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year sessions are turning over this year. The Program Committee has evaluated all of the session proposals and approved most of them. Four or five were rejected. City of David proposal warrants comment. It was approved, but the Program Committee was divided on whether or not to accept the proposal because it is for a session that focuses on excavations conducted in contested territory. While the committee ultimately voted to accept the session, it also concluded that there was a need for an ethics policy to offer guidance for similar issues in the future. Further discussion ensued.

The CCC was asked to provide thoughts or guidance for the 2014 Annual Meeting plenary lecture on archaeology in Kurdistan. The Program Committee originally recommended that the plenary talk be a dual presentation from Jason Ur (who would speak about archaeology) and another speaker. The CCC approved that recommendation, and asked Tim

CCC of what CAP's role should be in reviewing budgets, and whether or not a budget should even be part of the application process. The opinion was given that, as an applicant, writing the budget was helpful in planning the project, but it was strange to use it to apply since it could change drastically. In response to a question, Sten stated that budgets were requested to help demonstrate the feasibility of a project. The opinion was given that a brief narrative statement might be more valuable for establishing feasibility than a budget. Several people opined that it was inappropriate for CAP to request a budget when it was not awarding funds for the projects.

Sten concluded by stating that CAP wants to move toward being more of an agent for establishing best practices rather than being seen as policing projects

The primary activity of COP right now is to assist with the transition of BASOR editors, and to appoint an editorial board with people chosen by the new editors. This transition has brought up issues of governance for votes in COP. If there are two editors, do both get one vote, do they vote together, or should they be non-voting members of the committee. These

The Committee will appoint two new members this year instead of three.

## Appendix 1. Report from the Executive Director

You may have noticed that the first webinar in the Archaeology of the Holy Lands Series did not take place in January. There were two reasons for this: a) one of the main speakers withdrew about 9 days before the webinar because she was not satisfied with the 3rd party provider of the webinar. It would have been hard to have the webinar without her as the topic assumed a debate between archaeologists. b) We only had 38 people sign up, and about 10 of them only signed up for \$5. We thus would have lost money no matter what we did.

The decision to cancel was made by the moderators (Eric and Carol



provides you with a complete list of emails each calendar year to make sure that everyone (including ex-officio members) is included in committee discussions.

LeeAnn Gordon will continue as the point person on the ASOR staff for the Program Committee, but Cynthia will have a greater role in providing support for the other committees. For the publications committee, Ina (or whoever is hired as the permanent person in that position) will provide direct support for the journal and book editors, and she will coordinate with Cynthia how best to handle other committee support. This is all a work in progress, and it is our hope that all of the ASOR staff will support your work. At the same time, we want to assign one person to be your contact person to help avoid instances of where things fall through the cracks.

We had 928 registrants at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. That number was 7 more than Chicago! I'm extremely pleased that we were able to beat the number from Chicago because Baltimore has traditionally not been as good a draw. Next year in San Diego should be even more successful, and the hotel (Westin San Diego) is much nicer than the hotel from this year. Please make your [hotel reservations](#) as soon as possible. We anticipate that we'll be oversold again this year, and it would be nice for our committee chairs to have reservations.

are slightly behind last year at this point, but we experienced a slower rate of renewals from December 31, 2013. Those renewals are coming in, and I don't anticipate a problem. We have not yet experienced the growth that we hoped to see in paying memberships from Friends of ASOR. I do not have a firm report as of 12/31/13, but I will have those data for the CCC for our February call.

It's premature to say much, but I don't see any problems with the budget so far. I anticipate that if we can continue our positive results with the Foundational Campaign and the Annual Fund, that ASOR will once again be in the black this year. All of our cash flow indicators are positive.

As was announced in News@ASOR, we are very pleased to have received a challenge gift for another endowed scholarship fund. We have received a challenge for a \$25,000 gift to establish the [Strange Fellowship Fund](#) if we can raise another \$25,000. So far we have raised \$5,000, so we need another \$20,000 to meet the challenge. I hope all of you will consider make

