

ASOR Committee on Publications Minutes
November 16, 2000
Loews Vanderbilt Plaza, Nashville, TN

Present: Ann Killebrew, James Weinstein, Peter Feinman, Piotr Michalowski, Michele Daviau, Victor Matthews, Eric Cline, Al Leonard, Brian Hesse

Ex-officio: Billie Jean Collins (DoP), Rudy Dornemann (Exec.Dir.), Joe Seger (ASOR Pres.)

Guests: Jerry Vincent, Larry Herr

1. Al Leonard called the meeting together at 4:15pm.
2. Ann Killebrew (Nominations) put forward two names for appointment to the committee for the class of 2003. The nominees were Andrew Vaughn and Jonathan Tubb. After a brief discussion the nominations were voted on. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. DoP, Billie Jean Collins, recommended a revision to the current procedure for approval of book manuscripts. Due to a need to ensure the financial viability of book titles, it was proposed that once a book editor receives positive reviews, (s)he submit a provisional letter of acceptance. The DoP then prepares a cost analysis of the volume and prepares a recommendation to the Chair of COP. If the Chair approves the title, the author is sent a final letter of acceptance. Discussion followed the recommendation. Ann Killebrew asked why such a measure hadn't been taken before. Collins responded that we had never had the problem of too many manuscripts in the past and that other organizations, such as SBL, were also struggling with how to monitor manuscript flow in the face of budget constraints. A motion as suggested was made and seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Collins deferred the presentation of the remainder of the Director of Publications report to more pressing issues.