

The American Schools of Oriental Research
Executive Committee Meeting
February 13, 2005 - Washington, DC
Minutes

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman, Larry Geraty, President, Douglas Clark, Executive Director, Larry Herr for COP, Eric Cline for CAMP, Burton MacDonald for CAP, Eric M. Meyers, David Rosenstein, B.W. Ruffner, Treasurer, Joe D. Seger, James F. Strange, Secretary, Billie Jean Collins, Publications Office, Holly Andrews, Staff, and Selma Omerefendic, Staff,

ABSENT: Ed Gilbert, Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Vice-President

1. CTO - P.E. MacAllister, 10:06 AM

2. **Approval of Minutes** of November 19, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting - J. Strange. Larry Herr asked that the names of Elizabeth Carter and Elizabeth Friedman be added as new members of COP. Minutes approved as corrected.

3. **Report from the Chairman** - P.E. MacAllister: Chair spoke of democracy and its models, including the republic. Later the Athenians elected Pericles as Archon and thus segued into a benevolent dictatorship. During th19 469.03and its models,

Clark (nv), Billie Jean Collins (nv), and Holly Andrews (nv). David Rosenstein asked that Eric Cline and Burt MacDonald be added to the Development Committee and substitute B.J. Collins for Chris Madell.

Doug Clark turned to the *Membership Committee Report*, which was distributed during the meeting. Joe Seger, Membership Committee Chair, pointed out that there was a major concern to provide items for the Agenda of the Members meeting during the Annual Meeting. There was also a desire to have access to an updated members list and an email list. There was discussion of expanding the Program of the Annual Meeting and rethinking the Newsletter, perhaps making it electronic. The Institutional Membership Committee has suggested that a portion of the Members Meeting be devoted to the Institutional Representatives. There was a suggestion to move into some form of tiered membership.

The By-Laws require attention. Doug announced plans for the April Executive Committee meeting, which includes joint events with AIA and others, a visit from ACLS, a Development Workshop, a By-Laws discussion, and perhaps Conflict of Interest Forms. He also gave information on renovation of ASOR's website and other items.

6. Report on Development - D. Rosenstein (distributed beforehand). The Development Committee suggests a shift in strategy from Director of Development to Development Function. We will hire an outside firm to develop a Development Action Plan: fundraising from individual donors, private foundation grant writing, government grants, research and networking, Board training, and Executive Director and Board coaching.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee authorizes the Development Committee to pursue the hiring of a development firm or firms for the development of ASOR. This is a motion

BE IT RESOLVED that in those years that it is allowable, we will remove 5% of the corpus of the Harris Fund. This is a motion and a second from the Investment Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

For our information, the Nominating Committee will meet and bring forth a nomination for Treasurer, according to policy.

At present we are about \$160,000 short in our budget projections this year. It was suggested that all Board members give this year at least as much as they did last year. David Rosenstein adds that we plan to have a firm hired by March 15.

Report on Investments was covered in the distributed reports.

8. Report from the Committee on Publications - L. Herr and B.J. Collins (distributed at the meeting.). Last spring at the SECSOR meeting, Chris encountered people from the Alabama museum who expect 250,000 visitors to their Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. They think they can sell 4,000 copies of the special issue of the NEA DSS issue. This is potentially \$20,000 of unplanned

11. **Old Business** - Sy Gitin has proposed that we put together a lecture tour for the overseas centers etc. He asks for an official authorization, namely, that the tour be carried out under the auspices of ASOR. Authorization was ruled so by general consent, but without financial considerations or commitments.

12. New Business - none.

13. Vote to Adjourn. 1:15 pm.