

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Executive Committee Meeting
October 9, 1999 - Cambridge
Minutes

PRESENT: Chairman P.E. MacAllister, President Joe Seger, Al Leonard, Jr., David McCreery, Ingrid Wood, Nan Frederick, ex-officio: Rudy Dornemann, Billie Jean Collins, Holly Andrews
NOT PRESENT: Eric Meyers, Gerald Vincent, James Strange, Holly Hendrix, Victor Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am.

1. **Approval of the minutes of**

The Annual Meeting is shaping up in terms of the numbers of registrants and income. We expect to have a record Meeting this year.

There was discussion on the presentation of the financial reports. They appear confusing and Ingrid has suggested re-

working with Public Forum Institute in Washington to pull this together and start soliciting sponsors and a Steering Committee is presently being formed to assist us with the leg-work.

6. **Report on Publications** - Al Leonard and Billie Jean Collins

Billie Jean has been researching new providers for ASOR Publications due to the S meltdown. The main organizations interested in acquiring our business (or aspects of it) currently are: Academic Services, AAA, Blackwell, Altamira and Eisenbrauns. She has worked up a proposal showing three scenarios ranging from managing everything (accounting, books, member-subscriber services and journals) in-house to outsourcing everything except the accounting. The benefits of each scenario are still being determined. There was mention of considering going with a university press and perhaps consulting Oxford Press since they currently publish the Encyclopedia of the Near East for ASOR.

No matter which scenario we go with, ASOR will have to take over the accounting and will need to make adjustments accordingly such as purchasing software and new equipment.

production and money.

7. **Report on Archaeological Policy** - David McCreery

Dave is proposing new simplified forms for the application for affiliation. He suggests that these forms be submitted every other year instead of every year. Last year there were a total of 48 affiliated digs, 24 in the field and 24 in publications. He is looking at a projected 50 to 60 this year.

He then pointed out that he made some sm

He also thanked Holly Andrews in the Boston office for creating the new system of submitting forms electronically via the ASOR website. He then handed out the names for the updated CAP classes through the year 2003.

8. **Report on Annual Meeting and Program** - Rudy Dornemann for Victor Matthews

Response to the Annual Meeting has been great this year. We already have record numbers for the Meeting. Unfortunately, we are not pleased with the treatment we have been receiving from the Cambridge Marriott. They have not been cooperative in accommodating our spill over and have refused to sell us any more rooms. Consequently we have had to seek other accommodations at the Holiday Inn in Cambridge and Boston. The good news is that there is a change in willingness of participants to come earlier and stay for the duration of the meeting.

The 2000 Annual Meeting in Nashville is shaping up. We have signed a contract with the Loews hotel which looks to be a very nice and accommodating property.

9. **Report from the Executive Director** - Rudy Dornemann

Holly Andrews and Britt Hartenberger aRudhe Executive Director

10. **Old Business**

Corporation Meeting: Nominations are being solicited for new Trustees. Randy Younker will circulate the nominations to the committee soon after the deadline. There will be 3 new Institutional Representatives and 3 new Individuals voted onto Board in November.

We are seeking to expand our institutional member base. President Seger has drafted a new application which simplifies the process of applying for membership and so far the response has been favorable. Chairman MacAllister suggested that we put an application in each envelope and hand them out at the Annual Meeting.

11. **New Business**

The Membership Meeting agenda for the November meeting will be pulled together soon.

The next Executive Committee meeting after November will be in February.