

Briefing on PASA transitioning to OA in 2025

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1. Executive summary

The publisher of PASA, Cambridge University Press (CUP), recommended that PASA move to a Gold Open Access model from 1 January 2025. This recommendation was based on an analysis and forward projections performed by CUP. In response to this recommendation, we sought feedback from the ASA membership. The feedback is available here [Membership Feedback](#). The presentation of the report of the PASA EiC during the 2023 AGM gave ASA members additional opportunity for feedback and comments.

The ASA Council was given the option to either agree or to disagree with the recommendation to flip PASA to Open Access in 2025. On 14 August, the PASA EiC and ex-officio ASA Council member Ivo Seitzzahl moved the motion for PASA to follow the CUP recommendation and to switch to an Open Access (OA) publishing model in 2025. The motion was seconded by Marc Duldig. The motion was unanimously supported by all members of the ASA Council.

2. Potential impact

After transitioning to Gold Open Access, traditional subscription fees will no longer be a source of income. The change will not be dramatic, however, as 81% of published articles in 2022 already qualified for OA under a transformative agreement. For the minority of articles not covered by an agreement, CUP will introduce an article processing/publication charge (APC), currently set at GBP 2190. We anticipate that for most ASA members, publishing in PASA will effectively remain free of charge, since they will be covered under the CAUL/CUP transformative agreement. Waivers will be available for many cases not covered under an agreement. In the event where an APC is due, ASA members qualify for a 20% discount.