

The American Schools of Oriental Research  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 3, 2003 - Cambridge, MA  
Minutes

PRESENT: PE. MacAllister, Chairman of the Board, Oded Borowski, Mark W. Chavalas, Douglas Clark for CAMP, Eric Cline, Nan Frederick, Tim Harrison, Larry Herr for COP, Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Vice-President, Norma Kershaw, Øystein S. LaBianca, Edward Lugenbeal, Treasurer, Jodi Magness, David McCreery for CAP, Eric M. Meyers, Beth Nakhai, Martha Risser, Austin Ritterspach, David Rosenstein, Jim Ross, B.W. Ruffner, Richard Scheuer, Tammi Schneider, Joe Seger, Lydie Shufro, John R. Spencer, James F. Strange, Secretary, Stuart Swiny, Randy Younker, Rudy Dornemann, Executive Director, Billie Jean Collins, Director of Publications, and Holly Andrews, Assistant Director,

ABSENT: Kent Bermingham, David Detrich (CAARI), Lawrence T. Geraty, President, Edward Gilbert, P. Kyle McCarter, Robert Miller, Bruce Routledge, Jane Waldbaum, Sidnie White-Crawford,

VISITORS: Jim Erickson, Lee Seeman

1. CTO 8:40 AM
2. CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES: Lydie Shufro was present at the Toronto Meeting. The previous minutes were ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.
3. No Chairman's Report.
4. **AIAR** - Jodi Magness reported for Sidnie Crawford. Despite the difficult situation, the Albright is currently open with a full program.
5. **ACOR** - Sten LaBianca: The Board met two weeks ago and voted to re-open ACOR, which had been closed at the suggestion of the State Department, who asked that all non-essential personnel leave by mid-February. The staff moved to Cyprus, even though ACOR had not received any direct threats. During the ACOR Board meeting the unanimous decision was to invite the director and his wife to return to Amman, and they have moved as of May 1; there is talk of opening for the public as of June 1. Fellows are returning. The ACOR Board is optimistic that the situation will improve. A loss of income was anticipated, but Martha Joukowsky will help raise funds for the shortfall. Martha added that the bottom line is that \$80,000 must be raised to pay the staff. There was a joint effort with the Cincinnati Art Museum to organize a tour to Petra. Pierre Bikai is helping with the conservation of the baptismal site on the east side of the Jordan. He is also consulting with various groups.
6. **CAARI** - Stuart Swiny read his report. Thomas W. Davis is the new director replacing Robert Merrillees. The Greek-Turkish border has been opened in Cyprus and since that time

30,000 Greek Cypriots have crossed over it. So far this opening has not impacted archaeological excavation in Cyprus.

7. **Nominating Committee**--Ambassador Nicholas Veliotes was elected to the Board via an email ballot, but he has declined.



BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Chairman write the widow of Leon Levy conveying our condolences. MOVED by Spencer and SECONDED by

Eric Meyers volunteered to speak to the AAR about job placement, interviews, etc.

15. Joe Seger reports for the Search Committee that there is a pool of applicants, and that the Committee will be meeting this weekend. The committee will follow up and set up its own procedures.

16. P.E. MacAllister raised the issue of Hershel Shanks' response in BAR to ASOR. It was suggested that his response is important to discuss, but not in this venue. There was some further general discussion. No action was taken but there was a consensus not to make an official response to Shanks.

17. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2003 in Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted,

James Strange, Secretary