

ASOR Committee on Publications
Preliminary Report to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees
November 21-22, 2003, Atlanta, GA
Larry G. Herr, Chair
Billie Jean Collins, Director of Publications

Activities of the Chair

The Chair has taken advantage of the slow summer months to edit the ASOR Centennial volume (edited by Doug Clark and Vic Matthews) for ASOR Publications. He has also completed the editing of an issue of *NEA* on houses, which is now in preparation at the Atlanta office. He also completed another issue on Petra (edited by Martha Joukowsky). This is also in preparation at the Atlanta office. Martha is working on a few updates before it will be sent to Atlanta in the very near future (most likely before these meetings). The third issue on dance is being edited now by the new Editor of *NEA*, Sandra Scham.

New NEA Editor

Sandra Scham was chosen as the new editor of *NEA* last May. This has been widely announced in other venues and is included here only as a formal announcement to the Board.

New NEA Department

As we have announced elsewhere, Rami Khouri has requested our membership to submit reports of their fieldwork to the *Daily Star*, the English language daily newspaper he edits based in Beirut but distributed throughout the Middle East. We further suggested that the reports be published together by the *Daily Star* and *NEA*. We thus suggested that our new *NEA* editor, Sandra Scham, in consultation with the COP Chair, appoint an ASOR liaison to solicit contributions, edit them into journalese, and to ensure that any submissions are written by ASOR members and concern CAP approved projects. Upon the recommendation of the COP Chair, Scham, who serendipitously happens to be a family friend of the Khouris, has appointed Benjamin Porter, a senior graduate student at the University of

ly worked for the *Daily Star* as a journalist and was a fellow at ACOR last year.

may also include work on other newsworthy spots in *NEA*.

New Book Editor

As of September 1 Brian Schmidt has taken over as Editor of ASOR Books. Thanks go to Stuart Swiny for filling in as Interim Editor until Brian returned to North America from leave.

Agreement with Emory

Rudy Dornemann is finalizing negotiations with Emory University concerning the job descriptions and pay scale for Director of Publications in the Atlanta office. Although most of the work has been done, a few glitches need to be overcome (primarily on the Emory side of things), before we can bring closure. We are also working on raising the role of the DP within ASOR publications. Specific recommendations from COP will be presented at the ms

COP Discussions

Discussions will take place at COP on several topics, including in-house typesetting, the Opportunity Fund, the textbook series, the travel tours, the role of the Director of Publications, and a change to the guidelines. Some of these may come to the Executive Committee and the Board as recommendations for implementation.

Journal Status

Near Eastern Archaeology. Two issues will have been published in FY04 by this meeting. Catching the journal up will depend on the efforts of many people. Sandra Scham has appointed Ben Porter as arti-facts and News editor and Justin Lev-Tov as the new book review editor. Materials are now actively being solicited for these features.

Manuscript queue:

June 2002 (65/2): The Archaeology of Death (Ted Lewis, pub date 10/28/03)

Sep 2002 (65/3): assorted articles on Çatal Höyük, Troy, etc. (Ted Lewis, pub date 11/18/03)

Dec 2002 (65/4): Gender issue and assorted articles (Ted Lewis; mss are being edited)

Mar 2003 (66/1): Petra issue (Larry Herr; mss are being copyedited)

Jun-Sep 2003 (66/2-3): Houses double issue (Larry Herr; mss are being copyedited)

Dec 2003 (66/4): Dance issue (Larry Herr/Sandra Scham; mss are being edited)

Mar 2004 (67/1): Church, Synagogue, Mosque and Temple: Sacred Spaces of the Late
Antique and Early Islamic Near East (Sandra Scham)

Jun 2004 (67/.g S a n d r a S c h a m) L a r r y

