

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Executive Committee Meeting
October 2, 2004 - Atlanta, GA
Minutes

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman; Larry Geraty, President; Joe D. Seger, Douglas Clark, Executive Director; Ed Gilbert, Larry Herr for COP; Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Vice-President; Eric Cline for CAMP; Burton MacDonald for CAP; Eric M. Meyers, B.W. Ruffner for Finance; James F. Strange, Secretary; Billie Jean Collins, Publications Office; Holly Andrews, staff and Selma Omerefendic, staff

ABSENT: David Rosenstein

1. 1:00 pm: CTO P.E. MacAllister

2. Approval of the Minutes of April 30, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting, J. Strange

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as distributed. Moved by Eric Meyers. Seconded by Jim Strange. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Report from the Chairman P.E. MacAllister--Waived

4. Report from the President L. Geraty

We have the \$150,000 from the Leon Levy bequest, which was divided among AIAR, CAARI, and Sy Gitin's pottery volume (ACOR having declined their portion of the gift). CAMP has a lecture series to discuss. The Center Directors are interested in being placed on the lecture circuit. We will vote on new Trustees' terms beginning January 1 instead of July 1. We must discuss a policy for unexpected, unrestricted major gifts. Term limits for Trustees has been suggested. Go off the Board, and then come on again.

Larry Geraty proposes six individuals to the Nominating Committee as new lay Trustees: John Anderson, M.D. of New York, N.Y.; Wilfred Geschke, M.D. of Portland, Oregon; Hart Hasten of Indianapolis, Indiana; Fred Cornforth of Caldwell, ID; Nader Rastegar of Atlanta, GA; Jay Mills of Chatanooga, Tennessee.

BE IT RESOLVED that these names go forward with

Doug Clark announced that he has bought a house and concluded his move to the Boston area. Doug and Holly Andrews have been meeting with Dick Ballou on Tuesdays regularly. The Auditors finished their audit Wednesday, September 29, and the first draft of their report should be in the Boston office by the end of October.

We should change the By-laws so that Trustees begin terms on Jan 1 instead of July 1 of any given year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC recommends to the Board of Trustees that the following change be made to the By-respons

FY2004. The *Archaeological Sources for the History of Palestine* project is now in a position to proceed. BJ used a Power Point Presentation to compare cash accounting and accrual accounting as applied to publications.

8. Report from CAMP E. Cline. (Distributed beforehand). The San Antonio program is complete. The Ethics presentation is a very strong draw. There are now so many submissions for the program that some are being rejected. The lecture series is proceeding well, and Eric will contact Ann to use the directors of the Centers. The Honors and Awards Committee is not receiving many nominations, so Eric Cline has suggested new categories. Seven of the eleven regional affiliations are showing growth.

9. Report from CAP B. MacDonald. Burt contacted Dick Zettler about the publication of cuneiform tablets from the market. Zettler thinks there should be some open discussion about this, as there is knowledge to be gained even from unprovenanced tablets. Larry Herr pointed out that ASOR cannot publish anything that is unprovenanced, given national and international law. It was pointed out that the situation with Iraq is truly exceptional, and we need to argue for an exception, not for a change in our policy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this issue be remanded to the heads of CAP, COP, and CAMP to

