

Spring 2011 ASOR Executive Committee Meeting  
Renoir Room, Arlington Hilton Hotel  
Arlington, VA, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, April 29, 2011

PRESENT: P. E. MacAllister, Timothy Harrison, Andrew Vaughn, Jeffrey Blakely, Sheldon Fox, Øystein LaBianca, Jennie Ebeling, B. W. Ruffner.

ABSENT: Eric Meyers, Joe Seger, Orlyn Nelson, James F. Strange

1. Call to Order by P. E. MacAllister, chairman, at 9:00AM.

The EC endorses the nomination of Jennie Ebeling for election to the board nominating committee for a term concurrent with Ebeling's term as VP of Membership (ending December 31, 2013). Moved by Jeff Blakely and seconded by Øystein LaBianca. Passed unanimously.

Following the recommendation of the program committee, the EC endorses the nomination of Casey Elledge, Alexander Nagel, Elena Corbett for election to the program committee for a term beginning May 1, 2011 and continuing through December 31, 2014 (Class of 2014). Moved by Jennie Ebeling and seconded by Øystein LaBianca. Passed unanimously.

6. Officers Nominations Committee Report (submitted in writing by G. Arbino).

9. Development Update and Discussion (T. Harrison). The giving levels are up in terms of total dollars raised. Our goal is 225 total donors this fiscal year compared to 196 donors last year. We have been contacting foundations and want to increase that work in the coming months. In terms of development planning, Tim presented (in a written report) some ideas for development priorities and items that ASOR might consider including in a future capital campaign. There are six funding initiatives with tentative dollar amounts listed in Tim's report. Various questions were raised about the specifics of the document and the wording of the six initiatives. There was also strong support for aggressively raising funds to support our strategic initiatives.

The EC endorses a fundraising initiative growing out of this document with the proviso that the development committee brings back a more specific plan on how best to proceed by the November board meeting. Moved by LaBianca; seconded by Ruffner. Passed unanimously.

10. COP Report (J. Blakely). The journals are all up-to-date (or close to it), and doing well. There is a question about how editors are covered by our liability insurance policy. Andy reported that ASOR has asked its insurance carrier to clarify our current policy and to provide a quote to expand our coverage if necessary. We have not received a report from the insurance provider. Everyone expressed support to cover the liability of the editors even if they are independent contractors. Andy stated that he would continue to work on this issue.

Blakely reported that COP held a review of the editors and present the following motions for the book series.

The EC endorses COP's recommendation that the board elect Kevin McGeough for a second term as editor of the ARS beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Moved by committee. Passed unanimously.

The EC endorses COP's recommendation that the board elect Joe Greene for a second term as editor of AASOR beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Moved by committee.

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 continue was 8 (for); 2 (against); and 1 (abstain). Discussion was held among the EC members about the mission of NEA and other matters regarding Killebrew's service as editor.

The EC endorses COP's recommendation that the board elect Ann Killebrew for a second term as editor of NEA beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Moved by the committee. 1 Yes; 5 No; 1 Abstain

The EC recommends 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 Sheldon Fox and seconded by B. W. Ruffner. Passed unanimously.

The EC 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 committee. Passed unanimously.

Blakely reported that he continues to be in conversation with Jim Weinstein about BASOR being printed in full color and about the possibility of BASOR being a semi-annual journal. Jeff plans

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16. Old Business. None.

17. New Business. None.

18. Announcements. None.

19. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:05PM.