

Board of Trustees 2007 Annual Meeting

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

November 18th, 2007

PRESENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman, Eric Meyers, President, Tim Harrison, President Elect, Jeffrey A. Blakely, Interim VP for Publications, Eric Cline, VP for Programs, Terry Hofecker, Vice President for Development, , Ann Killebrew, Vice President for Archaeological Policy and Research, Tammi J. Schneider, Vice President for Membership, James F. Strange, Secretary, Sheldon Fox, Treasurer, Secretary, Susan Ackermann, Gary P. Arbino, Bill Arnold, Oded Borowswki, Mack W. Chavalas, Tom Davis, CAARI, Orly Nelson, Jennie Ebeling, Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Gus Feissel, Nan Frederick, Lawrence T. Geraty, Sy Gitin for AIAR, Jimmy Hardin, Morag Kersel, Øysten LaBianca, Carol Meyers, Beth Alpert Nakhai,

1, 2007. The Temporarily restricted net assets increased. A total of \$282,000 is in fellowship funds. Unrestricted assets grew from a negative \$59,000 two years ago. The deferred income from NEA alone went up by about \$45,000. As we catch up on NEA the deferred revenue will be

Nili Fox

Jeffrey Chadwick

Barry Gittlen.

In the individual slate, the three elected were as follows:

Jimmy Harden

Lawson Younger

Robert Mullins

Chairman P.E. MacAllister called for public recognition and thanks for the efforts of Jeff Blakeley. The Board of Trustees expressed their thanks and acknowledged his efforts.

2. Jeff Blakely reports that the Officer's Nominating Committee could not find a candidate for VP for Publications, but has one "nibble"

CAP gathers information; the Annual Meeting is where we disseminate information orally. A publication is the arm of dissemination in print or video form. We have six organs: (1) *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* for a small group of scholars. It is very important, but small. (2) *BASOR* is aimed at scholars. The production of *BASOR* is excellent, and the Editor has a long queue of manuscripts. (3) The *Newsletter* does not come out of publications, but should come from President and from the Boston Ofpwur

CAP and COP. ASOR-affiliated projects should be helped to publish in ASOR-related publications. We should use the web appropriately to help affiliate projects. If we can better define our grants and funds primarily for ASOR affiliated projects, it would help. This is important to CAARI, since Cyprus is now part of the European Union, and British archaeologists have expressed interest in working with CAARI. Publication in BASOR would be a huge benefit to them. International recruiting for ASOR members is also implicated. One trustee injected a call for caution, because our resources are limited. Some asked whether this issue should be discussed at the spring Executive Committee Meeting.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee for Archaeological Policy put together a document on the pros and cons of keeping ASOR affiliation be solely North American or international.** Moved by Eric Cline and seconded. Gary Arbino offers an amendment to the motion to ask that the membership at large be consulted. This was accepted by Eric Cline as a

viii. Affirmed

Personnel Policy Manual) for all communication and interaction between ASOR members and ASOR staff who are Boston University employees

http://www.bu.edu/hr/policies_procedures/manual/400_general.shtml) for all communication and interaction between board members, officers, committee members, and ASOR staff.

ix. Recommended that all board members and other committee members strive to maintain the highest standards of conduct and civility in their interactions with one another.

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Committee

b. Decisions made at the November meeting read by Jim Strange, Secretary:

i. Affirmed Jeff Blakely as Interim Vice President for publications through May 1, 2008. [Inadvertently omitted by the Secretary in the meeting, but added for the

ii. Approved the financial report to be submitted to the Board.

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three year term as editor of *BASOR*, since his editorial appointment runs out in June. The new term will be July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011.

viii. Placed the unrestricted bequest from Jim Ross into the endowment account as an unrestricted gift.

6. **Administrative Reports**

a. --Eric Meyers. Expressed thanks to the other Members of the Management Committee for their efforts in day to day administration of ASOR. Called for thanks to the CAMP Committee and the Boston staff for the Annual Meeting. He singled out Selma and Alex for a special thank you. Rachel Halotte and Eric Meyers have submitted the

identified by Ann Killebrew. He will work with Development in the short term to build the Annual Fund numbers and in the long term to resume a discussion around developing a long-term strategic plan and produce a working document for the February, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting. Times of transition are difficult, but they also present opportunities. Our ranks are growing in terms of memberships and subscriptions.

i. ACOR report by Sten LaBianca. The international conference ACOR is running an Arabic language program with thirty students funded by Homeland Security. Laura Bush was hosted by ACOR in Petra. *Petra Papyrus III* has just been published. Bethany Walker leads the Jordan dig directors, and ACOR is writing a dig manual for them. They plan a strategic plan initiative. Sten called for a commendation for those who organized and worked on the conference.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees conveys to the President and Trustees of ACOR
Moved by Nan
Frederick; seconded by Sten LaBianca

ii. AIAR report by Sy Gitin. Sixty-four fellows, including a new fellowship for eastern European scholars. AIAR hopes to establish a new summer fellowship and a new senior professorship for a little over \$300,000 annually. NEH will supply \$500,000 of a new \$2mill challenge grant, all but \$90,000 of which has been raised. One part will endow the senior professorship and the second part will renovate and endow the hostel. The Jim and Miriam Ross bequest to the Albright will go for journals. Renovation has already begun with extension to the library. The Wright lab will be renovated with offices. The major renovation will begin in 2009 for six months, which will close the Albright for that time. The fellowship begins January of 2010. The highlight of lectures this year is the Dothan endowed lectureship in March.

iii. CAARI report was distributed. Tom Davis added that the drop in the dollar has hurt their finances. CAARI is the host for many European fellows who have no place else to go. The new web site www.caari.org valuable. Tom Davis visited ACOR. Jim and Miriam Ross gave a bequest which is th anniversary to be celebrated in June.

c. **Development** Terry Hofecker. Expressed thanks for appointing him to the position. We will contribute a minimum of \$500 per year. Resources follow relationships and flow from a clear and compelling vision for ASOR. Terry asked the Trustees to pledge now and pay before Dec 31, 2007.

d. **Membership** Tammi Schneider. Lawson Younger has volunteered to chair the Membership Committee. The goal is to contact the 150 members whose memberships lapse each year to urge them to sign up again. WDevelopment

is so important. Andy is willing to do the same thing. He hopes to travel to the three institutes to see their work in progress.

j. **New Business:**

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR send birthday wishes to Dick Scheuer for his 90th birthday. Eric Meyers moved, and it was seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

k. **Announcement:** Beth Alpert Nakhai opened a discussion on women in Ancient Near Eastern archaeology, and there is interest in taking this voice forward. She announced her public appreciation to Nan Frederick for her long service on the board, the third longest for a woman. Nan adds that ACOR is facing its 40th anniversary in June.

l. **May 2-3 is the next Trustees meeting in Philadelphia.**

Adjourn 10:59 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary