

Minutes for ASOR Executive Committee Meeting (May 2, 2008)

Renaissance Philadelphia Hotel

Room: Salon II

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Eric Meyers, Ann Killebrew, Tammi Schneider, Jim Strange, Joe Seger, Jeff Blakely, Carol Meyers (guest), B.W. Ruffner, Sheldon Fox, Orly Nelson, Michael Homan.

ABSENT: Morag Kersel,

VISITORS: Rachel Hallote

Time: 9AM – 3PM

1. Call to order, 9:00 am.
2. Approval of past minutes (see <http://www.asor.org/trustinfo.html> for minutes).
 - a. November 2007 meeting
 - b. February 2008 meeting
3. Approval of agenda.
4. Eric Meyers presented a proposal from Damon Zucca of Oxford University Press to publish a new online edition of the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Ancient Near East, tying it in with the proposed Encyclopedia of the Bible, the latter to be edited by Michael Coogan. The proposed OEANE will eventuate in a single book with a new introduction. The idea is to provide a new income stream for the ASOR Opportunity Fund. Suggested that two members of COP should advise Eric Meyers in further negotiations with OUP. Names suggested are Mitch Allen and Chuck Jones were the names suggested. The new chair of COP should also be involved.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ASOR endorse the new Oxford University Press initiative and empower the vice president of COP, the executive director, Tim Harrison, and Eric Meyers and to negotiate with OUP on a contract. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Report on CAP (A. Killebrew). There has been some confusion who can direct a dig. The document circulated before the meeting represents the almost unanimous conclusions of CAP. Only North Americans will be directors of projects. For affiliation the North American director must appear on the license. CAARI is the sole exception, in that foreign expeditions will garner CAARI affiliation rather than ASOR affiliation.
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee accepts this report and recommends it to the Board for approval. Discussion ensued on the issue of affiliation of foreign digs. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - b. The class of 2008 is ending now. Eric Cline, Jerry Ross, and Greg Mumford would like to continue. One new nominee is Ed Maher.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above-named continue on CAP. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. Report on Programs (M. Homan and M. Kersel).
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED that Jacob Wright be appointed as chair of the Lecture Series Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - b. BE IT RESOLVED that John Spencer be affirmed as an appointed member of the Honors and Awards Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - c. Andy Vaughn added that we have signed hotel contracts for 2010 in Atlanta and 2011 in San Francisco.

7. Report on Publications (J. Blakely). Jeff rotates off VP May 6, 2008. issue 73.3 should be at the printer now, and the next two are in the pipeline by end of June. That makes the July issue appearing in July. The second issue is to find editors for all its series. Jim Weinstein was reappointed, and today we have before us editors to confirm and take to the Board on May 6, 2008. When Jim was reappointed as editor there was a discussion of what would make BASOR better, such as color, a few more pages, and mailing. Paper quality is now better, so the photographs print better.
 - a. COP seeks clarification regarding the appointments of Ann Killebrew and Andrew Vaughn as interim co-editors of .
BE IT RESOLVED that Andy and Ann were appointed for one year, vol. 70.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - b. Discussion Item: COP seeks clarification regarding the committee status of ASOR's editorial boards, and whether appointments require ASOR Board confirmation. The By-Laws suggest that the Board has to confirm or ratify committee members. COP asks whether the editorial board is actually a committee of ASOR.
 - i. BE IT RESOLVED that the VP for publications will continue to bring names forward for editorial boards, and meanwhile we will study this issue some more. Moved by Tim Harrison, Seconded by Jeff Blakely.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

consulted in advance of the board meeting tomorrow. Moved by Tammi Schneider; Joe Seger seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Report on Membership (T. Schneider). We have 93 institutional memberships, and when the next one pays we will have 94. Once it became clear that there were ASOR members who were not ASOR members, things began to change.
9. Report of the Personnel Committee (T. Harrison).
 - a. Tim is working on developing a review process with an ad hoc committee to evaluate the executive director and report to the EC and (2) to aid the executive director in personnel issues that may arise. This may require amendments to the By-Laws.
 - b. BE IT RESOLVED that the EC confirm extension of the Executive Director's contract for one year, complete the review of the Executive Director with the Personnel Committee, consider the expansion to 4/5 time in the September EC meeting retroactively in the light of the review, and grant the 4% raise that is reflected in the proposed 2009 Budget. Moved by Sheldon Fox; Tim Harrison seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Report of the Treasurer (S. Fox).
 - a. Action Item: Affirm the proposed FY09 Budget. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - b. Action Item: Approved recommendation from finance and audit committee to appoint new auditors (Romeo Wiggins, a Raleigh, NC firm). PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Discussion Items.
 - a. Update on OEANE Initiative (E. Meyers; insert after Item #3).
 - b. Update on the Archival Project (R. Hallote).
 - c. Update on Governance (T. Harrison).
 - d. Update on Development (T. Harrison).
 - e. ASOR's mission statement and strategic planning.
12. Chair's report.
13. President's report.
14. Executive Director's report.
15. Other reports.
 - a. Grants committee.
 - b. AIAR report.
 - c. CAARI report.
 - d. ACOR report.
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