

ASOR Finance and Executive Committees Meeting

Andy Vaughn noted that the signed Release Agreement with Doug Clark needs to be officially accepted by the Executive Committee at some point during the weekend. Copies were then distributed. Andy then made a motion to reconsider the previous agreement which had mandated that all Executive Committee members would sign this document.

BE IT RESOLVED that since the Release Agreement with Doug Clark has already been

other member of the Executive Committee needs to sign this agreement and that all members of the Executive Committee are in agreement with its contents. It was moved by Andy Vaughn, and seconded by Martha Joukowsky. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Eric Cline inquired about the Jordanian Conference set for Washington, DC in 2007. He asked if plans were moving ahead. Martha Joukowsky assured that all arrangements have been made for this event and everything is on track.

3. Report from the Chairman P.E. MacAllister

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7. New Business

Discussion about the Interim Management Committee should it continue as is, or change? It is working well now and functioning efficiently, so it should continue.

P.E. MacAllister appointed a Management Committee (MC) and assigned it responsibility of overall operational management. B. W. Ruffner serves as Chair with Andy Vaughn, Eric Meyers, and P.E. MacAllister as members. The MC is empowered to act as is needed to improve our operation. The MC makes regular reports to the other officers who in turn communicate these reports to the appropriate ASOR constituencies. The MC will next report to the Executive Committee at the November meeting where its continuing status will be re-visited. Motion to continue was moved by Andy Vaughn and seconded by Martha Joukowsky. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Eric Cline brought up the idea of a total restructuring of ASOR from the ground up due to the transitions that have been going on. We need to look into the way the organization is governed and make recommendations on how to proceed going into the future.

BE IT RESOLVED that Eric Cline and Tammi Schneider will undertake a thorough review of the governance and operation of ASOR and bring a preliminary report with recommendations and suggestions to the next Executive Committee meeting. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Eric Meyers. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion on the Ethics of Publishing Unprovenanced Materials

ASOR is working on revising its policy statement to address this issue. We want to rise above the fray and take the moral high ground. The revised statement will re-commitment to doing solid ethical work and finding innovative ways to do scientific research. It will state that we will respect the host countries in which we work and not tell them what regulations they should establish. We do not want to be colonial. If the host country says the material is legitimate and that it should be studied and published, then we will do so. ASOR needs to inform the membership that we are addressing this issue and working to devise a strong statement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee met on May 5, 2006 and voted to establish a committee to revise the ASOR policy statement as it pertains to the publication of unprovenanced materials. This committee will consist of Eric Meyers (chair), Andy Vaughn, and Tammi Schneider and be advised by Patty Gerstenblith, the Chairs of COP, CAP, CAMP and the Baghdad Committee, and the editors of the three ASOR journals. This statement will be vetted by membership. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Eric Meyers. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Two items were then discussed and added to the Board of Trustees meeting agenda for the following day:

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- Power of EC to override all financial decisions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees vote to rescind the resolution made under #11 on the Board agenda from November 19, 2005 that gave the Executive Committee full power to override any financial decision made by any other -laws. It was moved by Andy

Vaughn and seconded by Eric Meyers.

8. Report on Development Ann Killebrew (interim chair)

NEA -

The first billing for Membership Renewal has just gone out from the Boston office, thanks to Britt Hartenberger and Katie Chaple.

Due to the lapses in NEA, we have lost more subscribers than we have gained in the past year. The plan is to be caught up with NEA by December 31, 2006. This may mean we have to do another double issue, COP is still discussing this. Billie Jean Collins will be concluding her contract with ASOR at the finish of the next issue, (68:4).

We are about \$7,500 down in memberships from what was budgeted for the year, but we are above what we projected for subscriptions by about \$20,000.

We currently have 82 institutional members who have paid for the year. We would like to bring this figure back up to 100. Including our new institutional members, we should bring in about \$94,000 in dues for the year.

Review of NEA

Series in the past year, so it has been difficult to do much.

BE IT RESOLVED that \$2,000 be allocated in the FY2007 budget for the Lecture Series. It was moved by Andy Vaughn and seconded by Ann Killebrew. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

One idea for the Presidential Forum is to have it focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls. We could have photos of them blown up and mounted with accompanying text following the session.

Our legal counsel, Jim Joseph, lives in the D.C. area. We should nominate him for an award for

11. Old Business

Martha wanted to know if someone would be willing to go to the ALCS meeting next weekend, May 11-13 in Philadelphia. Britt will look into going if she is able.

Andy thanked Larry Geraty for his years of service to ASOR as president.

12. Vote to adjourn 4:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

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