

Executive Committee Meeting
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There are also temporarily restricted assets on page 10. Unrestricted assets

touching the corpus, so he recommends we not spend Harris monies, if the Harris Fund is below the corpus. If we want to go back to the original endowment, we go back to the donor.

BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the suggested language changes in the spending policy approved before. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **CAMP Report—Morag Kersel and Michael Homan.** Junior Scholars Eric Kuhns Darby and Robert Darby.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be approved Stefanie Elkins chair of Outreach. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

There will be those who are rotating off the committee, including Jennie Ebling etc.

8. **COP—Jeffrey Blakeley.** The VP for Publications mentioned that there are nominees to serve on COP.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC approve two members for COP, namely, Lynn Schwartz Dodd and Sarah Pancake. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to editorial boards, namely for the *BASOR* Editorial Board be appointed Jodi Magness, Mark Smith, Andrea Berlin be appointed for a term extending to 2013; for the *NEA* Editorial Board be appointed for one more term the present editorial board per Ann Killebrew, Chair. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ann Killebrew has requested that soon the Board discuss what *NEA* should do in terms of printing of issues. Andy points out that if we print a 64 page issue we do not have money to pay for the printing.

Jeff suggests that the President, Tim Harrison, write letters of thanks to the exiting editors. The President agreed to do so.

9. CAP Report--Øystein LaBianca: There is a slate of new CAP members. CAP instituted a new procedure for affiliation application online. The new system includes a way for committee members to download applications and review them. There were a total of 67 applications this year: 10 Cyprus, 1 Egypt, 25 Israel, 23 Jordan, 1 Syria, 1 Tunisia, 2 Turkey, 1 West Bank, and 1 each Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. There is an initiative to produce a Procedures Manual and updating of CAP standards and practices. New members elected: Sarah Whitcher Kansa, Daniel Master, Stephen Savage, Alexia Smith, Sharon Steadman, Lynn Schwartz Dodd, and Steve Ortiz.

10. Membership Report Tammi Schneider. We have two new co-chairs of the Individual Membership Committee Brit Hartenberger and Randy Younkens.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee approve the names of Brit Hartenberger and Randy Younkens as co-chairs of the Individual Membership Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

They will gather data and feedback a

11. **Archives report—Eric Meyers.** Eric Meyers urged all to purchase the Dumas Collection note cards. Cynthia Ruffo is our archivist, and she is doing notable and quality work. She has brought two interns from the Simmons College at the expense of Simmons. We seek further funding to extend archival research. In two years we will meet in Baltimore, and it has been suggested that we do something about Albright at that meeting. We now have dozens of unpublished Albright letters and photos. Likewise in the Semitic Museum archive for Nelson Glueck there are hundreds of letters and photographs. Sy Gitin has agreed to ship all the Albright pre-1967 materials to Boston.

12. **Abraham Path initiative at Harvard Law School—Andy Vaughn.** They want more groups to follow the path and be more involved. Joe Greene and Andy Vaughn will meet with them in January. They did not want to have comments from us, but participation. Andy reiterates what Sheldon said about raising \$105,000 to subsidize the budget. On pp. 46-8 of the Program are scholarships and donations from the last fiscal year. On p. 50 is the pledge form. We encourage all to fill out the pledge form and make a gift. On p. 53 is the Registration Form for next year. Please turn it in very soon so that we can send out an email and show that the Executive Committee has pre-registered. If you turn it in here, it will save \$10.00. There is also an order form for the note cards. By Jan we should have a list of Legacy Circle members and an amount that will be realized. We need an endowment of two million dollars to underwrite our operating costs.

13. **Strategic Planning—Tim Harrison.** The President called for comments on the Draft Strategic Planning document. Tammi Schneider comments that in the future we should disseminate the document to the membership earlier. We need to encourage people to come to the Round Table discussions today. It was pointed out that the officers who may stand for office either to renew or new officers may regard the content of the document as crucial as they consider election or re-election.

14. **Tim Harrison reports** that he has created a Media Relations Committee with co-chairs Eric Cline and Bob Cargill. There have been conversations with members who have talked about putting together other committees for Palestine, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. CAP discussed it, and they plan to formulate a plan or process for formulating such new regional committees. Andy adds that he will talk about the online subscriptions at the Board Meeting.

15. **Adjourn** 11:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary