

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 24, 2002 - Toronto, ON, Canada
Minutes

PRESENT: Lawrence T. Geraty, President, P.E. MacAllister, Chairman of the Board, Oded Borowski, Mark W. Chavalas, Edward Gilbert, Larry Herr for COP, Douglas Clark for CAMP, Eric H. Cline, David Detrich (CAARI), Tim Harrison, Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Vice-President, Øystein S. LaBianca (ACOR), Edward Lugenbeal, Treasurer, P. Kyle McCarter, David McCreery, Beth Nakhai, Austin Ritterspach, Martha Risser, B.W. Ruffner, Bruce Routledge, Richard Scheuer, Tammi Schneider, Joe D. Seger, Lydie Shufro, John Spencer, James F. Strange, Secretary, Randy Younker, Rudy Dornemann, Executive Director, Billie Jean Collins, Director of Publications, Holly Andrews, Assistant Director, Selma Omerefendic, Staff.

ABSENT: Sidnie White Crawford, Nan Frederick, Norma Kershaw, Gerald Vincent, James F. Ross, Robert D. Miller, Jodi Magness, Stuart Swiny, Eric Meyers, Kent Bermingham

VISITORS: Richard L. Zettler, David Rosenstein

1. CTO by P.E. MacAllister, Chairman of the Board at 8:06 am.
2. Martha Joukowsky moved to approve the Minutes. They were accepted as distributed.
3. Chairman MacAllister had no report.
4. **Committee on Publications:** Larry Herr announced that, although *NEA* has not appeared lately, several issues are ready. COP has adopted a new book series for the level of the undergraduate student. Each book dedicated to the archaeology of a country. A Steering Committee is working on the editorial policy, Series Editor, and so on. COP hopes to bring out the first volumes in a couple of years. COP may ask some of those present to help.

Billie Jean Collins reported two items. (1) We have six titles scheduled to appear this year. The Aphrodite title is out and two Annuals. In June the first of three volumes should be out. Last year we sold \$48,000 worth of books for the whole year. This year in the first quarter we have sold \$21,000 so this is a stellar year. (2) Fulfillment: We are on course with changing our membership management to an in-house procedure. There should be no disruption. The bottom line for 2002 is a slight deficit of about \$8,000. The move to accrual accounting should give us the clearest picture yet of the data.

Larry Herr adds that our books are selling well because we have broken into the European market via David Brown Booksellers. We do not know how difficult the move to our new software system will be. We should be able to renew all subscriptions online. We have also established some enjoyable travel tours of the eastern Mediterranean, and brochures are available detailing these. Larry commented that it is also a way for participants to contribute to

ASOR. After several cultivation events we now have a mailing list of those interested in ASOR. These are exactly those whom we should contact. Larry announced that JoAnn Hackett and Stewart Swiny are joining COP. Nancy Serwint edits the *Annual*. Joe Greene edits the *Archaeological Reports*. Jim Weinstein continues as editor of *BASOR*, as Ted Lewis continues for *NEA*.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ASOR adopt the COP Guidelines as an addendum to the Policies and

13. Report from President by Larry Geraty: Larry expressed sincere appreciation for the opportunity of service the Board has given him. This summer he visited all the overseas centers and the various Departments of Antiquities. He plans to get better acquainted with Trustees. Larry announced the composition of the Search Committee: Larry Geraty will chair plus PE MacAllister, Joe Seger, Nan Frederick, Ed Gilbert, and two others not yet contacted. He stressed that this slate reflects a balance of gender, geographical areas, and interests represented. They have a list of 12 names of potential candidates for Executive Director. He will continue work with the development efforts. We need to retain and develop new Institutional Members. He is working with Joe on that. He thanked Douglas Clark for the Annual Meeting program, which this year attracted 650 registrants. An ad hoc group met this past Wednesday to talk about ASOR's ability to cross borders and regions. They came up with a process, which will affect the

recruiting from the wider community of those who can support us. Austin has two prospects himself, and has been working the conference to contact ASOR members to support the campaign. Austin suggests that we all think of the tours as a possibility for ourselves, not just for others. He mentioned planned giving as an additional possibility for growth.

16. **CAP** by David McCreery

publications and high standards of fieldwork and publications. David distributed the list of Current CAP members and the list of ASOR Affiliated Projects 2002-2003. At the Annual Meeting CAP reviews all proposals for affiliation with ASOR. All applications are now submitted via the ASOR web site. CAP approved 66 projects in Tunisia, Cyprus, Israel, Turkey, West Bank, Jordan, and Syria. There was a question about getting more short reports on what we are doing published in *NEA*. A one-page report in this vein might appear in CAP. David agreed. Martha Joukowsky pointed out that she gives a 600 word report to the *AJA* every year. If *NEA* publishes such a report, it may be appropriate to talk to *AJA* about who may publish this, as there is a cost involved, especially if photographs appear. Such a report may resemble *IEJ*

err will work on this. David points out a Statement on Iraq on the back of the Report.

motion and second from the CAP. There was some discussion in CAP that human suffering is missing from the statement. Many institutions have issued statements about the people of Iraq. Strange MOVED TO AMEND the letter that transmits our perhaps positive statement can contain a statement deploring human suffering. The amendment was seconded. Discussion: We should look at the statement we issued during the Gulf War. It was objected that the writing of the paragraph would put a load on David that he should not have to bear, and besides, the letter
fect the Statement. THE AMENDMENT FAILED.
THE ORIGINAL, UNAMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

CAP is planning a CAP trip summer of 2003 to visit the centers and any digs in the field. June 15 to July 15. David invites all interested Board Members.

17. **CAMP** by Doug Clark: Doug reported that he is particularly pleased with the Annual Meeting in terms of quantity and quality. He noted that the Executive Committee voted to expand PR for the Annual Meeting, namely directing that CAMP and COP and a professional PR person get together to think about PR for the Annual Meeting and other projects of ASOR.

Annual Meeting. This affects Outreach Education and the Lecture Series. Doug reported that now eleven regional meetings have a formal ASOR presence. It was interjected that the Honors and Awards Committee is very interested in receiving nominations from the Trustees and membership. There was discussion about a proper time for Honors and Awards announcements. There was some discussion about the proper time for the Board Meeting. A straw vote between Saturday night and Sunday morning for the Board meeting indicated that Saturday night won handily. It was suggested at the Executive Committee Meeting that we meet in the spring rather than November. CAMP will discuss that possibility, but we are tied to hotel contracts for November dates for the next two years. Another discussion ensued about the

