

ASOR Executive Committee Conference Call
March 2, 2018
11:00AM EST

Present: Richard Coffman, Sharon Herbert, Ann Marie Knoblauch, Eric Meyers, Ed Wright, Susan Ackerman, Tim Harrison, Heather McKee, Andy Vaughn

Absent: Joe Seger and Lynn Swartz Dodd

Note: Because Lynn could not be on the call, Andy volunteered to take notes of the conference call. He was appointed by Richard without objection.

Chair Richard Coffman called to order at 11:03AM. He stated that the EC's goal by the end of the call is to cast a vote about whether ASOR should move to Washington, DC or the Raleigh/Durham area. Thus, he proposed the following agenda:

1. Report from Andy, Eric, and Sharon

letters of support from donors who have already pledged to contribute to the project. Andy shared that Susan has done the lion's share of writing the NEH proposal. One on the call expressed appreciation to Susan and others for working on the grant proposal. ASOR is requesting \$500,000 from NEH if ASOR can raise \$1.5 million (ASOR must raise \$3 for each \$1 of NEH grant funding). The NEH grant proposal is due March 15th.

4. Development update: Andy and Ed reported that we have \$295,000 in pledges for the building fund to date. There was a discussion about how to contact other potential donors in advance of submitting the NEH proposal. There was also discussion about whether ASOR could reach its goal of raising \$1.5 million to purchase a building. The general consensus was that this is ambitious but doable.

When it was about 5 minutes before noon (EST), Richard urged the Executive Committee to vote on a motion. The following motion was made by Sharon Herbert and seconded by Ann Marie Knoblauch:

Be it resolved that ASOR will relocate to the Washington DC area. ASOR will rent initially with the intent to purchase a building that ASOR can afford at an appropriate