

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Finance & Executive Committee Meeting
November 21, 2003 - Atlanta, Georgia
Minutes

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman, Lawrence T. Geraty, President, Ed Gilbert, James F. Strange, Secretary, Douglas Clark, CAMP, Nan Frederick, Larry Herr, COP, Martha Joukowsky, Vice President, David McCreery, CAP, Eric M. Meyers, Austin Ritterspach, BW Ruffner, Joe Seger, Rudolph Dornemann, Executive Director, Billie Jean Collins, Publications, Holly Andrews, Assistant Director, Selma Omerefendic, Staff

VISITORS: Loren Basch, Consultant, Burt MacDonald, CAP chair beginning July 2004

1. Call to Order 8:52 am, – PE MacAllister
2. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting—J. Strange.

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Eric Meyers moves, Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Report from the Chairman**—P.E. MacAllister. PE distributed one sheet and reported that the overriding issue was the respect for scholars and scholarship, and the achievements of the past. PE notes that we must move on.

4. **Report from the President**—L. Geraty (distributed). The recommendation is to go ahead with the candidacy of Douglas Clark as Executive Director. Doug proposes half-time with ASOR and half-time with his academic institution from January 1 until the end of June. July 1 he would go full-time at ASOR in Boston.

BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendation to hire Douglas Clark as Executive Director of ASOR be accepted. Joe Seger moved and Nan Frederick seconded. Discussion: He will dig every other summer in Jordan, where communications allow easy contact with Doug Clark. It was pointed out that the senior leadership of ASOR is now all scholars connected with Jordan, and this is apt to be perceived in the wrong way by some. Staff asked whether Rudy would stay on part-time or would it be all long distance communication with Clark. The answer seemed to be

5. **Report on the Feasibility Study**—Loren Basch. Loren suggests immediate submission of names to add to the Board. Larry Geraty reports that some were given to him in the membership meeting. Second, Loren suggests that the Executive Director take a careful look at the issue of inclusiveness of women in high places. He further suggests that we promote to the membership that they read the report and that we receive feedback. He suggests that we move quickly, particularly in hiring a Development Director. The ASOR membership must feel that the upper levels are responding and implementing measures "relentlessly." Eric Meyers responded by speaking of the possibility of new alliances. We once spoke of combining

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eliminate the illicit trade of antiquities and enhance the protection of the world's archaeological and cultural heritage.”

THESE CHANGES BE SENT TO THE ENTIRE EC FOR RECONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT EC MEETING.

BE IT RESOLVED that The Executive Committee thanks Chris Madell for all his good efforts in publications. Larry Geraty moved, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **Report from the Personnel Committee**—Nan Frederick. Nan stresses for the record that Personnel and Publications will work well together.

12. **Report from the Executive Director**—R. Dornemann (distributed). Rudy expressed his thanks to staff in preparation for this meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive committee thanks Rudy Dornemann and the staff. Larry Geraty moved, but it was implemented by unanimous consent.

13. **Old Business:** None

14. **New Business:** IAA would like to share their free newsletter with the ASOR newsletter. Should we give them our ASOR mailing list? REFERRED TO NEXT MEETING.

Formal Recommendation from the President was made to appoint Douglas Clark as the new Executive Director of ASOR. ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Vote to Adjourn 12:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary