

ASOR Executive Committee Meeting

April ,
Tucson, Arizona

PRESENT: Susan Ackerman (President), Richard Coffman (Chair), Lynn Swartz Dodd (Secretary), Tim Harrison (Past President), Ann-Marie Knoblauch, Heather McKee (Treasurer), Eric Meyers, Sharon Herbert (Vice President), Joe Seger, Andy Vaughn (non-voting), J. Edward Wright

In order to more effectively coordinate of the timing of position rotation among Vice President and President, so that ASOR can encourage leadership development, the committee recommends extending Sharon Herbert's term an additional year, to December, as Vice President.

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Eric Meyers seconds the motions of the Officers Nominations Committee, which are as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: the Executive Committee recommends that the term of the current Vice President shall be extended for an additional year to December , .
Approved by unanimous consent. ☞

BE IT RESOLVED: the Executive Committee recommends that Sharon Herbert shall serve another year as Vice President until December , . Approved by unanimous consent. ☞

BE IT RESOLVED: The Executive Committee recommends that Ann Marie Knoblauch be elected to the position of Secretary for an initial term to extend from January , .
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Director need to look into this more closely.

Moving: ASOR will move without most of its furniture, which was purchased under Rudy Dornemann (more than years ago). An upgrade is warranted rather than paying for its loading and moving. Also, the existence of a new publishing partner could have an impact on what is stored at the office, although that agreement with a publishing partner wouldn't come into effect until January, . However, staff will determine whether they can ship journals to the new publishing partner in June/July. Presently, ASOR staff are planning to rent a cheap Wooster area storage space and to have enough to fulfill claims until January, but we await UC Press response about taking on stock from ASOR in advance of the contract.

Balancing the Budget: Andy Vaughn

We are projecting a balanced budget if people make unrestricted gifts. We need an additional \$, . We look to our Trustees to help us move toward this goal. We are already ahead of budget, and this is helping us to weather the extraordinary situation, and we need continued support to reach the promised land. We will request extraordinary gifts for a building fund in the coming year. It may be a challenge to ask people for gifts for two things at the same time, but we need support for Annual Fund and a Building Fund. We will be asking people to consider giving more than their usual gift to ASOR.

Heather McKee: The original budget included capital budget—which is smart from a strategic thinking point of view--although not a usual accounting practice as a formal document. She would like to commend the authors of the NEH grant, which lays out clearly what is needed. We will need to take aggressive measures to reach the goal, as we continue with our mission, maintaining operations, etc.

Andy Vaughn outlined the various issues related to the staff in terms of continuing appointments and hiring needed to replace staff who would not be moving to the Washington, DC area.

Richard Coffman pointed out that we need to make the move and start getting settled in Alexandria so that we don't have "so many spinning plates".

A discussion about possibly thanking staff at the Denver Annual Meeting occurred.

Cultural Heritage Initiatives: Susan Ackerman: For the past couple years, ASOR had budgets over \$ million, including Department of State funding. The FY budget, however, reflects the fact that we have no guarantee of DoS funds after June, .

The Executive Committee discussed the Cultural Heritage Initiatives and staff.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve

wish to devolve the busy work aspects to the Executive Committee. Presently, in terms of proposing committee members and editorial board members, the Vice President brings these names to the Board. Susan suggests that this kind of nomination be approved by the Executive Committee rather than the Board. We are in no way proposing that Editors don't come to Board.

It remains important to report decisions to the Board even if the Executive Committee makes the approval.

Lynn Dodd: has there ever been an instance when a committee member or editorial committee member ever was disapproved by the board?

Eric Meyers and Susan Ackerman respond "no".

Susan Ackerman indicates that she will confer about this proposed change with the pro bono counsel. The official vote would occur in November.

Joe Seger complemented Richard Coffman for a masterful job on the ByLaws.

. Personnel Committee Report (Susan Ackerman)