

from the hostel, which is down because of disquiet about the Middle East situation. The endowments are moving forward. Hope for a \$2mil endowment from the US Govt. There ensued discussion of fundraising and the issue of empowering the Boston Office to help. There followed discussion of formulation of a Strategic Plan for ACOR. A committee is in place to do

RESOLVED, that an Officers Search Committee be formed to search for a new President and other officers of ASOR as the current slate will leave summer of 2001. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Baghdad Committee** by Paul Zimansky: The Nies Bequest enables the Committee to continue with publication of field work and to fund one or two fellowships per year in Mesopotamian Studies. There were two fellows last year. These fellowships stimulate research in Mesopotamian Studies.

9. **Damascus Committee** by Michael Fuller: There were nine American based excavation projects and one such survey in Syria during 2000.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees Endorses the COP request that the Baghdad Committee provide a budget to the Executive Committee, part of which would cover past *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* subvention and part of which would cover ongoing additional funds for the JCS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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consortium and makes it possible to CAORC money to support the overseas centers. The Annual Meeting is another such opportunity.

Sten stressed that we need to be proactive in spelling out this relationship.

The spring meeting of the Board is in Providence, R.I. with the American Research Center in Egypt.

11:27 Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary