American Schools of Oriental Research Executive Committee Meeting OISE Bldg, 252 Bloor Street W, Rm 3310 Toronto, Ontario, Canada April 20, 2012

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman, Tim Harrison, President, Sheldon Fox, Treasurer, Eric Meyers, Past President, Andy Vaughn, Executive Director, Joe D. Seger, Ann-Marie Knoblauch, Vice-President for Membership.

ABSENT: B. W. Ruffner, Robert Oden.

VISITORS: Gary Arbino, Officers Nominating Committee; Richard Coffman

7. Treasurer's Report (S. Fox), posted in advance. The overall Budget increases to about \$1,500,000 because of anticipated revenue connected to the Foundational Campaign. This will not affect the Operating Budget because expenses will not be incurred if funds are not raised. This past year was the last year of the NEH grant. We hope to replace that income from grants from foundations. We have budgeted a 15% increase in the category of memberships and dues. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee adopts the FY2013 Budget and commends it to the Board. PASSED UNIMOUSLY.

8. Foundational Campaign Report

institutional members because there is an opportunity cost if we dedicate staff time to the issue of institutional members. The scholarship programs represent benefits to members. If it is a benefit for institutional members, then it may make the case to a Dean for institutional membership.

wisest use of staff time and related topics. There was also discussion of the joint ASOR/BAR program January of 2012 and the joint programs planned for the future.

Whereas the Personnel Committee notes that Andy Vaughn, Executive Director, has worked hard and achieved an outstanding success in management of the ASOR budget, and whereas Andy Vaughn is increasing his abilities and grows better at his job every year, BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Committee grant him a pay raise of \$3,000. The Executive Committee acknowledges his access to the flex dollar program, and the Executive Committee also recommends that his contract be extended one year to June 30 of 2015. Moved by Tim Harrison; seconded by Sheldon Fox. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 14. Old Business: Andy Vaughn reports that the Boston University lease is undergoing negotiation. The lease is under the control of the Provost. We anticipate hearing positively within the next few months.
- 15. New Business. Tim Harrison notes that at the November Annual Meeting he was asked to form a search committee to find a new ASOR Chairman for May 2013 to replace P.E. Macalister, who is transitioning to chairman emeritus on June 30, 2013. There is no process defined in the bylaws, so it must be developed. He has convened Orlyn Nelson, Ann Marie Knoblauch, Jimmy Hardin, and Susan Ackermann as an ad hoc search committee, and they hope to bring a recommendation in November. P.E. Macalister asked whether ASOR in fact needs a chair. The ensuing discussion strongly supported the idea that ASOR needs a Chair.
- 16. Announcements--none.
- **17. Adjourn** 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary