

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 29, 2001 - Warwick, RI
Minutes

PRESENT: Walter Aufrecht, Jeff Blakely, Oded Borowski, John Camp, Douglas Clark, Nan Frederick, Timothy Harrison, Al Leonard, Jr. (also for COP), P.E. MacAllister, Chairman of the Board, Jodi Magness (also for AIA), Kyle McCarter, David McCreery (also for CAP), Eric Meyers, Robert Miller, Walter Rast, Martha Risser, Austin Ritterspach, Bruce Routledge, B.W. Ruffner, Thomas Schaub, Richard Scheuer (Life Trustee), Tammi Schneider, Joe Seger, President, Lydie Shufro, John Spencer, James F. Strange (Secretary), Stuart Swiny, Gerald Vincent, and Randall Younker.

STAFF: Billie Jean Collins for Publications, Rudy Dornemann, Executive Director, Holly Andrews, Assistant Director.

ABSENT: William Dever, Øystein LaBianca, C.C. Lamberg-Karlovsky, George Landes, Charles Harris

1. CTO 9:00 AM

Randy Younker AMENDS the motion so that the increase goes to \$1000 effective 2003. Doug Clark seconds. PASSED with one no vote. The motion PASSED with one no vote and one abstention.

The consensus was to refer the question of tiered institutional memberships to the ad hoc committee of John Spencer. The Chairman so ruled. Eric Meyers asked that they also consider how this can be best advertised, whether in NEA or otherwise. Randy Younker also pointed out that this communication is critical.

Joe Seger raised the question of whether we wish to make a more formal linkage to the regional groups. For example SECSOR (the SE Regional Group) asked for a formal relationship so that they can join the group comprised of AAR and SBL at the same rank. Joe asked that we engage in some deliberate study of this question, examine whether there is a pattern in how the regional societies work, etc. Rudy Dornemann pointed out that we might not have the money for formal sponsorship. However, there are expenses generated by regional societies that benefit ASOR. Tammy Schneider reported that she has been turned down on this once. Now Bible and

Sea Plains Project may have grant money coming in in the near future. Joe Seger withdrew his previous comment.

RESOLVED, that ASOR ask the two projects to consider an application from the two projects to continue ASOR-Sponsored status under the new definition. Moved by Joe Seger, seconded by Richard Scheuer. Tammi Schneider asked who oversees a sponsored project. We may wish to come up with very strict criteria for sponsoring projects. John asked whether this is not a

might not want to have a discussion in the future about whether ASOR wants to have Sponsored Projects at all. The minutes in the past do not reflect any resolution about sponsorship. Tom Schaub pointed out that these projects are already on the books. Randy Dornemann asked whether we might affirm their continuance after passing this motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by David McCreery, RESOLVED, that ASOR invites the Tell el-Hesi accordance with the definitions of an ASOR Sponsored project, as adopted at the ASOR Board meeting this date. PASSED with one abstention.

Tammi Schneider suggested that the President and officers draw up criteria for ASOR-Sponsored and ASOR-Affiliated projects.

6. **ACOR Report**--Nan Frederick reported that ACOR has been notified that the United States Agency for International Development has gr g0 GETQ EMC P ‡ 0d7k2-7(ff)6ETonso aegt-5(r, se)6(pli)-3(c)-d

President Joe Seger reminded the Board that nominations could be received from the membership for the Class of 2005. There will also need to be nominations for Chair of the COP committee, since Albert Leonard is rotating off after two terms as chair.

The committee is of nine, John Camp, B.W. Ruffner, Eric Meyers, John Spencer, Øystein LaBianca, Larry Herr, and Nancy Serwint. Five of them met last night. Five names have been proposed for the Presidency. Four positions are also up for renewal, three of whom have agreed to serve: PE MacAllister, Tom Schaub, and Jim Strange. That only leaves the Presidency. The Committee plans to meet with these five and discuss how they perceive the Presidency of ASOR.

9. Pass the Torch Campaign -- Austin Ritterspach. We have passed the \$1 million dollar mark as of today, most of which is pledged from the board members. Austin underscores that we have passed a balanced budget, which means that we have our finances in order.

from 57 affiliated projects last year. Eight field projects have been approved for Israel, but cancellations may change that number. Glitches in computer transmission have complicated