

ASOR Executive Committee Meeting
Seminar Room, Duke Center for Jewish Studies
9:00AM – 1:00PM EDT
September 14, 2014

Members present: Susan Ackerman, President; B.W. Ruffner, Chair; Tim Harrison, Past President; Sharon Herbert, Vice President; Richard Coffman, Treasurer; Eric Meyers; Anne-Marie Knoblauch; Andy Vaughn, Executive Director.

Business Items:

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00AM (B.W. Ruffner).

2. Approval of Agenda.

Be it resolved, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the May Meeting (May 23, 2014).

Be it resolved, the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting from May, 2014 are approved unanimously, as amended. Drop the sentence "of particular note...."

Be it resolved, the new ASOR budget presented by the Treasurer, as revised to include the funds for the Syrian Heritage Initiative, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Committee Appointments (Susan Ackerman).

Honors and Awards needs more people to read books and to manage other awards related tasks. The unofficial term of those nominated (the date when they will start contributing to the work of the committee) will be September 15, 2014, while official term begins January 1, 2015, with staggered terms.

Lawson Younger as a member of the Honors and Awards Committee (effective January 1, 2015; term runs through December 31, 2015, with the presumption of a three-year renewal, until December 31, 2018)

Lynn Welton as a member of the Honors and Awards Committee (effective January 1, 2015; term runs through December 31, 2017)

Regarding the Syrian Heritage Initiative, see exhibit C, which requires additions to the budget.

Regarding the removal of funds for the Calvert and Hesi projects, these were sponsored projects that went back to 1968-1971, and which were funded by the Treasury Department through the Smithsonian Institution. Eric and Carol Meyers started their dig with some of these funds. ASOR has been paying auditing fees with no overhead gain from the accounts. Last year, the Hesi project took the funds to the Cobb Institute which is now disbursing them to the project currently underway by Jeff Blakely and Jimmy Hardin.

A discussion of the growth in awards ensued. A clear mission statement for each award category should be written and promulgated, perhaps to augment the text currently on the website, and which i

the policy points to ASOR member support for the trajectory embodied in the Syrian Heritage Initiative. Also, the provenance issue is partly a generational issue; and also there is some separation along the lines of archaeologist versus epigraphers and historians. A discussion of several cases ensued.

11. Development: Future Plans and Priorities (Ed Wright)

Past campaign exceeded its goal by 30% and this shows enthusiasm for supporting ASOR. There is a need to revisit strategic plan and determine where shall we go next?
Strategic plan expires next