



## 2024 Annual Report of the SAA

### 2024 General Assembly

The 2024 General Assembly (GA) of the Sequence Analysis Association (SAA) will take place online from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.

### 2023 Annual Report

The 2023 GA took place in December 2023. Twenty-six members participated in the organized poll, and 26 approved the 2022 Annual Report.

### 2023 Updating the Bylaws

In December 2023, the SAA voted to update Article 7 of the SAA bylaws regarding the frequency of holding a GA Ordinary Meeting from “once every year” to “at least once every two years.” Twenty-four members voted to approve the change while two disapproved. The updating has taken effect.

### Scientific Events

- The successful SAA webinar series was continued and organized in 2024 by Tim F. Liao, with the assistance of the executive committee.
- During 2024, 17 individual presentations are featured, including four more yet to come later this year. Presentations were recorded except those work-in-progress presentations.
- We continued the successful work-in-progress presentations where the presenters may benefit from the experiences of seasoned SA developers and users, and generally SAA members. We have so far featured eight such presentations, with four more yet to come in December 2024. We plan to continue this work-in-progress webinar format in 2025.

### Potential SAA Conference

The EC held several rounds of discussions regarding a possible SAA conference. In the end, we agreed to propose a small-scale conference that may take place on the day before the Population Association of America (PAA) conference (using the same facility with PAA’s sponsorship). The organizing committee consists of Tim F. Liao (chair), Ariel Azar, Danilo Bolano, and Carla Rowold. As of now, we do not yet know the fate of our proposal to the PAA for a 2025 meeting. If it does not get PAA’s support this time, we will keep this option open for a future year.



## Finance

In accordance with the decision taken at the 2022 General Assembly, the SAA has a zero budget for this period. The Web site of the association as well as the domain, web hosting, and software license fees were financed through funding provided by Matthias Studer at the University of Geneva. The site, the list of members, and the newsletter are managed on a voluntary basis by executive committee members. Likewise, the bibliographic database is updated by volunteers.

## Membership

The SAA membership has been on a healthy, moderate increase in the past year. As of today (November 29, 2024) the SAA has 447 regularly registered members.

## Executive Committee

The president and executive committee members were nominated in December 2022 for two years. There was no election in 2023; we are holding an election in December 2024.

November 29, 2024

Tim F. Liao, President of the SAA