

## Briefing on PASA transitioning to open access

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### 1. Brief history

The publisher of *PASA*, Cambridge University Press (CUP), recommended that *PASA* move to a Gold Open Access mode. 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 presentation of the [report](#) of the *PASA* EiC during the 2023 AGM gave ASA members further opportunity for feedback. The feedback and comments received were considered by the *PASA* EB and the ASA Council.

The ASA Council was given the option to either agree or to disagree with the recommendation to flip *PASA* to Open Access. On 14 August 2023, 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. The motion was seconded by Marc Duldig. The motion was unanimously supported by all members of the ASA Council in an online Council vote, which was confirmed at the next ASA Council meeting (Number 152 on 24 November 2023) and recorded in the minutes<sup>1</sup> of that meeting as required under the Society's Constitution.

### 2. Further details on the transition and author flip date 25 November 2024

For readers, *PASA* will flip to OA with the first Gold OA edition in early 2025. For authors, an earlier date is important. 25 November 2024 is the *author flip date*, which means that any manuscript **accepted** on or after this date will be published 'open access'; published with a [Creative Commons](#) license and freely available to read online (see the journal's [Open Access Options page](#) for available license options). Different OA options exist for authors: most ASA members will be covered through [agreements between the publisher and the corresponding<sup>2</sup> author's institution](#), while those who are not can pay the article processing charge (APC) from grants or other funds. Authors who cannot afford the APC can request this fee to be waived. See this [FAQ](#) for more information, including how publications already in peer review on the author flip date are treated.

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<sup>1</sup> Available to ASA members on request.

<sup>2</sup> The corresponding author can be any author, they do not have to be the lead author.

### **3. Thank you and goodbye**

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the ASA community for your constructive collaboration, dialogue, and support throughout the journey to transition *PASA* to an open access journal. I believe that this move reflects our shared commitment to expanding the reach, availability, and impact of our research, while ensuring the future financial viability of *PASA*. As I step down as Editor-in-Chief at the end of this year, I am confident that *PASA* will continue to thrive under the capable leadership of Dr Minh Huynh as the incoming Editor-in-Chief and Prof. Andrew Hopkins as Deputy Editor-in-Chief. With their expertise and dedication, I am excited to see *PASA* enter this new era and I am optimistic about the journal's bright future.

Editorially yours,  
Dr Ivo Rolf Seitzzahl