Awards Committee (January 1, 2017- December 31, 2019): <a href="http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/anth/Laura-Mazow.cfm">http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/anth/Laura-Mazow.cfm</a>.

•Randall Younker, for a second three-year term as Chair of the Committee on Membership and Outreach (January 1, 2017- December 31, 2019): <a href="https://www.andrews.edu/sem/faculty\_staff/faculty/randall-younker.html">https://www.andrews.edu/sem/faculty\_staff/faculty/randall-younker.html</a>

•Danielle Fatkin, for a second three-year term as a member of the Program

We are very grateful to two of our current Board Members who will be rotating off the Board, Steve Ortiz and Rachel Hallotte. We thank them most sincerely and warmly for their service.

Board appoints four trustees to the Board.

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while the Endowment Accounts generated a loss of \$61,344 (-9.1%)—both of which were substantially lower than the FY 2016 A SOR Custom Benchmark of -1.30%. However, our losses primarily were limited to the Sequoia Fund, and we have taken measures to correct that situation.

For the four-month period ending October 31, 2016, ASOR Fellowship Accounts generated a gain of \$13,420 (+1.8%), while the Endowment Accounts generated a gain of \$14,495 (+2.1%). The ASOR Custom Benchmark for the same period held steady at +2.90%.

Annual Meeting attendance has steadily increased from 2011 through 2015. The final count for the 2016 Annual Meeting was around 890.

The purpose of the Journals Escrow Account is to set aside the funds required to publish ASOR journals so as to fulfill ASOR's obligations to its members and subscribers. This is an annual calculation requiring Board approval. The FY 2017 Journals Escrow Account analysis and recommendation are vetted by the Finance Committee prior to the Executive Committee and Board meetings.

In summary, FY 16 was a good year for ASOR. We had a clean audit report, with no issues raised. Amy and Selma did a great job talking to the auditors and throughout the year. Annual meeting attendance was up to about 890, which is increase of 13 people from 2015. There was suggestion to raise our capitalization policy, from \$500 to \$2500.

Andy offered Board members a bound copy of

### a. ASOR Travel and Entertainment Policy

Susan Ackerman: we thank our chair for engaging in continuing education courses that will support ASOR. The development of the policy is in line with the Federal Risk Assessment Form requirements (how not to misspend Federal dollars).

Randolph Helm commends those who prepared the policy.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Trustees accept the new ASOR Travel Policy. Passed unanimously.

# b. A SOR Gift Acceptance Policy Members have expressed concern over who funds A SOR and under what conditions A SOR would accept gifts of various categories.

A full discussion about the draft policy ensued. Andy Vaughn thanked Richard Coffman for his strong effort to help protect ASOR. Sharon Herbert counseled that ASOR not accept gifts from people who would damage our reputation and urged that we reference our professional standards policies.

Richard asked the Board Members to consider the draft policy and send comments to be incorporated into the next draft; the current draft will posted on the website for those who wish to reference it.

### ! + " A SOR Board of Trustees Commitment Form (Susan Ackerman)

Peggy Duly counseled that we should encourage our Board Members to make a more fulsome commitment in addition to giving or getting gifts for ASOR.

Susan Ackerman responded that ASOR is seeking 100% participation; and we want to be flexible in how we ask the board to help us financially.

Richard Coffman says the centers are welcome to use the policy. Andy Vaughn mentioned that it is good practice to be clear with Trustees about their commitments when they decide to become a Trustee.

Susan Ackerman mentioned that a manual for board members will be developed and that she hoped Trustees commit to reading it, the website, and getting to know the organization.

Richard: everyone please send us your comments and redlines to a word document that Andy will post.

!!" Chairs Coordinating Council Report (Sharon Herbert)

Background: CCC consists of chairs of standing ASOR committees and was instituted under Tim Harrison, to facilitate interaction of committees and to have them work together. They hold monthly conference calls and meet face to face at ASOR. She will now condense 3 hours into 10 minutes.

## **Programs Committee:**

The CCC congratulated them on a great meeting.

[1] There were two kinds of sessions: ASOR Standing sessions and Member-Organized sessions (time limited 1 to 3 years). The Programs Committee voted to move three of the members sessions to Standing ASOR Sessions:

There are non-field work fellowships, e.g., the new Study of Collections fellowships.

A discussion ensued.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** A SOR formalizes the practice of CAP oversight of fieldwork fellowships and grants to the extent allowed by donor agreements. Passed unanimously.

CAP is working to find ways to provide venues in its new application process to prompt reflection of best practices and also mentoring.

#### **Junior Scholars**

They were very happy about speakers brought in by ASOR: ACLS and Fred Winter. They felt empowered. They also reiterated the need to make if affordable for members to attend meeting.

#### COP

It was a "happy" meeting. We will be looking for a new chair for COP. Chuck Jones has reached his second term. Levantine Ceramics Project will be overseen by COP, with *ex officio* membership by LCP director (Andrea Berlin).

### **Honors and Awards**

They recognized a number of distinguished members. We need more nominations. Book prizes: senior versus junior scholars, often with senior book winning out. Would we want to establish a junior book award?

A discussion ensued about encouraging people to be at meetings where they win awards, perhaps by giving some tangible sign of our support.

!#" Memorial Moments (Susan Ackerman)

As is customary at our Board Meeting, we remember those ASOR colleagues who have passed away in the past year, as well as those who were not members of ASOR, but whose work and interests intersected profoundly with ASOR.

Trude Dothan – past member
Mordechai Gichon – past member
John S. Holladay – past member
George Landes – past member
Zecharia Kallai – past member
George E. Mendenhall – past member
Kevin O'Connell – past member
Edgar Peltenburg – past member

Catherine Stewart Vaughn – past member

Amnon Altman

Christian Augé

Rémy Audouin

Martin Bachmann

Frank L. Benz

Paul Bernard

Jorge Silva Castillo

Marc Cooper

Herbert Donner

Peter Flint

Ernie Haerinck

A. Thomas Kraabel

Erle Verdun Leichty

Lidia Matassa

Mahmoud Mousavi

Nimet Özgüç

Nancy Sandars

Yoram Tsafrir

Adel Yahya

Kevin O' Connell was an Honorary Trustee and George Landes served the Board as Secretary for 22 years.

1 Other Business

preliminary work about branding. There will be a system of staff keeping the website content updated, fresh. We will be seeking access to photos for which ASOR is given permission to use on its website. Our website will display in a device-dependent manner going forward.

Peggy Duly remarked that of all the choices that you could make, you made the best ones.

Lynn Dodd thanked

Madaba Plains project. There will be discussion of the celebration. The October issue of the ACOR newsletter is Archaeology in Jordan; it is a pro bono effort. Glenn is taken up with grant writing, NEH, Petra Temple of the Winged Lions, and otherwise. The website has been streamlined and put on a Wordpress foundation. Of the 5 fellows, only one is archaeologist (Suzanne Richard). The scope of what we do in Jordan is broad. CAORC had its oversees meeting and there were two ACOR successful presentations.

Øystein LaBianca – the new SCHEP initiative has been transformative for archaeology in Jordan and is a challenge. The Board is committed to it. He expresses his great thanks to Barbara Porter for her long and dedicated service to ACOR.

Jim Sauer and Bert de Vries's material has been digitized.

Michael Hasel left at 11:50am.

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clock. He encourages all ASOR members to make the time to send Arlene and the rest of the staff a note to thank them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08PM.