



appropriate to effect such change in ASOR bylaws be drafted, reviewed by legal counsel, and distributed in a timely fashion so that such changes can be formally approved at the November 1999 board meeting.

President Seger then read the current version of the ASOR Mission statement (included in his report), and it was moved, seconded, and passed that this be approved by the board. It was also moved, seconded, and passed that the statement concerning trustee involvement be approved by the board.

#### **5. Financial** Dornemann and Wood

Financial documents #'s 1-4 were distributed, and certain details were discussed.

Certain resolutions are required to establish bank accounts with Solomon Smith Barney; such resolutions and the rationale therefore were distributed (#5), and this was moved, seconded, and passed by the board.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt the budget as distributed.

#### **6. Executive Director's Report** Dornemann

The report was distributed (#6) and certain details were discussed.

#### **7. Nominations Committee** Younker

The following were nominated for board-elected slots on the board:

Holland Hendrix, Class of 2002  
James Strange, Class of 2002  
Lydie Shufro, Class of 2001  
Kent Bermingham, Class of 2001

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt the slate as presented.

President Seger noted Charles Miller's considerable contributions to the board; Charles is retiring from the board on July 1.

#### **8. Development Committee** Stern

Ms. Stern distributed the report prepared by chairman Hendrix (#7), and commented on certain items. She noted that the committee has not spent all of the fund allotted in the budget. At this point Ed Gilbert commented on certain ways of making deferred contributions to the ASOR.

#### **9. Report from CAARI** Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert noted the election of Robert Merrillees as director, and the reception to be held for him at Columbia later in the day (several ASOR trustees attended). There has been a considerable improvement in the endowment, due in large part to gifts from former president Giraud Foster.

**10. Publications Committee** Leonard

The committee's report was distributed (#8), and various items were discussed in detail. Chairman Leonard and Billie Jean Collins answered various questions concerning the *World of the Bible* publication. Collins also discussed certain budget items; the budget was included in the report distributed at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the board.

**11. Committee on Archaeological Policy** McCreery

The list of approved projects is in the current Newsletter. Chairman McCreery also noted certain items in connection with the forthcoming CAP inspection tour.

**12. Committee on Annual Meeting and Program** Matthews

A full program for the forthcoming Cambridge meeting is in the course of preparation. Various items of correspondence with Kent Richards of Joint Ventures were noted; there is no immediate prospect of any change here. Chairman Matthews suggests a continuation of the current "piggy back" meeting plan for five years, but the committee is also open to other proposals, such as those from the AIA. It was moved, seconded, and passed that thanks be expressed to Julene Miller of Academy International Travel, and that ASOR continue using these services for the meetings in Nashville and Denver (2000 and 2001).

**13. Centennial Committee** Seger

There have been some difficulties in making arrangements for exhibits and lectures, but there is considerable progress in the preparation and distribution of TV programs, and in the updating of the ASOR history. A draft schedule for centennial activities in Washington was distributed (#9), and there was a review of the involvement of the overseas centers in centennial matters.

14. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison, and this was approved by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m., and Secretary Ross was thanked upon the occasion of his retirement from that office.

Respectfully submitted,  
James F. Ross, Secretary

Distributed:

1. Preliminary April 1999 Report
2. March 1999 Reconciled Report
3. Budget Worksheet for the Fiscal Year 2000 and Comparisons back to 1997
4. ASOR Fund Balances
5. Resolutions concerning Salomon Smith Barney accounts
6. Executive Director's report
7. Development Committee report
8. Publications Committee report
9. Draft Schedule, Washington Centennial activities