

ASOR Executive Committee Meeting

September 9, 2006 – Indianapolis, IN

DRAFT MINUTES

Location: Holiday Inn Airport, Indianapolis, IN

EC Members present: P.E. MacAllister (chair), Eric Cline, Ann Killebrew, Eric Meyers, Burton MacDonald, B.W. Ruffner, Tammi Schneider, Joe Seger, Andy Vaughn.

EC Members absent: Larry Geraty, Rachel Hallote, Jim Strange (secretary)

1. Meeting called to order at 8:32am by Chair P.E. MacAllister. Agenda was distributed and approved.
2. Secretary: Jim Strange was not present due to illness, it was decided by general consent that Andy Vaughn would take the minutes for this meeting.
3. Minutes: Approval of minutes of the May 5th meeting were waived

will make another report to the EC at the November meeting, as well as keep the Management Committee informed.

- e. Exhibition project. Tim Chester (Exhibitor) reported to Eric Meyers that things are still moving ahead but a little slower than planned. He (Chester) hopes to have a total financial commitment within the next two months. Tammi asked if the Exhibitor could pay for part of the archives work that needs to be done. Joe raised the concern that we need to make sure that Exhibitor should not drive our priorities with the archives collection.
5. SBL proposal for a new relationship with ASOR at the annual meetings was examined.
- a. Eric Meyers began the discussion by calling Rachel Hallote (CAMP chair) on the phone to get her input. She previously reported (via email) her support of the proposal, and she confirmed her approval on the phone.
 - b. Various responses were given. All of the responses thought that ASOR earned a small profit, but Meyers and Vaughn noted that such assessments did not include staff time and some other office expenses associated with staff.
 - c. Exhibits at annual meeting: Tammi asked about clustering of book exhibits.
 - d. Ann Killebrew said that we need to be able to continue to attract members who do not care about biblical studies and related specialties.
 - e. **Motion:** Ann Killebrew moved the following (seconded by Tammi Schneider). Be it resolved that Andy Vaughn and Eric Meyers are charged to negotiate a joint meeting arrangement with the SBL so long as the following concerns be taken into account: 1) AV costs; 2) Keeping a separate hotel and identity; 3) maintaining programming that is controlled by ASOR; 4) having a convention expressed its enthusiastic support of a joint meeting if these issues could be worked out. Eric and Andy will present a detailed proposal that addresses these concerns to the EC at the November meeting. Assuming that the above concerns are resolved, the EC expects to present this proposal to the full Board of Trustees for its endorsement at the November 18, 2006 meeting. Passed unanimously.
 - f. Past negotiations for annual meeting hotel contracts: Eric Meyers expressed his disappointment that many of the contract details of the annual meeting were negotiated without the Executive Committee being involved. There was a general agreement with his expression of disappointment.
6. **Motion:** MSP by general consent the following motion: Be it resolved that ASOR notify the 3 schools that the suites at the annual meeting are a major perk of the meeting and provide a value to the schools of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 if they are used for 6 nights. We request (but do not require) that the overseas research centers hold a reception during the ASOR annual meeting at the ASOR hotel for 2006 to help defray ASOR's food minimum. Further, the issues of suites and complimentary room allocations for future years (i.e., 2007 and beyond) and who receives them will be taken up by CAMP with Eric Cline serving as the liaison between CAMP and the EC. Approved unanimously.
7. Development Committee (Ann Killebrew): Ann Killebrew commented on her written report. Comments noted that it was advisable to revise the pledge card. Ann further described the method for follow-up on the appeal. Trustees are asked to either give or

pledge for the FY before the annual meeting. Ann suggested a goal of \$200,000 for this year for the annual fund. This goal is \$100,000 more than the budget, but the larger amount will allow ASOR to achieve other goals (e.g., more support of annual meeting, better support of publications, hiring an executive director, rescuing our archives, etc.). Ann and Andy will revise the appeal letter accordingly and send it out next week.

8. Development (new memberships):
 - a. Contributing Memberships: P.E. distributed the brochure for the new contributing membership. He has printed 200 copies for now. Every trustee is encouraged to recruit at least one new member. These members pay \$125 per year (\$100 is tax-deductible).
 - b. Heritage Memberships: Joe Seger passed out information for a new Heritage Membership. \$500 of the \$2,500 fee would go to ASOR for an administrative fee, and \$2,000 would go to provide a scholarship toward an excavation or allow the donor to go on the excavation. The entire \$2,500 fee will be tax deductible.
9. **Motion:** MSP by general agreement. Date of next executive committee meeting: February 9-11, 2007. Tammi Schneider, Eric Meyers, and Joe Seger will look into options in their respective locations, and we to hope announce the location to the EC within a month.
10. Spring Board meeting. **Motion:** Moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Burton McDonald. Be it is resolved that ASOR meet with AIA this year provided that the finances can be worked out advantageously. Passed unanimously with one abstention.
11. Financial report: B.W. Ruffner passed out financial spreadsheets. He answered questions and opined that we are in a strong position to have a balanced budget this year and meet our cash flow needs.
12. Executive Director. Several members of the EC expressed the opinion that we could not operate for a long time without an executive director. The committee discussed various needs of ASOR. Cpf { "Xcwi j pø'pco g'y cu'o gp'kqpgf "cu'c'r quidrg"ecpf kf cvg0Cpf { " excused himself from the room and discussion continued. There was enthusiastic support for Andy to serve as an interim, part-time executive director for the period January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.
 - a. **Motion** Vco o k'Uej pgkf gt"o qxgf <öDg'kw'tguqrgf "vj cv'vj g'O E"dg"go r qy gtgf " and authorized to work out an interim management arrangement from January 1 ó June 30, 2007 with Andy Vaughn. Salary and details to be worked out by the o cpci go gp'veqo o kwgg"cpf "Cpf { 0'O q'kq'ugeqpf gf "d{ "DOY 0T whpgt0" Discussion continued. Unanimously passed with one abstention (Andy Vaughn did not vote and was not in the room for the motion).
 - b. Status of Andy as COP chair: It was suggested that Andy should resign temporarily as chair of COP effective January 1, 2007 if he were to become

- a. Eric Cline referred to the written report from Rachel.
 - b. **Motion** that had been allocated to the lecture committee be given to the regional affiliations committee. Ann Killebrew seconded. Unanimous approval.
14. CAP (Burton MacDonald): Distributed written report, provided explanations and interpretations, and answered questions. Burton stressed that ASOR needed to think

Minutes submitted by Andy Vaughn.