ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting

May 6, 2006 ó Boston, MA

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chair, Martha Joukowsky, Vice President, Andy Vaughn for COP, Eric Meyers, Larry Geraty, President Joe Seger, Rachel Hallote for CAMP, Eric Cline, Ann Killebrew, Tammi Schneider, Carol Meyers, Gary Arbino, Jennie Ebeling, Stuart Swiny, Orly Nelson, Randy Younker, Holly Andrews, Assistant Director, Selma Omerefendic, Accountant, and Britt Hartenberger, Interim Publications Manager

ABSENT: Dick Scheuer, James Strange, Sten LaBianca, Sidnie Crawford, Burton MacDonald, Elizabeth Bloch-Smith, Oded Borowski, Gus Feissel, Barry Gittlen, Jimmy Hardin, Melody Knowles, Beth Nakhai, Nader Rastegar, Austin Ritterspach, Susan Sheridan, Lydie Shufro, Jane Waldbaum, Bethany Walker

Contributing

established. The membership fee will \$125.00 per year and will include voting rights. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Andy Vaughn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Creating new grants for digs P.E. proposed that ASOR develop a second membership designated for digging scholarships at the rate of \$2500 per year. He wants ASOR to opt an

Motion to institute the \$2500 member passed.

Board development - P.E. next suggested that 3 new lay (business/professional) trustees be brought on board over the next year, and three more the year after. He recommended that 3 of the new board members be from the Boston area. He has already made contact with 2 Boston individuals that may be good prospects. He also presented to Randy Younker the candidacy of Jack Sahlman from Tampa, FL to the board. Jack is a successful businessman and has strong interest in archaeology/antiquities. Randy Younker placed his name in Nomination. Stuart Swiny then asked P.E. if he knows if Sahlman is an active collector today? We will need to find out if he has any illegal artifacts in his collection. His nomination was approved with the understanding that he is not an unlawful collector.

5. Board Vote on New Slate of Officers:

Chairman of the Board Joe Seger

Past President Larry Geraty

President Eric Meyers

Vice President Eric Cline

Vice President Tammi Schneider

Secretary Jim Strange

Treasurer P.E. MacAllister

BE IT RESOLVED that the new slate of officers be affirmed and that the terms begin on May 6, 2006 and go for 18 months (though December 2007). There will now be a Past President office and co-Vice Presidents. Eric Cline will serve as Vice President for Governance and Tammi Schneider will serve as Vice President for Membership. It was moved by P.E. MacAllister and seconded by Martha Joukowsky. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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Chair with Andy Vaughn, Eric Meyers, and P.E. MacAllister as members. The MC will be empowered to act as required to manage the operation. The MC will make regular reports to the other officers who will in turn communicate these reports to the appropriate ASOR constituencies. The MC will report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. At the November meeting its continuing status will be re-visited. It was moved by P.E. MacAllister for the Executive Committee and seconded by Eric Cline. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ethics of Publishing Materials from Unprovenanced Contexts

A modified ASOR policy statement on unprovenanced artifacts was distributed. Discussion ensued. ASOR is working on revising its statement to address this issue. A Committee on Unprovenanced Artifacts will be established to come up with a new statement that will be vetted by membership. There was a unanimous vote to receive the report and take further action on it later.

9. **Report on Development** Ann Killebrew (interim chair)

Ann reported that development has focused much effort on raising money to get NEA caught up. We have raise about \$23,000 from individuals so far. We also received a \$25,000 challenge grant from Notre Dame. We have about \$10,000 toward the challenge and will need another \$15,000

please ask their institutions to consider a contribution. Another focus has been institutional memberships. We have 7 new members on board so far and have a goal of also need to get lapsed members back on board and get the number of institutional members back up to 100. The Institutional Membership Committee recently came up with some new perks for members, the biggest being new travel grants for Meeting. Tammi Schneider urged people to look at the new benefits on the website.

Our donations to operating have really picked up this year. In particular we received three very large and generous gifts from: P.E. MacAllister. Artemis and Martha Joukowsky, and Dick Scheuer.

The Development efforts since the Annual Meeting have been somewhat scaled down. We have been holding off on a contract with Schultz and Williams because we needed to do things that money. This will be revisited in the coming months.

Eric Meyers then mentioned the proposal for an ASOR history exhibit with a firm called Exhibitour. We already have interested investors who are willing to support ASOR fully if we pursue this. It would be a great thing for ASOR. We will be constituting an Advisory Committee to help make plans for this exhibit.

10. **Report from Nominations Committee** Randy Younker

Nominations have already been addressed.

11. **Report on ASOR Support for the Overseas Centers** Eric Meyers

A document was distributed that explained in what ways ASOR supports and serves the centers with dollar figures attached to these services.

Sy Gitin wanted to note that the Albright did give ASOR \$3,000 last year for shipping costs of the journals the Boston office sends to Israel.

12. **Report from AIAR** Sy Gitin

Sy reported that the Albright had another successful year with over 85 programs. The AIAR Board has been very supportive. The ASOR lecture exchange is going well and he hopes it

to refurbish the building and expand the library. They will be organizing a CAARI workshop in

17. **Report from CAMP** Rachel Hallote

The funding for the lecture series (\$2,000) was put back into the budget for FY2007. Holding lectures in different parts of the country is a vehicle for potential new friends and members, having funding to do more will help ASOR. Our plenary speaker for the Annual Meeting is Matthew Bogdanos who will be a big draw. The Meeting is looking really good, we will introduce 5 new sessions in the program.

18. Old Business

P.E. gave Larry Geraty a special Past President ASOR pin and expressed sincere gratitude to Larry for his service to ASOR in what were sometimes difficult circumstances. Larry thanked P.E. likewise for his tremendous support and leadership as Chairman of the Board for many years.

19. **Vote to adjourn** 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Andrews, Assistant Director (for James Strange, Secretary)