

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
Conference Call 10:00am October 17, 2014

Present: Susan Ackerman, Sharon Herbert, Cynthia Rufo-McCormick, Laura Mazow, Randy Younker, Erin Darby, Danielle Fatkin, Andy Vaughn

Absent: Geoff Emberling, Chuck Jones, Sten LaBianca

I. Approval of September Minutes

Minutes have been approved.

II. Update on Syria Symposium at Annual Meeting (Susan)

The Membership and Outreach Committee would like

Susan suggested that, given the high number of international members, committee chairs should consider replacing outgoing committee members with international members to increase representation.

IV. Process for Awarding Dig Scholarships (Sten, Sharon)

Excavation scholarships have been chosen by a subcommittee of CAP. Initially, only a handful of scholarships were given, but in recent years, this has increased to sixty scholarships. The chair of CAP felt that the amount of work involved may warrant an official committee. In light of the fact that efforts have been made to streamline the number of standing committees, this will be discussed and decided upon at the Annual Meeting in November.

Sharon asked if it could be a subcommittee of Honors and Awards. The chair of that committee agreed that it would work with their current timeline. It was agreed to discuss it further in November when the CAP chair was present.

V. Updates from Other Committees as Needed

The chair of the Junior Scholars Committee asked for, and received confirmation that the other chairs felt that it was worthwhile for junior scholars to meet separately to discuss the ethics guidelines draft after the ethics meeting. All agreed this would be a good way to

Sharon reported that the Committee on Publications will recommend the renewal of Thomas Schneider as editor. COP also has good candidates for editors of the Annual of ASOR and the Archaeological Reports Series. They will be coming forth with the nominations soon.

VI. Discussion of Revised Ethics Proposal (Sharon, Susan)

The Executive Committee brought up two issues with the guidelines. The first is the “cuneiform exception,” and the second is the statement that ASOR members “may consider” research undertaken in occupied territories to preserve heritage within that territory. It is unclear what is to be done with salvage. The guidelines do not tell the committees if they

must include it or must not include salvage.

The chair of the Honors and Awards Committee mentioned that the guidelines address presentations and publications, but its unclear how some of this might apply to awards.

The COP chair also wanted to share feedback on the ethics guidelines draft. The chair asked if ASOR is the custodian of any archaeological objects and do we have a catalogue of them? Andy replied that we have a collection of artifacts housed at the Semitic Museum, which is thoroughly documented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.