

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 1, 2004 - Boston, MA
Minutes

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman of the Board, Lawrence T. Geraty, President, Jim Strange, Secretary, Joe D. Seger, Doug Clark, Executive Director, Oded Borowski, Eric H. Cline

political situation, and because many will be in the Middle East at various times already. Burton MacDonald will be in the ME this summer, so he will visit digs as possible.

There will be several actions to take before the end of the day. 1) Support for the pottery volume that Sy Gitin is editing in Jerusalem. 2) Vote on the Director of Development documents. 3) Acceptance of the Leon Levy bequest. 4) Authorization to appoint a Membership Committee.

5. Report of Executive Director Douglas Clark—Doug thanked staff and others for making his

Boston and has offered great advice, drawing from his own experience. Doug reminded the Board of the ASOR Mission Statement. We have educational and outreach goals, and we think about the public. ASOR support comes from an informed part of the public.

Doug spoke of developing a "Case Statement" aimed at the public, which will tell them who we are and what we stand for. He suggested three options, a) a statement focused on protection and preservation of human cultural heritage, b) raising public awareness of the Middle East for greater understanding of the region's history and diverse cultures, and c) internationalizing excavation experience etc.

Doug shared a short job description for a Development Director. ASOR has filed with BU a long job description. He shared the Search Process from his letter to the Board of Trustees of April 16, 2004. He proposed we suggest names for the Search Committee.

Discussion of the Case Statement. It was proposed that in its operations abroad, ASOR should not violate human rights legislation that binds all of us in this country (equal opportunity legislation). There was also discussion of the idea of informing the public about the seriousness of the looting of archaeological sites. It was pointed out that the job description as distributed does not contain accountability. The explanation is that the full job description does contain accountability structures and measures.

Be it RESOLVED THAT ASOR adopt four actions proposed by Douglas Clark, namely, the approval of a job description for the Director of Development, for the Development Director Budget, and for the search process as presented in Dr. Clark's report, with the additions that the board may make for continued refinement of the concepts going forward. This is a motion and a second from the Executive Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Sy GM40n

in about 1½ years, which will be a great loss. Jim Wiseman of Boston University will chair the search committee.

9. David Detrich for CAARI—The Republic of Cyprus has entered into the European Union. The Turkish part of Cyprus has voted for the reunification plan of the UN, but the Greek portion has voted no, and no one knows what this portends for archaeology. There is also uncertainty

Billie Jean Collins reported we are participating in Journal Storage (JSTOR), which will put our journals on line electronically at their expense. The Petra issue of *NEA* was published March of 2004. Three more will be out before the end of the fiscal year. *BASOR* and *JCS* are in good shape. *BASOR* 333 appeared in April of 2004. *AASOR* 58 appeared in March of 2004. There was discussion of putting color into *BASOR* and other enhancements. The Office of Publications hopes to institute institutional subscriptions to *BASOR* and individual subscriptions to *NEA*. In the progress of business Chris in the Publications Office discovered irregularities in the Academic Services accounts. Our lawyer and Chris are dealing with this in hopes of reclaiming the loss.

Larry Herr indicates that moving membership services in-house has been very helpful. The distributed sheets that show the dreams of COP have minimal numbers in terms of dollars required. COP hopes that the book series will become best sellers. Jim Weinstein has noted that Israelis are the main contributors to *BASOR*, with fewer contributions from North America and Europe. There are two requests for color plates in *BASOR* (Mycenaean pottery), which cost \$1,400 each. *BASOR* could upgrade to better paper and more pages. PE commented that COP is

16. New Business: It was suggested that we move the date of the meeting one-week later or earlier because of conflicts with graduation at various universities. The suggestion was taken under advisement by the Executive Director.

17. The Chairman brought forward motions from the Executive Committee:

"BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR accept the Leon Levy bequest of \$150,000 and that in conformance with the restriction of the Executors, the money be divided evenly between the three overseas centers and used for the enhancement of their library collections. Larry Geraty moved, Larry Herr seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY."

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR endorse in principle ASOR's involvement in the pottery volume that Sy Gitin is editing and empower the leadership of ASOR to negotiate with IES and the Albright. This comes as a motion and a second from the Executive Committee. It was asked whether we might realize residuals. That is possible. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was suggested that, if someone is elected to positions such as the chair of CAP, the person take office immediately. Joe Seger suggests that we give them the franchise, but not exclude the previous person. There will be two votes in that case. No action was taken.

18. Adjournment 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary