



Susan will be appointing a subcommittee of the board to review the policy annually and hear complaints.

One item that needs to be addressed is that th

Regarding the question about geographical focus that is raised in the document, the PC chair stated that ASOR has always been about the Middle East, so the Mediterranean terms do not describe the historical core of ASOR. The second PC chair agreed that the Middle East has been the focus of ASOR's work, but also felt that "eastern Mediterranean basin" and "west Asia" are the most accurate terms, even though they are not the most accessible.

Susan mentioned that Fred Winter was really pushing that Cyprus felt excluded from "Near" and "Middle East."

Annual Meeting

The Program Committee chair stated that he was pleased by the PC section, particularly not expanding the size of the meeting, but increasing the quality of the papers.

B.W. asked if younger scholars might get excluded if the papers get more exclusive?

The PC stated that this year, only twelve papers were rejected, so exclusion is not going to be an issue in the near future.

The PC stated that last year was the biggest poster session yet

The Program Committee states that 466 paper abstracts have been accepted. The session chairs are formulating the timing of all the papers. The committee has started building the academic schedule and expects to have it done within