bill, Stephanie as well.

EM: We mentioned new valuable products. Who will put together new products, who will put those together? Who is that someone? DP: Webinars – fits with training programs. New web committee. Part of AW Marketing effort? RL: Most of the product efforts go via AW committee. AW has stated before he is not prepared to rush something out, not appear before its ready and effort is towards sustainability. AW has expressed this directly to EM as part of the Training and Certification committee – the deliberate approach. EM: Everyone of these (on AW committees) are volunteers. Request is of volunteers – volunteers developing products. Where is the infrastructure? RC: Comments. Advantage of Sage they have lots of infrastructure.

LKY: Revisiting Journal information. DP notes that print costs are going down are subscriptions going down? Strong content and are we reaching a large market? DP: Don’t have final numbers for 2019, final Sage numbers and distribution will come to SAS in March and April (2020). Sage, subscriptions doing a good job. Sage bundles. Reach of the journal increasing. Sage bundle are liked in the eyes of subscribers. Data is healthy. [Note: See Appendix for comments on revenue certainty from Sage received after this meeting.] LKY – Requests more info on TPM and Journal more frequently from the Treasurer. RL: TPM reporting frequencies is listed in the contract. Bill has been responsive when we’ve asked and SAS has probably not had consistent communications/requests. LKY: Calendar reporting – should have know at SciX. RL: Returns/performance were consistent in recent prior years and we didn’t feel the need to keep as clase as eye on things as we are motivated to do so now after 2019 preformance. DP: We had numbers from Bill at SciX. Big surprised to us and him because the money didn’t come in. Something odd happened. Presented the best data we had. 2018 came in and we believed the projections then. Will be tighter in the future. AS calls on PH. Audio problem. Asks (via Chat) to come back to him

IL: Comments, lead time on print journal is 5 to 6 weeks. At SciX in Oct, we should have known that Nov was closed and Dec was closing. RC: At FACSS should have complete view of year end. Now we should have a complete view for several months of 2020. Not a satisfactory situation, and introducing a CRM will help with visibility. IL: AW leading the CRM selection, and as a Sales professional is qualified to support this.

PH: SciX was his very first publications meeting. There from a strategic point of view, he had noted that print version is going away in 5 to 10 years. Suggested that SAS target advertising on cover sheets in pdfs of the articles. This way ads spreads as pdf are distributed. RC: exploratory Sage discussion in December. Concreate proposal needed from SAS to Sage. Ads in perpetuity. RL: Discussion along this line for a year, PH, Kathy Gough comments at the Publications meeting at SciX made Sage more receptive. It’s been a process where Sage was initially not receptive, but they have slowly moved in this directon. RC: Table of Contents mailer – that’s a SAS product could do something on this without Sage. IL: Noted that during his preliminary contract discussion with Sage in 2014 and 2015 pushed to get a why SAS, join SAS blurb. Was unsuccessful then. Sorry about that. Hope we can get something like that in the future – added to downloads.

PH: Hearing grumbling about SciX. Difficult-to-get-to locations. Looking for information about Atlanta vs Palm Springs. KEW: SciX made money in Atlanta about $50k. RC: Pushing FACSS to affordable locations and for distributions to member organizations – that’s SAS’s current push. Distribution is based on a formula. Let’s go to affordable location – recent push. IL: Argument he has heard is not about affordable locations but complaint is about easy airlift. Fewer plane changes and thus go to location that is easily accessible. RL: At Sparks (SciX 2020) hotel rebate – FACSS will redistribute this to member orgs. DP: No financial help since 2016. Time to get some money. National meetings produce income to fund a turn around. Office sells sponsorships. SciX just an expense. KB: Contrarian though. SciX not a cash cow but a quality recruiting venue. EM: Strategy to engage with SciX. IL comment on SAS interaction with SciX. Disjointed approach, SAS Delegates not briefed or institutionally empowered. SAS haven’t engaged with appropriate FACSS committees. SAS should also remember that choices on locations are made as far away as 5 years out. Request now will take several years to implement and by then new people. Need to recall what we ask of FACSS which maybe different now than when asked. We haven’t capitalized on the growth of SciX. We haven’t retained students. SAS delegates need to be prepared when they are on FACSS committees. EM: SAS needs a long-term strategy towards SciX.

GS: Makes the following statement.

“We need Bonnie and Stephanie - the face of our Society to all members - past, current, and future

We can't afford to hire the number of people to do what they do (Bonnie is now our book keeper). We don't have volunteers to do these jobs.

As Diane says in her budget ppt, our "overhead" is only 11.2% of our budget. Excellent!!

This should be shared just like any other non-profit shares to tell possible donators they are a worthy cause.

What can we do instead?

Eliminate our face-to-face meetings at PittCon.

Only Bonnie, Stephanie, the Prez-elect, and the student rep really need to physically be there if we can get FACSS to also use Zoom for their meetings.

Overspending at SciX:

Session sponsorship - use a portion of the sections budget to support this

Downsize the costs of our member event before SciX - the goal is to gather our members together before the meeting starts.

I think we should combine it with the opening plenary before the poster session...make that event fun and a gathering for our members.

I support the flat $$ we will contribute to the opening poster session until FACSS can start sharing income again; we could ask Coblentz

to help a bit with the Student poster and awards. They are our partners, along with FACSS, and we need a little help

Support Stephanie and Bill's efforts at advertising. Encourage all SAS members to mention it with their vendors.

We would love it if you support SAS and have a presence there. Be a sponsor. Contact Stephanie today!

We got Bruker back because I nagged Tom Tague when he was providing training for us at P&G! He said he had no idea they weren't sponsoring and got it fixed pronto!

Encourage our members to access their vendors thru our website. It helps us as it helps them.

Donations are down...Be honest with all membership...our cash cow is more a cash calf now...will you support your Society with donations and/or volunteer some time

or talent today?

I really like the virtual meeting idea, as Bonnie suggested over the years. We could create a SciX in Review virtual meeting after SciX in order to share with our members that can't attend all the main exciting points from SciX. We could do this with biweekly Zoom events that cover our main topics...

LIBS, Molecular Spec., Chemometrics/AI/PAT, etc.

The potential savings will help with our much-needed Awards and Wine and Cheese events, that have been excellent BTW

Adding training content...ask our members to share webinars that make sense. For example, at P&G, we are working with Sandy Asher to provide a webinar on the utility of UV-Raman for our Raman spectroscopists. He has agreed for us to record it to share with SAS.”

Concludes comments and Thanks for listening.

KEW – Fixed budget for SciX Posters. Suggestion to ask to incorporate others and share costs – exclusive SAS-branding, can’t have it both ways. RC: Conversation started with FACSS over this weekend.

EM: Question to the EC. Is budget presented to the GB in place? RC: Yes motion from EC in Dec has it in place. EM: GS ideas interesting. But no impact in 2020.

**Motion:** EM makes a motion. “The Executive Committee should investigate hiring a professional management corporation to carry out day-to-day SAS business. Such business should include at a minimum have experience with scientific professional societies, provide support in financial management, provide services in member acquisition and retention, have experience in training and certification programs, have experience providing modern technology and social media support and be able to provide marketing and publicity support. Additional duties shall be decided on development of an RFP. The Executive Committee should present to the governing board a list of firms to whom the RFP will be sent no later than March 15, 2020, receive bids from the organizations by June 15, 2020, complete evaluation of those bids by August 15, 2020  and a vote to hire the winning bidder should be anticipated for SciX 2020, with duties to be assumed 1/1/21. The Governing board shall be kept apprised of these milestones by email and teleconferences and be informed of the final vote by the EC at the Governing Board meeting at SciX 2020.” KEW seconds.

DP: Do this again, approach was taken in 2014. Why do it again? Need to get onto the task of providing better Member benefits. Member benefits vs office replacement? Huge distraction. Current Office expenses similar to the costs of the 2014 proposals. EM: Comment, lots of changes have happened since 2015 investigating will have some impact 2020. RC: Fiduciary duty to examine, and also look at alternatives to TPM. DP: No objections to alternatives to TPM. Objects to looking for Office alternatives. IL: Reminds the GB about the 2014 search. Disagree with some of the specifics that DP cited, but unwilling to engage in point to point rebuttal given time. KB: No decision, we may decide we could keep the current staff – but that does change our responsibility to look every 5 years. No downside but some effort. RL: Milestones seem to be based on opportunity to influence 2021 budget. Appears to be a fast timeframe, is that an accurate assessment. EM: We have the learning from 2014, and timeframe is similar to the timeframes seen in RFP process. Don’t think this is accelerated schedule. There are resources available. RL: Asks about recent FACSS search timeframe. IL: Time point is reasonable given the less than 6 months it took FACSS to conduct their search and selection. IL believes AS was involved in the transition of FACSS from SAS in the 1990’s and asks for his commentary. AS noted he was FACSS GB Chair two years before and was not involved in transition. IL apologizes. JK: Looking at the time, doing again in 5 years, a lot of effort. DP: Significant time sink. EM: Seems a generous timeframe given that its being done by volunteers. Need to go through this process, and it’s potentially financial advantageous. Not saying we will do this in 5 years. Suffering from shortfall, TPM not being managed, have to look at this. IL Notes that the search was under 6 months. Still some transition difficulties being worked through even now. DP: SciX transition has seen some misses. Turn over in leadership. We should be prepared for long-term turmoil if we change to institutional management. Need to consult members on this decision. Bonnie and Stephanie are face of the Society. Overall a time sink which would be better spent on moving the Society forward. RC: EC and GB are clearly empowered to make a decision. Detail documents and effort in 2014 exist and can be used as a start. LKY: Continuity of current office not guaranteed and no long-term contract is in place. Current approach not the best solution going forward. AS: Notes the meeting time. RC: Move to a vote.

Voting: AS conducts a roll-call vote. Aye 12, Nay 2 ***Motion Passed***.

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| President | Richard Crocombe | RC | Y |  |  |
| Past-President | Rob Lascola | RL | Y |  |  |
| President elect | Karl Booksh | KB | Y |  |  |
| Treasurer | Diane Parry | DP |  | Y |  |
| Secretary | Ian R. Lewis | IL | Y |  |  |
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| 3 | Ellen Miseo | EM | Y |  |  |
| 4 | Mike Blades | MB | Y |  |  |
| 5 | Linda Kidder Yarlott | LKY | Y |  |  |
| 6 | Karin Balss | KarinB | Y |  |  |
| 7 | Matthieu Baudelet | MattB | Y |  |  |
| 8 | Peter Harrington | PH | Y |  |  |
| 9 | Luisa Profeta | LP | Y |  |  |
| 10 | Gloria Story | GM |  | Y |  |

**Motion**: EM motions that “Until this is sorted out, the EC should schedule regular GB meetings to inform the GB of progress, 1 in April, 1 in July and the GB at SciX. IL: Seconds.

RC Accepts this. Duty to keep GB informed.

Voting: AS conducts a roll-call vote Aye 14 (Unanimous). ***Motion Passed***.

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X. Adjourn

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn. RC proposes and IL seconded.

Voting: Unanimous Aye. ***Motion Passed***

RC closed the meeting at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Ian R. Lewis

SAS Secretary 2018-2020

**APPENDIX A**

**Information Supplied to the GB prior to the meeting and not discussed**

All information has been included in the notes above.



**APPENDIX B**

**New Information Received from SAGE post meeting and not thus discussed**

On Jan 14th, 2020 the EC received two threads from Sage about initiatives and Plan S which Richard has asked to be included in the minutes for GB improved communications and transparency purposes.

**Item 1.**

***Thread 1 – Communication to the EC about Applied Spectroscopy Revenues and Sage***



---------- Forwarded message ---------  
From: **Richard Crocombe** <[racrocombe@gmail.com](mailto:racrocombe@gmail.com)>  
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Subject: Fwd: Applied Spectroscopy revenues from Sage  
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Cc: Mike M. Carrabba Sr. <[mcarrabba@rrslabs.com](mailto:mcarrabba@rrslabs.com)>

Here's a follow-up e-mail from Lucinda at Sage.

Despite what she says, I think we should press for ads in 'Focal Point' downloads - there aren't that many of them, and they have the greatest number of downloads.  I also think that the idea of including a pitch for SAS is good.  Andrew and I will work on these issues.

Regards,

Richard

Richard Crocombe

2020 SAS President

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Date: Tue, Jan 14, 2020 at 5:20 AM  
Subject: RE: Applied Spectroscopy revenues from Sage  
To: Richard Crocombe <[racrocombe@gmail.com](mailto:racrocombe@gmail.com)>, Neil Chesher <[Neil.Chesher@sagepub.co.uk](mailto:Neil.Chesher@sagepub.co.uk)>  
Cc: Andrew Whitley <[andrew.whitley@horiba.com](mailto:andrew.whitley@horiba.com)>, Diane Ashley <[keadash4@live.com](mailto:keadash4@live.com)>

Dear Richard.

Happy new year, thank you for your follow up email, and apologies for the delay in my response. I was wanting to make sure I had the right information to give you on the paywall ban before I sent it on.

It was great to meet you both, and it was indeed a productive meeting.

To respond to your questions in kind:

1.       Certainty of revenues. Yes, to confirm where we are seeing higher levels of attrition, we can choose to run a telerenewal campaign to better encourage renewal of subscriptions.  It is unlikely that we would see any sudden plummeting in revenues, based on my past experience.

2.       For each paid download, the SAS receives 45% in royalty payment.   In 2018, there were just under $7000 in pay per view (PPV) revenues (so, not including annual subscriptions) and the SAS received just over $3000 in royalty.  You can see this in the royalty statement that Louisa would have sent to you last Spring.  2019 numbers have not yet been finalised, but I have requested a report from the relevant team on both 2018 and 2019 numbers of PPV downloads.

3.       SAGE do currently comply with US embargo rules on publication, you can read about our green open access archiving policy here, and might note that we go one step further and do not impose a 12 month embargo on the policy: [https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/journal-author-archiving-policies-and-re-use](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuk.sagepub.com%2Fen-gb%2Feur%2Fjournal-author-archiving-policies-and-re-use&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7Cf4499b24ec4a4a972dcf08d79915b398%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637146190835008454&sdata=poFPwNr1JUNJ6NfzZoXPbpNb0gJxko5s%2FxPRTlzNHCg%3D&reserved=0)

4.       With respect to a White House paywall ban. Please see the attached memo from Bob Howard, our Senior VP for Research at SAGE.  I will send the same document in reply the other email chain sent through the Christmas period around this issue, with other members of the SAS/Applied Spec team.  Please note that this initial response from SAGE was written in December and is now a month old, however since the order did not emerge before Christmas as anticipated, it is still relevant.

Finally, I wanted to revisit a couple of actions that came out of our meeting around some other issues:

1.       Attached is an infographic which shows what marketing services Applied Spec can expect to receive with the new marketing structure, I hope that this reassures you that there won’t be any massive changes to the level of service you have come to expect, if any.

2.       Digital Ads in PDF Downloads for Focal Point Reviews: Having discussed this with our production department, and in view of Neil’s experience that generally there is negative feedback from readers on the appearance of digital ads in downloads, we will not be able to go ahead with that experiment. Unfortunately to include those ads in the PDFs is incredibly manual, and it’s something that we just don’t have the resources to cover.

3.       Opt-in Email Alerts for ASP:

Last eTOC for ASP (Nov 2019); 85 emails sent

Nov OnlineFirst Alerts sent (Nov 2019): 345 sent

Meaning that in the region of 345-430 people have opted in to receive the Table of Content alerts for Applied Spec (unfortunately we can’t separate out overlaps between eToC and OnlineFirst sign ups, so there may be people who receive both, hence the range of sign up’s reported).

I think that covers all of the requested information from our meeting, however if I have forgotten something, please do let me know.

With best wishes,  
Lucinda

**From:** Richard Crocombe <[racrocombe@gmail.com](mailto:racrocombe@gmail.com)>   
**Sent:** 03 January 2020 17:07  
**To:** Lucinda Periac-Arnold <[lucinda.periacarnold@sagepub.co.uk](mailto:lucinda.periacarnold@sagepub.co.uk)>; Neil Chesher <[Neil.Chesher@sagepub.co.uk](mailto:Neil.Chesher@sagepub.co.uk)>  
**Cc:** Andrew Whitley <[andrew.whitley@horiba.com](mailto:andrew.whitley@horiba.com)>; Diane Ashley <[keadash4@live.com](mailto:keadash4@live.com)>  
**Subject:** Applied Spectroscopy revenues from Sage

**[ EXTERNAL ]**

Lucinda, Neil:

Thank you for hosting Andrew and me just before Christmas.  That was a productive and informative meeting.

We did ask about the certainty of the revenue number from Applied Spectroscopy, and my notes on that conversation are:

* Sage does have renewal campaigns
  + There is some attrition year-over-year, but it’s generally consistent, no huge difference year-over-year.  There are small fluctuations in permissions, etc.
  + Any change would not be sudden

We didn't ask about revenue from downloads - can you give me some details there?

* For a paid download, how much revenue comes to SAS?
* Typically,how many paid downloads are there per year?

In the US, I believe that the current policy from Government funding agencies is that access to US-Government-funded research has to be 'open access' after one year.  Is Sage implementing this?

Just before Christmas there were 'leaks'or 'rumo(u)rs' coming out of the White House that the US Government was going over to an open access model.  That doesn't seem to have happened (yet).  But if it did, do you have an estimate on what effect that could have on revenues to SAS?

Thank you,

Richard Crocombe

2020 SAS President

**Item 2.**

***Thread 2 – Communication to the EC about Paywalls and Federal funded research,***

Note the pdf below is a copy of the pdf in ***Thread 1*** but maintained for consistency.



---------- Forwarded message ---------  
From: **Richard Crocombe** <[racrocombe@gmail.com](mailto:racrocombe@gmail.com)>  
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Subject: Fwd: Publishers blast rumored ban on paywalls for federally funded research  
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See the e-mail above - Response from Lucinda at Sage on the rumored White House publication initiative.

Note Sage's Policy:

It is worth noting that SAGE already has a zero-embargo policy for accepted manuscripts, allowing authors to post the accepted version of their manuscript at any point, either to repositories like PMC or to preprint servers. This would be in compliance with the proposed Executive Order, but we believe these shifts in the market are better addressed by working with our partner scholarly societies and the organizations that fund our authors rather than being forced through by Executive Order.

Is this policy widely known among our authors?  Would publicizing it be a plus or a minus for us, and for authors?

Regards,

Richard

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Dear All,

Apologies for the delay in my response. I have been awaiting some information from our US team before I engaged with this, as at the point this email was first sent, the rumours hadn’t reached us here in the UK.  Please see an attached communication from SAGE setting out our position.

Please note that this communication from SAGE was written in December and is now a month old, however since the order did not emerge before Christmas as anticipated, it is still relevant.

Any questions or concerns at all, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

All the best,

Lucinda

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**Sent:** 28 December 2019 10:17  
**To:** Michael Blades <[blades@chem.ubc.ca](mailto:blades@chem.ubc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Sergei G Kazarian <[s.kazarian@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:s.kazarian@imperial.ac.uk)>; Kristin MacDonald <[kristin\_macdonald@chem.ubc.ca](mailto:kristin_macdonald@chem.ubc.ca)>; Lucinda Periac-Arnold <[lucinda.periacarnold@sagepub.co.uk](mailto:lucinda.periacarnold@sagepub.co.uk)>; Robert Lascola <[robert.lascola@srnl.doe.gov](mailto:robert.lascola@srnl.doe.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Publishers blast rumored ban on paywalls for federally funded research

**[ EXTERNAL ]**

There were rumors that the White House would try to sneak this out just before Christmas to avoid any publicity or pushback, but that didn't seem to happen.

Why they are interested in doing this, I don't know.  Publishers have already written to the White House - see attached.

Here are some other web links:

[https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/12/science-groups-senator-warn-trump-administration-not-change-publishing-rules?utm\_campaign=news\_daily\_2019-12-18&et\_rid=40156339&et\_cid=3130168](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sciencemag.org%2Fnews%2F2019%2F12%2Fscience-groups-senator-warn-trump-administration-not-change-publishing-rules%3Futm_campaign%3Dnews_daily_2019-12-18%26et_rid%3D40156339%26et_cid%3D3130168&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7Ca03350367d274622ae6608d79918bc70%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637146203852824458&sdata=2cWBe%2Belirb3OgvcaYXyKEPJEINdbCyJlbDWcUEkcdI%3D&reserved=0)

[https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2019/12/19/21029902/open-access-trump](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vox.com%2Fscience-and-health%2F2019%2F12%2F19%2F21029902%2Fopen-access-trump&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7Ca03350367d274622ae6608d79918bc70%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637146203852824458&sdata=IzOb6ulKe8tGfFsVtfzOHgy%2FSOCJhBwyM%2BzZiq%2Fmn6w%3D&reserved=0)

[https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03926-1](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nature.com%2Farticles%2Fd41586-019-03926-1&data=02%7C01%7Cian.lewis%40endress.com%7Ca03350367d274622ae6608d79918bc70%7C52daf2a93b734da4ac6a3f81adc92b7e%7C1%7C0%7C637146203852834450&sdata=cvtbivwC%2FnBBGnjurJ9pvU6DpRYTMIUOLs%2Bj3JHPdow%3D&reserved=0)

 Richard

On Fri, Dec 27, 2019 at 11:53 AM Michael Blades <[blades@chem.ubc.ca](mailto:blades@chem.ubc.ca)> wrote:

I just read this today.  I hadn’t heard this “rumor” of a ban on paywalls for federally funded research in the US before reading this article.

Lucinda, do you know anything about this it?

**Publishers blast rumored ban on paywalls for federally funded research**

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