

**ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel
November 19, 2017**

Present: Richard Coffman (Chairman), Susan Ackerman (President), Sharon Herbert (Vice President), Lynn Dodd (Secretary), Timothy Harrison (Past President), Joseph Seger, Vivian Bull, Eric Meyers, Carol Meyers, Jeff Blakely, Jane DeRose Evans,

Steve Falconer, for an initial three-year term as Chair of the Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020): <https://clas-pages.uncc.edu/steven-falconer/> and <https://clas-pages.uncc.edu/steven-falconer/publications/>; c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/about-asor/hidden-trustees/>.

BE IT RESOLVED: the appointment of Steve Falconer for an initial three-year term as Chair of the Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020) is approved by unanimous consent.

Chuck Jones, for a one-year extension as Chair of the Publications Committee (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018): <http://cams.la.psu.edu/directory/cej14> and <http://personal-psu.academia.edu/CharlesJones>.

BE IT RESOLVED: the appointment of Chuck Jones for a one-year extension as Chair of the Publications Committee (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018) is approved by unanimous consent.

Kent Bramlett, for an initial three-year term (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/about-asor/hidden-trustees/>.

Patricia Fall, for an initial three-year term (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/about-asor/hidden-trustees/>.

Jimmy Hardin, for an initial three-year term (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/about-asor/hidden-trustees/>.

Sturt Manning, for an initial three-year term (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/about-asor/hidden-trustees/>.

BE IT RESOLVED: the appointment of the foregoing individuals as members of the Committees listed above, with the terms as noted in the entries above, is approved by unanimous consent.

6. Editor Appointment (Sharon Herbert)

Thomas Schneider, for a third three-year term as the editor of *Near Eastern Archaeology* (January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020); c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/about-asor/hidden-trustees/>.

There was discussion in COP that an editor serving “around ten years” is a fine term for an editor and that beyond that may be too long.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the

Junior Scholars Committee to Early Career Scholars Committee

Through a process of discussions about this committee's focus, the committee voted to change their name to Early Career Scholars. This will require a By-Laws change, which will require 20 days advance notice.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board expresses its support for the name change of Junior Scholars Committee to Early Career Committee. Passed unanimously.

9. Board Trustee Nominations Committee Report (Ann-Marie Knoblauch)

- a. We welcome our continuing Board Members. Joe Greene and Carol Meyers are rejoining the Board as Institutional Members.
- b. Ann-Marie Knoblauch notes the challenges that the committee is having in recruiting people to the Board of Trustees. She received useful feedback from members, and she seeks the input of the Board of Trustees. How might we better inspire our membership to become part of this body? There is a misperception that this is an elite pool. Various ideas are under consideration including a workshop at the Annual Meeting, perhaps officers visiting the Early Career Scholars and Initiative on the Status of Women, to describe the nature of serving in the leadership of ASOR.

Harrison: If Board Members are more visible, that could help.

Deborah Foran: use *ANEToday* to profile individual board members with their new photographs.

Sten LaBianca: there is a career ladder of sorts at ASOR, in that people with experience in serving ASOR on committees would be good candidates for nomination. He suggests that ASOR work through CCC to educate the committees about the Board.

announcements in *ANEToday*, in the hope of encouraging people to volunteer themselves.

11. Board Trustee Appointments (Susan Ackerman)

Peggy Duly, for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020): biographical sketch appended.

Sue Laden, for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020): biographical sketch appended.

Mark Lanier, for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020): biographical sketch appended.

Joe Seger, for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020): biographical sketch appended.

Lisa Ackerman is nominated by Susan Ackerman to serve the last two years of Jeanne Marie Tuetonico's term.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees appoints Lisa Ackerman for an initial term to serve the last two years of Jeanne Marie Tuetonico's term. Approved by unanimous consent.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Nominations Committee and reappoints Peggy Duly for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020). Approved by unanimous consent.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Nominations Committee and re-appoints Sue Laden for a second three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020). Approved by unanimous consent.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Nominations Committee and re-appoints Mark Lanier for a third three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020). Approved by unanimous consent.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Nominations Committee and re-appoints Joe Seger for another three-year term (January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020). Approved by unanimous consent.

Joe Greene: Asks how other schools are represented on this board.

Susan Ackerman: Originally ASOR was the Albright, and then as ACOR and CAARI developed, they were affiliated research centers with ASOR. We do not have the same relationship with other centers, such as ARIT. It is part of the strategic plan to enhance our relationship with the other centers. We will meet at the same place and time as ARCE in Arizona for the next Board meeting.

Tim Harrison: Baghdad is the remnant of the former research center in Iraq, which has closed, while Damascus Committee is a remnant of a hope

Marie Knoblauch, Carol Meyers and Joe Seger, with assistance from President and Board Chair undertook this vetting. Heather McKee is recently retired, highly gifted and looking for a service responsibility.

Richard Coffman thanks the committee for taking the lead on this.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Officers' Nominations Committee and appoints Heather McKee for an initial three-year term (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2021) by unanimous consent.

- f. The Committee on Publications notes that we have had to turn back papers, as we have an 18-month pipeline already filled.
- g. We are exploring the possibility and wisdom of moving the production and distribution of our journals out of our house. This effort merely is in the exploratory stage. It would allow the release of space in the office. Also, an outside vendor could provide broader and more efficient distribution. This

La Bianca: your report underlines the wisdom of the Strategic Planning Committee in creating the CCC, where synergies and cooperation among committees are emerging.

Schneider: is there a concerted strategy for reaching out to European scholars and institutions?

Herbert: says that a concerted and individual effort to reach out to European institutions is welcome and invites Board Members to make suggestions or to volunteer to be on that committee.

Ackerman: would like to see proposals for symposia for colleagues who are financially challenged to come, including in eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Duly: agrees that outreach is important. Ethical oversight of excavations: will issues come to the board?

Herbert: No, CAP is encouraging best practice. If someone is destroying a site, that site will not have CAP affiliation.

Harrison: in the spirit of how CAP has evolved, basically, it is shifting from vetting/policing to affirming the policy and adopting the policy on

President has determined that ASOR will initially deal with the issue of field safety and that this will be addressed through CAP, as a response to the report from the Initiative on the Status of Women.

Rami Arav: raises the issue of

Ernie Haerinck
A. Thomas Kraabel
Erle Verdun Leichty
Lidia Matassa
Mahmoud Mousavi

Nimet Özgüç
Nancy Sandars
Yoram Tsafirir
Adel Yahya
Jean-Paul Thalmann

16. Other Business:

Andrew Vaughn noted that CAORC water bottles and ASOR pens are useful for raising awareness and were available at the meeting.

17. ASOR's New Home (Richard Coffman, Susan Ackerman, Andy Vaughn)

June 30, 2018 is the date by which time we need to be moved out and in our next home.

The Committee to Find ASOR a New Home worked hard to determine what the needs were for ASOR's new home. Andy Vaughn and Susan Ackerman got to work on finding ASOR a home in concert with the recommendations made by this committee. Additionally, the By-Laws state that ASOR must have an office in the 48 contiguous states. Staying in Boston gives us the potential to retain our staff. Susan Ackerman indicated that she wished to look only at places where

Jack Green: thanked ASOR for supporting the staff of ACOR at 665 Beacon. ACOR staff remains flexible as to options going forward.

A number of Trustees said that they would participate in giving or getting funds for the acquisition of a building that ASOR would purchase.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees directs ASOR's leadership to pursue short-term rental opportunities in Boston area; and also to pursue academic relationships with institutions including Harvard Semitic Museum; and in addition the Board authorizes the leadership team to pursue options to buy a permanent home in the Boston area or elsewhere with an appropriate academic af

21. CAARI

- a. Bryan Wilkins: We have completed the new addition to the library. The new CAARI director is Linde Crewe. She assumed directorship on July 1, 2017. We have worked hard toward a June 14, 2018 celebration—a gala dinner at the Cypriote Presidential Palace. Trustees are pursuing publication of a commemorative volume. We are open for visitors for the birthday party next year.
- b. Linde Crewe: She has been coming to CAARI since her undergrad years. CAARI has now reached the end of a rehabilitation process of the listed building. The library is available and the rooms have air conditioning. CAARI is working on collaborations with the Department of Antiquities. CAARI will have the only petrographic laboratory on Cyprus
- c. Everyone is welcome to attend the CAARI celebrations next year.

22. AIAR (Sharon Herbert for Matthew Adams)

This report summarizes the chief accomplishments and issues arising since the April 2017 report as well as looks forward to upcoming challenges. The Albright Institute for Archaeological Research Director's Report is incorporated in these Minutes by reference and is attached as Appendix 1.

23. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:21PM