

Spring ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting  
675 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 132  
(College of Arts and Sciences Building, Boston University)  
May 3, 2014

PRESENT: Susan Ackerman, President; B.W. Ruffner, Chair; Richard Coffman, Treasurer; Timothy Harrison, Past President; Sharon Herbert, Vice President; Lynn Dodd, Secretary; Andrew Vaughn, Executive Director, Ann-Marie Knoblauch; Raymond C. Ewing, CAARI Representative; Catherine Duff, Hanan Charaf Mullins; Joe Seger; Lawrence T. Geraty; Beth Alpert Nakhai; Carol Meyers; Laura Mazow; Rachel Hallote; Steven Ortiz; Eric Meyers; Sidnie W. Crawford, AIAR Representative; Orlyn Nelson.

ABSENT: P. E. MacAllister; Gary Arbino; Stevan Dana; Robert Massie; W. Mark Lanier; Barry Gittlen; J. Edward Wright; Sheldon Fox; James F. Strange; Michael Hasel; Sheila Bishop; Vivian Bull; Robert A. Oden, Jr.; Øystein LaBianca, ACOR Representative

GUESTS: Selma Omerefendic (Assistant Director); Matthew Adams (incoming Dorot Director of the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research).

1. Called

- e. Michael Hoff as a member of the editorial board (effective January 1, 2014; term runs until December 31, 2017)

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the consent agenda in its entirety be approved. Seconded, and unanimously approved.**

5. Announcements

a. Grant Application: Planning for Safeguarding Heritage Sites in Syria (**delayed to later in meeting**)

b. ASOR Newsletter (Sharon Herbert, for the CCC) See EC minutes. We are continuing to produce our newsletter as NEWS@ASOR, as a freely available publication that is available in digital form. ~~Legacy Members~~ Some members will be

#### 8. Foundation Campaign Update (Andrew Vaughn)

The Executive Director reported that the eventual Foundational Campaign results may be higher than noted because Legacy gifts by individuals under a certain age are not counted yet and because some Legacy Gifts were made without specific amounts attached to them (and thus gifts were not included in the total). We have a 400 discrete donor goal by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014; 396 donations have been received to date. We will reach that goal. The increased numbers of donors is equally as important as the dollar amount. 1 in 4 members made a gift on top of their regular dues. He expressed his appreciation to Susan Ackerman and Tim Harrison for their leadership roles. ASOR's Foundational Campaign was a success, and we met our goal. Additionally, ASOR has established new endowed scholarships. \$1.8 million was received including in kind donations. All Trustees and members are urged "don't put away your checkbook!"

A note was made that tax deductible donations can be made to CASOR. Also, monthly contributions ~~now~~ are possible to ASOR. Airline mileage programs allow members to contribute in other ways. Please sign up for it. Delta United and American. A request was made that Andy Vaughn resend the link.

#### 8. Discussion: Draft Report of the Ethics Task Force (Lynn Dodd)

This draft policy was informed by a range of inputs over the past three years. This includes contents of standing ASOR policy that was approved by the Board in the past, consultation with leadership, committee members and chairs, and many individual members. The working group allows for confidential input so that members can feel free to speak their mind, or express their competing opinions. There will additional opportunities for Trustees (and others) to give input into the policy in the coming months, including direct contact with working group members, writing to working group members, posting on the ASOR public online comment forum, during an event for consultation about the policy at the annual meeting.

The Chair pointed out that in medical ethics, general principles guide activities: autonomy, munificence, non-maleficence, justice, and honesty. All medical practitioners agree on these principles; issues arise when where two are in conflict. Hospital has an ethics committee, usually to reinforce a decision or to clarify issues.

A substantial time for comment and discussion was allotted for this topic in order to inform the working group's drafting work for the draft version that will be posted for public comment. Of particular note were discussions about (1) the provisions in the Hague Convention of 1954 Second protocol (1999); and (2) guidelines relating to unprovenanced artifacts and other categories of artifacts, such as looted or illicitly obtained, or unscientifically-discovered artifacts; (3) role of the committee that is proposed in section 4 to engage ethical/professional practice issues.

#### 9. Discussion: Strategic Initiatives, 2015 and Beyond (Susan Ackerman)

A substantial time for comment and discussion was allotted for this topic in order inform the President's planning. **These notes are collated in a separate document. How much should be included here?**

A brief discussion was held relating to Open Access. It will require an investment in a study to determine what its impacts might be for ASOR.

#### 10. Overseas Research Center Reports

- a. CAARI (Ray Ewing). The comment in the last Board Meeting minutes about the demise of his Presidency have been greatly exaggerated; he will stay on at least for a year. The CAARI Board will meet this year in Cyprus in Spring with President Susan Ackerman in attendance. There are 8 Cypriote resident trustees. NEH supported effort to update the library includes Phase II – expand and extend the library partly underground with protection to the historic building. Hopefully, the project will be done by Spring, 2014.
- b. ACOR - -no report.
- c. AIAR – Sidnie Crawford on behalf of Sy Gitin. AIAR will welcome Matt Adams (and his family) as he begins his directorship on June 1, 2014. Ian Morris lectured in Israeli and Palestinian venues for the Trude Dothan Lecture with 400 total in attendance. A library consultant came to library to think about AIAR as an historic library in Jerusalem; there is a report now to consider at AIAR Board Meeting. Center directors all came to Istanbul together. Mary Ellen Lane – a longtime CAORC director will retire in June. The celebration by CAORC board is at the end of May in Wash, DC. She has done much for ASOR.