

ASOR Spring Board Meeting
Kelsey Museum, Ann Arbor, MI
April 24, 2010
DRAFT MINUTES (not yet approved by the board)

PRESENT: Tim Harrison, President; P.E. MacAllister, Chair; Susan Ackerman; Beth Alpert-Nakai; Jeff Blakely for COP; Jennie Ebeling; Sheldon Fox, Treasurer; Larry Geraty; Sy Gittin for AIAR; Jimmy Hardin; Ann-Marie Knoblauch; Øystein LaBianca for CAP and for ACOR, Eric Meyers; Carol Meyers; Bob Mullins; Oryln Nelson; Tammi Schneider; Audrey Shaffer; Lydie Shufro; Jim Strange, Secretary; Andy Vaughn, Executive Director; Randy Younker; Lawson Younger; Ed Wright.

ABSENT: Suzanne Richard; Gary Arbino; Jeff Chadwick; Eric Cline; Gus Feissel; Nili Fox; Barry Gittlen; Joseph Greene; Michael Homan; Morag Kersel; Christopher Rollston; B. W. Ruffner; Glenn Schwartz; Joe Seger; Susan Sheridan.

GUESTS: Vivian Bull.

1. Call to Order. 8:00 AM.
2. Approval of Minutes from the November Meeting (November 22, 2009). Beth Alpert Nakhai was spelled wrong; Tammi Schneider is listed as presented but was not there; Sheldon has corrections for the financial section.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes be Approved as amended. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was Approved as distributed.
4. Report of Items approved by the Executive Committee (A. Vaughn). The Secretary was called upon by the Chair to read the resolution of the Executive Committee 23 April 2010 from the Personnel Report given by the President:
"BE IT RESOLVED that Andy Vaughn's contract be extended to end June 30, 2012, with changes in terms of the contract satisfactory to the President, with no changes in compensation. Sheldon Fox moved; Sten LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY."

5. Strategic Plan Discussion (T. Harrison). Tim Harrison, President, recommended adoption of the new Strategic Plan. There has been considerable work by the committee appointed by the President to draw up the Strategic Plan. Significant discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopt the Strategic Plan as a blueprint to move ASOR forward. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Treasurer's Report--Sheldon Fox. Memberships and subscriptions are over \$50,000 ahead of the prior year on a cash receipts basis through the first nine months and if the fourth quarter matches last year, then this year will be slightly above the highest year in the last five years. Our current forecast is also higher in Subscriptions and Memberships than the amount we forecast at our November meeting; however, we are still short of the budget by a significant amount. The budget was too optimistic, partially due to the fact that we missed our forecast last year. Investments have bounced back positively. Compared to last year end we have investment gains of \$136,000 in our Fellowships and

Endowments accounts through March. The ASOR Expense Report is a cash flow tool. We have enough cash to pay all bills after setting aside some funds for publications. We have used a complicated approach in the past to set aside funds we collect for subscriptions and memberships until we deliver the related journals, and we plan to revisit that process and make a recommendation in November. At the end of this year we expect to have more than \$40,000 in the general fund after setting aside over \$70,000 for the cost of publishing journals through December 31, 2010. We are no longer in a crisis situation. Board giving generally has gone up. We are forecasting to realize about \$80,000 in total giving to the Annual Fund and the Archives Project. The total giving is ahead of last year, but below

BE IT RESOLVED that this report be accepted, including the election of Jennie Ebeling. Carol Meyers moved; Jimmy Hardin seconded. PASSED UNANIMLOUSLY.

9. Board Nominations Committee Report (Jeff Blakely). This committee sought guidance from the executive committee as to whether it should nominate two or three Individual and Institutional Trustees to replace the Class of 2010. The EC recommended that the by-laws be adhered to until they are changed, whatever the vote on the Strategic Plan. The individual Trustees who are members of the Class of 2010 are Jimmy Hardin, Bob Mullins, and Lawson Younger. The Institutional Trustees from the Class of 2010 are Jeff Chadwick, Nili Fox, and Eric Cline. We will also need a trustee replacement for Jennie Ebeling since she moves to vice president.

digs through snapshots for the web page. Andy Vaughn adds that Sten LaBianca has not received support from ASOR because of ASOR budget's restraints. He is to be congratulated on finding external support.

13. COP Report (Jeff Blakely). Unless something unforeseen happens, by June 30, 2010 we will have published all journals that we must publish in this fiscal year.

14. Membership Committee Report (Tammi Schneider). The VP thanks Jennie Ebeling for taking over (starting January 1, 2011) and thanks ASOR for unanimously supporting her.

15. Update on Archives Project (Eric Meyers). A major challenge for the forthcoming year is reapplying for a renewal of the NEH grant, which NEH has invited us to do.

