

## VI-I-Student Representative

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### Student Representative Report to the SAS Executive Committee

This is my final conference as the SAS Student Representative. I would like to extend my thanks to the Executive Committee for allowing my voice to represent the student body, and for their support and constructive feedback during my tenure. I would also like to thank the office staff for their guidance and friendship. The last two years have provided insight into the operation of the Society and that experience will be invaluable as my career moves forward.

Starting January 1, 2016, the incoming student representative will officially begin his two-year term. I will send him previous student reports and will aid in any way necessary through the transition.

With my remaining time, I will work on:

- Delivering **student content** that can be shared via the newsletter. My previously stated goal was three profiles a year. In 2015, Pierre Negri's profile was featured in February, Benjamin Manard's profile was featured in March, and Ingeborg Peterson's profile is to be featured in September. I'll work with the incoming student representative to ensure at least three appear in 2016. Furthermore, I'll explore with him some ideas I previously floated that he may want to spearhead (i.e., *a question-and-answer piece with a long-standing SAS member and how their careers have benefitted from a Society membership*).
- Improving the **student section of the website**. I've stated this goal before and haven't yet achieved much – at minimum, I'd like to see a section of "SAS Student Pictures". I have collected a fair amount over the years and making them visible will reinforce a part of the Society's value as a close-knit community. I'll work with the incoming student representative to introduce him to other potential sections that could produce value (previously mentioned options such as "SAS Career Advice", "Previous Award Winners", "Testimonials", etc.).

#### Items of SAS Student Business:

- Review of student event at Pittcon 2015

The student event was held March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at a typical Bourbon Street bar called Bourbon Cowboy. Appetizers and drinks were complimentary to students, and those in attendance (approximately 50 members) were treated to a genuine balcony experience along with exceptional mechanical bull performances by SAS President Dianne Parry and Past-President Ian Lewis. The event was kept within budget and I wrote a summary of the night that was published in the May 2015 newsletter.

- Student event at SciX 2015

Providence is a challenging city to organize something unique in due to its small size. Regardless, we've organized an event in a relatively new gastropub called the GPub in the basement of the ProvidenceG building. Appetizers and drinks will be complimentary to students (as usual). The bar has shuffleboard, pool, and karaoke, and is close to the conference venue – all things which encourage successful attendance. There is also a rooftop bar in the building which offers scenic views of the city on clear nights. It is scheduled for **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015** (Monday) from 8 – 11 pm. I haven't finished an event poster at the time of writing (August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015) but the advertisement will be forwarded when it's completed. Everyone on the Executive Committee is welcome to attend.

- SAS student ambassador program

As stated in my Pittcon report, there was one applicant selected by the EC in the 2015 cohort after instituting a new submission deadline for the ambassador program. Craig McLean attended the AGU conference in December 2014 and

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his report was published in the February 2015 newsletter. Anna Donnell was part of the 2014 cohort but was approved for the European Winter Plasma conference held in February 2015. Her report was received in June and published in the July 2015 newsletter.