

Chairs Coordinating Council
Meeting at the Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 3:00pm

Present: Sharon Herbert (chair); Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Neal Bierling, Chuck Jones, Erin Darby, Elise Friedland, Andrew Smith, Chuck Jones, Sten LaBianca, Suzanne Richard.

- I. Call to Order. 3:00pm
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes: Deferred approval of minutes from October 25 phone call to next telephone conference call.
- IV. Oral reports from chairs. Written reports are available online at the following URL:
<http://www.asor.org/hidden/board-info/2012/2012-11-handouts.html>
 - a. Erin (Jr. Scholars): Described meetings from last year and this year's panel on publications. Have stopped providing boxed lunches for the panel discussion, and that has had an adverse relationship to attendance. There continues to be much interest on the parts of students.
 - b. Andy (reporting for membership): We have had 8% growth for six years. We are now approaching 1,600 members. Kevin Cooney did a membership survey that was highlighted in the Newsletter. There was much discussion on the benefits of student membership and the cost of that membership. Questions were raised about revisiting the cost of student membership.
 - c. Neal: Reported that secondary school teachers often feel alienated from ASOR. The Saturday session is run by volunteers, and there is not financial support from ASOR. The workshops and summer institutes have been positives. There are 32 people registered for Saturday's workshop. There was much discussion on the scope of the outreach committee and how ASOR can support the work of the committee. Several people made reference to the strategic plan and that outreach was an important component of that plan. Several people suggested that we devote a phone call to the outreach committee.
 - d. Elise and Andrew (Program Committee): 463 papers in 90 sessions. Both of these are record numbers, and we'll have a record number of registrants as well. The

submissions, and BASOR is becoming one of the few journals that will consider longer articles (of more than 50 manuscript pages). Thomas Schneider (NEA editor) has introduced a content management system. Both NEA and BASOR are struggling theme issues and whether there is another publication venue. We have published 4 books in the past six months, and these are available from ISD or directly from the ASOR website. Last year COP was given a charge by the executive committee to do a self-study. That directive was postponed, but Chuck plans to move that forward.

Sharon made a comment that past minutes indicated that all committees were supposed to develop actions plans and guidelines.

- f. Sten (CAP): Wanted to emphasize the snapshot page on the website. This showcases the diversity of our research. Another concern is to showcase best practices, and this new website will facilitate sharing theory development and best practices in theory development. Sten raised the question of whether or not there should be a theory section on the application for CAP affiliation. Discussion then followed as to what kind of theory and that different disciplines have different theoretical approaches. Andrew Smith observed that the theory session at the annual meeting is one the sessions that has the highest demand. There was much discussion on the place for theory in ASOR (in the annual meeting and in ASOR publications).

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