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D... Egypt, during this period. His interests in Cyprus also extend to the personalities who conducted archaeological work on the island in the nineteenth century. From the mid-1960s until 1998 Merrillees held a wide range of positions within the Australian diplomatic service. One of his earliest postings was as First Secretary in the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (1969–73). For part of this time (1971–72), he was Adjunct Professor in the

Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. More recently he has served as Australian Ambassador to Israel (1983–87), Ambassador to Sweden, Finland, and Estonia (1991–95), and Ambassador to Greece and Bulgaria (1996–98). Throughout this period Merrillees has pursued scholarly interests, writing and lecturing on the archaeology of Cyprus and adjacent regions. As scholar and diplomat he has developed a thorough understanding of the history and politics of the Middle East. ■



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2. DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH

AN ASOR MEMBER REPLIES TO A LETTER
FROM AN 11-YEAR-OLD WHO ASKED ABOUT
A CAREER IN BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY.

I am happy to reply to your letter of 19 March inquiring about a career in Biblical Archaeology. I have enclosed some materials which you might find helpful in understanding something about this field.

Actually, "Biblical Archaeology" is a combination of two pretty different fields: biblical studies and archaeology. Each is enormous in its own right. Together, they require mastery of a great many things. So you have your work cut out for you!

There are various stages you will have to go through to become a "Biblical Archaeologist." First, between now and the end of high school you should try to become as informed about the world as possible. Archaeology is about people. The more you learn and know about people, including people in the past, the better are your chances of success in this career. Get the best grades you can in school. Study French. Read as much as you can, including fiction: archaeology requires imaginative people!

I have enclosed a copy of a magazine called *EA*. It used to be called *Biblical Archaeology*, and is written for people interested in biblical archaeology. It is probably a bit too technical for you right now, but some day you might want to subscribe to it (there is a special student rate). At any rate, this will give you some idea of what is going on in the field right now. Incidentally, the change of the name of the journal reflects something you should know. "Biblical Archaeology" is really something called "Near Eastern Archaeology." In terms of archaeology, one cannot focus simply on the Bible. It was written in a place which was part of the ancient Near East, so archaeologists interested in the Bible must know about the cultures and peoples of the ancient Near East. Furthermore, Near Eastern Archaeology is part of "World

Archaeology." So, to be a "Biblical Archaeologist," one must know about archaeology around the world. That is why it is important to learn as much as possible about the world and its people.

If your high school grades are good enough, you can get into a good university, maybe even with a scholarship. But remember that universities (and institutions who hire archaeologists) are also looking for well-rounded, interesting people. Don't neglect things like sports, hobbies and clubs in high school. Archaeologists are leaders of expeditions and have to know how to get along with all sorts of people: extra-curricular activities in high school are good preparation for becoming a leader and for getting along with different people.

If you still want to pursue archaeology after high school, you should try to get into a university that has some instruction in archaeology. After one course, you might decide that you hate it! Most universities offer some instruction in archaeology, usually within a Department of Anthropology (or in the case of my university, the Department of



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BY-LAWS Amendment Proposed

As a means to streamline processes of Board of Trustees elections and to modestly expand the number of positions on the ASOR Board, at its May meeting the Board passed in principle a motion to revise the By-Laws of the organization relating to its officers. The motion was to make all standing officers ex-officio voting members of the board, thus removing them from those included in the yearly Trustee Classes, and opening the five positions currently held by officers in those classes for recruitment of other Trustees.

Article X: Section 7 of the By-Laws requires that ten days written notice of the text of a proposed amendment must be given to each member of the Board before a formal vote can be taken. A draft of the amendment proposed concerning the officers follows. This will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Board, refined and distributed directly to Board members as appropriate in advance of the November meeting in Cambridge.

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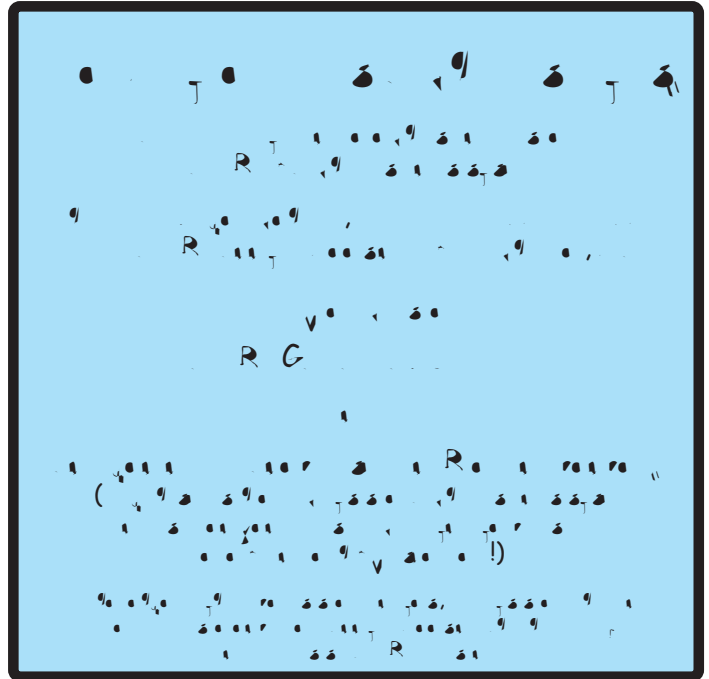
Moved that Article III: Section 2 of the ASOR By-Laws be amended as follows (old language in ((double parentheses)), new language in italics):

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Joe D. Seger

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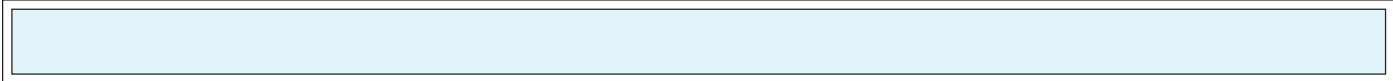
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S I C D S , University of Copenhagen. The Conference will be organised by the Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies. Submit the title and an abstract not later than April 31, 1999. There is no theme for the conference as a whole, but given the nature of the contents of the collection of papyri in Copenhagen (the Carlsberg Papyri), it is hoped that due attention will be given to the study of literary texts. Contact: Paul John Frandsen and Kim Ryholt.

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14 I C C A . Vienna, Austria. Theme: Early Christianity between Rome and Constantinople. Contact: Kongreßsekretariat, c/o Abteilung für Frühchristliche Archäologie am Institut für Klassische Archäologie, Universität Wien, Franz Klein-Gasse 1, A-1190 Vienna, Austria. Tel.: ++43/1/313 52 - 242, Fax: ++43/1/319 36 84. E-mail: fcha.klass-AustrArchaeologie@univie.ac.at.

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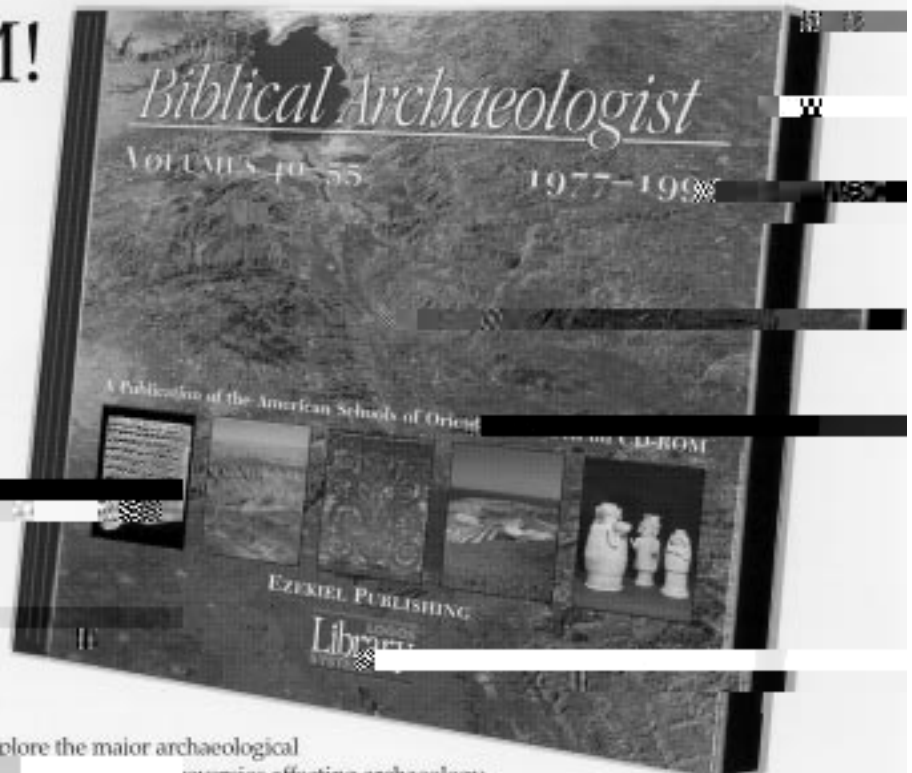
F I C H , Würzburg, Germany. The focus of this Congress will be on philological, historical, cultural, religious, linguistic, and archaeological aspects of Ancient Anatolia. Contact: 4. Internationaler Kongress für Hethitologie, Gernot Wilhelm, Institut für Oriental. Philologie, Universität Würzburg, Ludwigstrasse 6, D-97070 Würzburg, Germany. Tel. ..49 (0)931-31-2862, 2861. Fax: ..49 (0)931-31-2674. Tel./Fax: ..49 (0)931-92989. E-Mail: gernot.wilhelm@mail.uni-

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