Spring 2011 A SOR Board Meeting DaVinci/Picasso, Arlington Hilton Hotel Arlington, VA, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, April 30, 2011 DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: P. E. MacAllister, Timothy Harrison, Andrew Vaughn, Jeffrey Blakely, Sheldon Fox, Øystein LaBianca, Jennie Ebeling, B. W. Ruffner, Eric Meyers, Carol Meyers, Ed Wright, Suzanne Richard, Joe Greene, Audretl

Be it resolved that the President form a committee to clean up the language in the by-laws where there are cumbersome language or inconsistencies. Specific

- 8. Treasurer's Report (S. Fox). Treasurer Fox reviewed the handouts submitted with the finance committee report. He shared that membership and subscription cash receipts are up for this fiscal year. The investment results are positive with all accounts being positive. We had about a 24% gain as compared to 30% for the same period in the S& P 500. A SOR is somewhat more conservative in its allocations, so we are moderately below an all-equity allocation. The Harris endowment is no longer "under water," so that will help our unrestricted net asset level. We are forecasting a \$20,000 profit for the fiscal year. Salaries were about \$24,000 favorable to the budget (lower than budgeted).
 - a. Action Item: Adoption of the FY12 Budget.

Be it resolved the budget for FY12 as proposed by the finance committee and the EC be approved. Moved by finance committee and the EC. Passed unanimously.

b. Action Item: Auditor's Proposal.

Be it resolved that ASOR engage Romeo, Wiggins, and Company, LLP, as ASOR's auditors for a three-year period (through 2013). Moved by finance committee and the EC. Passed unanimously.

9. Annual Meeting Business Model and Venues Discussion s.2 (M) -0(e) 0.2 (n) 0.2 (.). 6n (s) -0.2(Y) (Q) 12 1

Be it resolved that Kevin McGeough be appointed to a second term as editor of the ARS beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Moved by publications committee and the EC. Passed unanimously.

Be it resolved that Joseph Greene be appointed to a second term as editor of AASOR beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Moved by the publications committee and the EC. Passed unanimously with one abstention (Greene).

Blakely reported that there was some disagreement on COP concerning the mission of NEA. Killebrew presented a vision statement that held that NEA was a professional journal and not a semi-popular journal. The vote by COP to recommend that Killebrew be reappointed for another term was 8 (for); 2 (against); and 1 (abstain). Discussion was held among the EC members about the mission of NEA. After discussion about the mission of NEA and other matters regarding Killebrew's service as editor, the EC rejected the motion (1 yes; 5 no; 1 abstain) from COP to elect Ann Killebrew as editor of NEA for another term and passed a substitute motion. The substitute motion included the proviso that the editorial contract contains terms acceptable to the president. The board discussed the additional proviso, and it was decided to move into executive session. The board went into executive session at 11:10AM. The board came out of executive session at 11:34AM.

There was a vote to act on the original motion from COP regarding NEA:

Be it resolved that Ann Killebrew be elected for a second term as editor of NEA beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Defeated by a voice vote with no "yeas" and two abstentions.

There was a vote to act on the substitute motion from the executive committee:

Be it resolved that Ann Killebrew be elected for a second term as editor of NEA beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014 subject to an editorial contract satisfactory to the president. Moved by the EC. After a request for a show of hands, the motion failed.

It was observed that the motion from COP to study the mission of NEA would complicate an immediate search for an editor of NEA. There was then a vote on the motion to study the mission of NEA:

Be it resolved that the board endorses COP's recommendation that COP undertake an investigation of the impact of the name change of *Biblical Archaeologist* to *Near Eastern Archaeology*. After this study takes place, COP should then recommend what changes (if any) should be made to *NEA*. These findings and recommendations should inform the next search for an editor of *NEA*. Moved by the publications committee and the EC. Failed unanimously.

12. CAP Report (O. LaBianca). (Given following #4 above). LaBianca reported on the review process for best practices and CAP affiliation. The committee has moved to a review of excavations every three years, and this new system will free up time to take on other project. He also reported that CAP has been working on developing a more robust website presence for

- 18. Executive Director's Report. Vaughn referred to his written report.
- 19. President's report. Harrison thanked the many board members and staff members who made