

2016/2017 Division & Class Report to the ACerS Board of Directors

Division/Class: Art, Archaeology and Conservation Science Division

Current Division/Class Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

Chair: **Darryl Butt** Chair-Elect: President: President-Elect Vice-chair: **John McCloy** Vice-President: Secretary: **Blythe McCarthy** Secretary-Elect: Secretary/Treasurer: Treasurer: Trustee: **Ed Fuller** Parliamentarian: Counselor: Counselor:

Incoming Division Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

Note: most Divisions change officers at the ACerS Annual Meeting in October (MS&T). If your Division changes officers at another time, please indicate when incoming officers will begin their terms:

Chair: John McCloy Chair-Elect: President: President-Elect Vice-chair: Blythe McCarthy Vice-President: Secretary: Patricia Marie McGuiggan Secretary-Elect: Secretary/Treasurer: Treasurer: Glenn Gates Trustee: Ed Fuller Parliamentarian: Counselor: Counselor:

Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2016 through Oct. 2017):

This is the 5th full year of AACS. This year we maintained 96 members (slightly down from 110 in last years' report). We held our 2nd symposium for the division, this time at MS&T2016 (October 2016) in Salt Lake City, "Art and cultural heritage: discovery and education". We had 25 presentations

(including 10 student presentations) in 2 sessions over 2 days. The symposium was very well attended.

We had two officers withdraw, so some time and effort was spent in finding replacements.

Our activity for 2017 is a workshop at the museums and conservation institutes near Washington, D.C. (see below).

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2017 – October 2018):

In Dec 11-15, 2017, we will host ~10 graduate students & post-docs, plus a few senior personnel, at a set of events in the Washington, D.C. area focusing on art/archaeology/conservation science, emphasizing ceramics. We have obtained \$2500 in supplemental funds from ACERS to support the students' travel.

The workshop is currently planned to include: Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute, Museum of Natural History, University of Maryland, College Park, and Freer Gallery of Art—National Gallery of Art.

New Initiatives/Opportunities: None planned.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 7, 2017 meeting: None at this time. We will continue to hold teleconferences. Our next face-to-face board meeting is planned for MS&T18.

Issues/Concerns:

The membership of the Division has been flat for the past few years, hovering around 100 members. There is considerable competition from other organizations for the types of interdisciplinary members that we seek. We need to continue to work on recruitment both within and outside of the society.

Additional Items of Note:

The Division should consider establishing an award focused on Science and Cultural Heritage. The Division nominated its first Fellow, Pam Vandiver, who became a Fellow 6/1/17. The Division received permission from ACerS to reproduce copies of the out of print volumes of proceedings on Art and Archeology.

The Division has had a number of discussions about expanding international membership. Toward that end, we are currently discussing expanding our meetings to include events at the PacRim. We had a number of international participants at our Salt Lake City symposium which has led to further discussions with members in South America and Europe.

Darryl Butt will be delivering two invited lectures at the Serbian Ceramic Society meeting in September, one of which will be on the subject of Science, Art, and Education.

Financial Statement: (Including year-end summary of expenditures from the Division's Funds) Attached

Submitted By: John McCloy and Darryl Butt