



**2017/2018 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)

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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: _____

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Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2017 through Oct. 2018):

This is the 6th full year of AACs. This year we maintained 123 members (slightly up from 100 in last years' report).

Our main activity for 2017 was a workshop at the museums and conservation institutes near Washington, D.C. (see below). On Dec 11-15, 2017, we hosted 7 graduate students & post-docs (Zheng-Arizona, Weaver-NIST, Duggins-Northwestern, Hiebert-UMD, Zehoffer-UND, Hu-Utah, Clauser-OSU), plus a few senior AACS members (Gates, McCloy, McCarthy), at a set of events in the Washington, D.C. area focusing on art/archaeology/conservation science, emphasizing ceramics. We previously obtained \$2500 in supplemental funds from ACERS to support the students' travel. The workshop included: Museum Support Center of the Smithsonian Institution Museum Conservation Institute (Ed Vincenzi, Thomas Lam), Cultural Resources Center of the National Museum of the American Indian (Beth Holford, Emily Kaplan, Antonio Curet, Maria Martinez), Smithsonian Museum of Natural History (Jane Walsh, Timothy Rose and Scott Whittaker), University of Maryland College Park (Ray Phaneuf, Richard Weiss, Richard Livingston, Ed Vincenzi, Mohamad AlSheikhly, Jamie Weaver, John McCloy, Lynn Brostoff, workshop participants), National Gallery of Art (John Delaney, Kate Dooley), and Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery (Blythe McCarthy). Students were exposed to a wide range of museum job types, analytical equipment, and artifacts.

We will hold our 3rd symposium for the division, at MS&T2018 (October 2018) in Columbus, "Art and Cultural Heritage: Reverse Engineering: Art and Cultural Heritage: Reverse Engineering". We have 15 presentations in 2 sessions for a single day scheduled. Our keynote is by Lucy Cooper from the Harvard Art Museum on Jun Ware ceramics. We anticipate that the symposium will be very well attended. ACerS supplemental funds were also used for funding the MS&T18 registrations for Ron Bishop, Senior Research Archaeologist at the Smithsonian Institution, and Silvana Carrizo, an Argentinian metallurgy scholar, who also received support for travel.

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2018 – October 2019):

October 27-31, 2019:

PACRIM13 in Okinawa, Japan

AACS is in the preliminary planning stage to have a presence in conjunction with Anya Dani, Conservator, at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. Several of the AACS members are planning to attend this meeting.

New Initiatives/Opportunities:

None planned.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 13, 2018 meeting:

None to report.

Issues/Concerns:

It would be nice if ACERS could provide a website/ archive space for documents (reports, financials, etc) to be handed down through the officers. One that is 'owned' and managed by ACERS.

The membership of the Division has been relatively flat for the past few years, hovering around 100 members (though we are a bit up this year). 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 gained 2 new Fellows this year, Glenn Gates and John McCloy.

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

Attached

Submitted By: John S. McCloy, 9/5/18