

American Schools of Oriental Research

Spring Board Meeting

Atlanta Airport Hilton Hotel

April 18, 2009

DRAFT MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorses the Nominating Committee's recommendation that James F. Strange and Sheldon Fox be affirmed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, when their terms run out in December. It is further recommended that, when elections are held for Treasurer, ample time is allowed for an overlap between the current Treasurer and the newly elected Treasurer, so that a smooth transition can take place. Eric Meyers moved; Øystein LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC adopt the Treasurer's recommended budget to send to the Board of Trustees for action. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee authorizes the President to extend the term of the Executive Director's contract for up to one year subject to other contract revisions that are mutually acceptable to the parties. Sheldon Fox moved; Sten LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the salary of the Executive Director be adjusted 2% as a cost of living increase. Øystein LaBianca moved; Sheldon seconded. DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of ASOR endorse with enthusiasm the concept of partnering with the Abraham Path Initiative to provide an advisory group for archaeology and cultural heritage issues. The Executive Committee appoints as an interim advisory group Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Morag Kersel, Øystein LaBianca, Joe Greene, and Eric Meyers. EC requests that CAP examine this partnership and bring a formal proposal for a permanent advisory committee to the November Board of Trustees meeting. Øystein LaBianca moved; Eric Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee asks the president to move forward with this Strategic planning process and to report back to the Executive Committee. Moved by Joe Seger; seconded by Sheldon Fox. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT Resolved that ASOR renew the Qarqur Agreement but without the financial commitment. Moved by Joe Seger; seconded by Morag Kersel. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Treasurer's Report (S. Fox). The FY2010 budget is very similar to the FY2009 updated forecast with the exception of the NEH grant. Specific line items in the budget for the NEH grant are revenue of \$174,000 and expenses of \$138,000 or a net profit of approximately \$36,000. These figures include a new position for a full-time project archivist at approximately \$70,000, which is paid for entirely by the grant. Note that this

which is part of our contribution of funds toward the project. There is an increase of \$30,000 in the planned salary budget for 2010 (ignoring the archivist), including our staff time allocated to the NEH grant, which is valued at \$52,000. The \$30,000 increase in salaries assumes about a 2% increase for existing staff, some additional hours for students' employment and a full-time administrative assistant, most of whose time goes to the Archives Project. The most significant challenges for this budget will be in meeting our goals for the Annual Fund and Memberships and Subscriptions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopt the recommended budget.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Document retention policy was deferred to the fall

7. CAMP Report (M. Homan/M. Kersel). This report was distributed beforehand. There were no action items. Some new initiatives are in the offing, namely Round Tables at lunch to sit with COP and the President to ask them questions publically. There is further outreach with AIA for joint lectureships. The AIA collaboration on lectures was in response to their approach.
8. CAP Report (Presented by Tim Harrison in the absence of Ø. LaBianca). The CAP

behind since 1998, though it is very close to caught up now. Jeff Blakely investigated the

EU for money to digitize sculpture in the Cyprus museum and the original 19th century maps of Cyprus. CAP's allowance of European applications for affiliation through CAARI has been very helping in establishing CAARI's status in Cyprus and Europe. Tom Davis will exchange with the center at Ankara in Turkey as part of the on-going exchange program with other research centers.

14. AIAR Report (Sy Gitin). This year there were sixty-four fellows in four programs. Tom Davis of CAARI will lecture at the Albright as part of a Director's exchange program. Six Fellows took an official AIAR trip to Jordan. For the first time AIAR had four high profile senior fellows from Eastern Europe. The Carol and Eric Meyers Fellowship will begin in 2010. The new Getty Fellowship is in place. There is also an increase in NEH fellowship stipends. AIAR hopes to begin a new Dever Fellowship in 2010. The AIAR librarians have surveyed fifty-two research institutions in Jerusalem and reported it on

year, but the Harris Fellowships are not available. The Platt F