

The American Schools of Oriental Research  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 20, 1999 - Cambridge, MA  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order—Chairman P.E. MacAllister**

**2. PRESENT:** P.E. MacAllister, Chairman, Joe Seger, President, Walter Aufrecht, Kent Birmingham, Jeffrey Blakely, Oded Borowski, William Dever, Tim Harrison, Holland Hendrix, Burton MacDonald, Jodi Magness, Victor Matthews, P. Kyle McCarter, David McCreery, Eric Meyers, Bruce Routledge, R. Thomas Schaub, Tammi Schneider, Lydie Shufro, John Spencer, James F. Strange, Stewart Swiny, Gerald Vincent, Ingrid Wood, Randall Younker, Patty Gerstenblith for AIAR, Anne Ogilvy for ACOR, Norma Kershaw, Honorary Trustee, Ernest Frerichs, Honorary Trustee, Ed Gilbert, rep. for CAARI, Andrew Moore, the AIA representative to the Board, and Jane Waldbaum, Visitor from AIA.

Ex-Officio: B.J. Collins and Rudolph Dornemann.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 1, 1999.**

**RESOLVED, that the minutes of the prior meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved as distributed.** The Resolution was moved, seconded, and PASSED unanimously.

**4. Chairman's Report—P.E. MacAllister:** There was no report from the Chairman except to express thanks to President Joe Seger.

**5. Reports from Overseas Centers:**

**ACOR Report--Anne Ogilvy, Secretary of ACOR:** All excavation projects were completed, including the Petra Conservation Project. USAID added to the Petra endowment, which now stands at nearly \$182,000. At the Center this year there were 32 fellows and 10 ACOR projects. The ACOR endowment is about \$1.6 million, but there is a projected deficit of \$40,000 annually. The projected Centennial Celebration in Jordan includes a tour of Petra, among other attractions.

**AIAR—Patty Gerstenblith, President of AIAR:** AIAR offered 92 programs this year. There is a new internship program with the Hebrew University for credit. AIAR is cooperating closely with other institutions in Israel and the West Bank. For example, AIAR is seeking grants for Al-Quds University to strengthen its library in archaeology.

**CAARI—Ed Gilbert, President of CAARI:** Robert Merrillees is doing well as the new director of CAARI. Development of CAARI has continued so that the endowment is close to \$700,000. Grant proposals have been prepared for NEH for \$30,000 for the library, \$50,000 for USIA for operating and program support, and for the J. Paul Getty Trust for \$50,000 for the library. One

half-time student has been hired to work on staff. Space demands are outstripping current facilities. The issue will become critical in three years.

**6. A Moment of memorial for Dr. Melvin Lyons and Dr. Delbert Hillers.**

**7. President's Report—Joe Seger:** President Joe Seger announced the following new institutional members:

Institutional Representative for the ASOR Agenda Committee Michael Hasel.  
Institutional Representative for the ASOR Nominations Committee Bill Dever.  
Individual Members for the ASOR Board of Trustees Class of 2002 Jim Ross, Robert D. Miller, and Oystein LaBianca.  
Individual Representative for the ASOR Agenda Committee Beth Nakhai.  
Individual Representative for the ASOR Nominations Committee Jeff Blakely.

Randy Younker brought the following as Board nominations: P.E. MacAllister as Life Trustee, Joe Seger for the Class of 2003, Gerald Vincent for the Class of 2003, and John Camp for the Class of 2002.

**RESOLVED, That the nominations to the ASOR Board and Committees be elected as Nominated.** The Resolution came as a motion and a second from a standing committee and was PASSED unanimously.

**10. Development Committee—Holland Hendrix:** ASOR now has a case statement, thanks to Joe Seger. The Endowment Development Campaign for \$3,000,000 is now underway. The campaign seeks to enhance endowment and operations and growth in institutional and personal memberships. The Executive Committee has approved this case statement.

**RESOLVED, that the ASOR Board approve the case statement as presented.** The Resolution was moved by the Chairman, seconded, and PASSED unanimously.

this event, with Under Secretary of State Pickering as the speaker. The Smithsonian Associates program is scheduled for Saturday. On Saturday evening there will be a Grand Reception. The Program of the Grand Reception depends on the space available, currently planned as a grand buffet followed by a program. The Reception program is developing, and the Hotel is secured. A lecture program and "Digs Reunion Luncheon" will continue the program on Sunday.

ASOR is working with PFI to develop the April event. We plan to cover the Centennial Celebration expenses as we go. Tammi Schneider asked for attractive materials to use to invite participants. ASOR will develop a program booklet to use with the Centennial Celebration.

**12. By laws Report--Joe Seger.** An amendment was presented to open more of the ASOR

