

ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Denver Marriott Tech Center
November 18, 2018

Present: P.E. MacAllister; Timothy Harrison; Susan Ackerman; Richard Coffman; Sharon Herbert; Heather McKee; Lynn Swartz Dodd; J. Edward Wright, Joe Seger; Ann-Marie

BE IT RESOLVED: Eric Welch is appointed for an initial three-year term as Co-Chair of the Junior Scholars (to becomes Early Career Scholars) Committee (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021)

5. Committee Appointments (Sharon Herbert)

5a. Honors and Awards Committee

resigned, effective January 1, 2019, as Editor of NEA. In August 2018, COP sought nominations for the position

her loss slowed audit reporting. However, Heather would like to credit Britta Abeln, who kept the operation going and made payroll happen. During transitions, there was a critical improvement opportunity: to upgrade, streamline and simplify our accounting reporting processes. We will do this in consultation with our auditors, who also have had some turnover, which contributed to the delay. As we find a new home, our finances too, are growing up. This is a major priority of the next 2-3 months.

In conclusion, it is a pleasure to work with Andy Vaughn. He keeps the plates spinning and does a great job, including managing the transitions.

Richard Coffman says, as former treasurer, that he commends Heather and Andy for tackling the coordination of accounts across all platforms, as this makes us more efficient and may save us money. Thinks it is truly a blessing that this is coming out of the transition.

Questions? None

10. Chairs Coordinating Council Report (Sharon Herbert)

Sharon Herbert explained the role of the CCC, which was an innovation un on.

on the topic “Phoenicia and the Mediterranean”. In April, 2020 a meeting has been proposed for Strasbourg on “Gestures in Assyrian Art and Monuments”. We are amid a successful push toward internationalization. Discussion for outreach in USA included a desire to increase North American outreach efforts and so possibly Membership and Outreach may expand. Teddy Burgh proposed video streaming of overseas field projects to USA and Canada. Virtual Archaeology program

and Helen are working toward more effective delegation. They are also addressing the question of how to uniformly vet papers from contested territories (Northern Cyprus, East Jerusalem, West Bank, in particular) to make fair and consistent decisions across the board in line with the Policy on Professional Conduct.

The PC also engaged in a discussion about the use of the term "Near East" in program session names, as opposed to the more contemporary usage "Middle East."

Member sessions that are now approved as standing sessions include Seals and Sealings (standing room), and a session on Career Options.

JP Dessel: Archaeology of Israel: guiding policy made it easy for him to remove problematic papers. Would be more helpful if there were less moving about of papers that are problematic re inclusion/exclusion. This seems rife for difficult outcomes and for there to be mediated individually. Likes current policy. Ironic that papers that he excludes ends up on other session, which he doesn't understand. Does not like this PC behind the scenes mediation. For Israel, WB, Gaza, and this will make problems.

Sharon Herbert: you're right, some papers have slipped through the cracks. Chairs will consult with the session chairs. There is a problem.

Jeff Blakely said that he takes issue with the Middle East-

The issue is about

membership benefit. In the meantime, Chicago will send an e-mail about access through the UCP website to the ASOR membership, in mid-December. There will be some overlap from JSTOR to Chicago, then it will be through Chicago with an access token. Also, it is possible to have a members-only closed page with journal access, authenticated by ASOR, that goes directly to University of Chicago. Editorial boards are concerned about citation metrics and profiles for journals. First order of business: abstracts and indexing are key. Ranking services determine impact factors. Clairvate Analytics is to take the citations under the Arts and Humanities Citation Index. There is no archaeology category. UnivChicago will press on this. They have some incentives to expand coverage. Kari has committed to giving the editors a statement of quality. There are some metrics (google, Sciago, Scopus) and this is especially important for European authors. Their booth had cute giveaways; a web page is set up. Now, they will engage editors more over the coming year.

Jack Green: ACOR: regarding the impact of the journal exchange program. He thanks the press and Andy for helping, to phase out over time, but it is a major burden that has to be added into the ACOR budget. Would like to know more about emerging nations initiative. Is Jordan in that list?

Kari: will have to check. UC has committed to having individual discussions about the impact of transformation of the journal exchange program from gratis 20 (i) -2 (ng) mBT 50 0 0 50 1

We would particularly like to acknowledge the losses suffered by our Board colleagues P.E. MacAllister and Carolyn Midkiff Strange:

Frances G. MacAllister
James F. Strange

Other ASOR members we have lost in the last year include:

Robert McCormick Adams, Jr.
Dan P. Cole
Norma Dever
J. Harold Ellens
Douglas Ralph Frayne
Eugene M. Grant
Jacqueline Girard Karageorghis
James R. McCredie
Marilyn Schaub
Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Shutler
Lawrence E. Stager
Ephraim Stern
Olin J. Storvick
Gene M. Tucker

Carolyn thanks ASOR on behalf of the family for all the support. Also, she remarked that that Jim Strange was the one who said “ASOR needs to grow up [move out and find its own home].”

14. Other Business: None.

15. CAARI (Bryan Wilkins and/or Lindy Crewe)

Bryan mentioned that he enjoyed the meeting more than ever before. He thanked Susan Ackerman and Tim Harrison for coming to the CAARI birthday events. Bryan sees Rick Spees in

We did not address this at our last board meeting. By way of background: Susan Ackerman said that she tries to govern in accord with Bylaws and in consultation with Chair Richard Coffman. We have noticed some omissions in bylaws (for example, there is no provision in the current bylaws for the Trustee Nominations Committee, although that committee acts on behalf of the Board annually to identify new Member-Elected and Institutionally-Elected Trustees). We want to reflect this. Other aspects do not reflect current practice. Richard Coffman noticed language about incT Qo

aspirations of our campaign (why a home, ideas for it). Sharon will call a conference call for the entire committee to meet, and we will flesh out the campaign and means of recognizing contributors.

Of the properties we looked at in Feb 2018, several are still on the market. But that may change with Amazon moving nearby. 405 North Henry Street, Alexandria, is the one being considered most seriously. Their real estate agent suggested that the current owners may be willing to carry the financing. Two other reasons to move forward is that our agreement with

Susan Ackerman responded: we don't have an answer. It is only November 14th (Wed) that we got news of the special financing possibility at 405 N. Henry Street. EC yesterday empowered Andy Vaughn to go investigate this. Her Number one task is to understand how we can proceed. She thinks that the EC should not make decisions about purchases of that magnitude without the permission of the full board.

Ann-Marie Knoblauch asks: can the Board agree to do an electronic vote in case the Board needs to respond, but with consultation.

Susan Ackerman: By Laws do not have rules for electronic votes. If we have to move that quickly, we might have to convene a board of Trustees conference call. She will advise us in

minimal allowable guidelines. Adjudication should be in the hands of the ED or President in consultation with Personnel Co

Barbara Porter is retiring as director at ACOR. They have been talking about a search process with a search firm involved.

The financial state of ACOR is healthy right now because of donations and because of SCHEP cultural heritage funding extension. This builds ACOR's profile in education and heritage.

Sten LaBianca describes the strategic planning process. It is a thorough and excellent process. He was part of planning for ASOR, and ACOR's was even more thorough. ACOR is moving forward to change in a slight way its name from American Center of Oriental Research to American Center of Research (in Amman). The Jordanian board will be involved in continuing discussion and the decision. They are also looking forward 90.ard 90.ard