



**ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting  
The Westin San Diego  
Crystal II  
November 24, 2019  
8:30AM – 12:30PM PST**

**Preliminary Matters (8:30-8:40)**

**Business Items (8:40-9:30)**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Agenda is approved by unanimous consent.**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The minutes from the April 2019 Board Meeting (April 6, 2019) are approved by unanimous consent.**

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**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board accepts the recommendation of the Officers Nominations Committee to appoint Charles (Chuck) Jones, for an initial three-year term as ASOR Vice-President (January 1, 2020-December 31, 2022).**

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**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board elects Vivian Bull as an  
Honorary Board Trustee.**

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**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board accepts the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2019 Audited Financial Statement, received and accepted by the Executive Committee.**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board accepts the recommendation of the Finance Committee to create permanently restricted funds for the Lawrence T. Geraty Community Archaeology Endowment.**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board accepts the recommendation of the Finance Committee to amend the Investment and Spending Policy to include language about the Lawrence T. Geraty Community Archaeology Endowment.**

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**committee, a Facilities Committee; and 3) fixing the numbering within the by-laws.**

**Reports (9:30-10:10)**

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**Other Business (10:10-10:15)**

**Break (10:15-10:30)**

**Discussion/Action Items (10:30-12:20)**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board recommends a flexible model in which ASOR will make all reasonable efforts to meet in its current time frame (Wednesday to Saturday pattern) in the same city as SBL. In years in which it is not reasonable and economically feasible, ASOR will conduct its meeting in a city that best serves the greatest number of its constituencies. (**

**BE IT RESOLVED: 1. We empower the Executive Director to find alternative locations without SBL for the next three years (2020, 2021, and 2022); and 2. We take a strong stand to devise real and legitimate strategies towards outreach to those who are on the list of 15% who will choose to attend SBL instead of ASOR, adopting some kind outreach and communication to those who might feel disenfranchised.**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board accepts the recommendation of the Committee on the Policy on Professional Conduct to change the language of the current Policy on Professional Conduct regarding reference to occupied territories from “US Department of State” to “customary International Law”.**

Susan noted that the member organized session on ASOR's name in 2018 was very well attended, and comments from breakout groups have been powerful

Susan requested permission to form an ad hoc committee to discuss this topic

Entire board has not taken up this question since 1985. It's time

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board empowers Susan Ackerman to set up an ad hoc committee to discuss ASOR's name.**

**BE IT RESOLVED: The Board establishes a Board Designated Account for the James F. Strange Center. Distributions from this account may be used for Operating, Furnishing, Maintaining, and Improving the James Strange Center.**

**President's Valedictory (12:20-12:30)**

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Appendix A  
(Submitted by Eric Meyers)

MacAllister Tribute, 10/21/2019

As an academic and Biblical scholar for whom history is always a “teachable” moment, knowing PE all these years, from the early 1980’s, has been a sheer pleasure and joy. Our mutual love of history and the Bible made us friends in the best and deepest sense. We often turned to the past to learn about ourselves and the present. And often the Bible spoke with a clarity and wisdom that reminded us of our common roots in the ancient Middle East. But we were united also in other voices of the past that we deeply respected and admired from the Classical World. Why do persons like PE and me and many others especially his friends in ASOR turn to history and archaeology for lessons? Because there are so many rich lessons to learn from.

In terms of the Old Testament? What did we learn from the two destructions of the Jerusalem Temple in 586 BC and 70 AD? That there was a creative spirit that would not take defeat on the ground to be the last word and the survivors edited and canonized the Bible as one way of dealing with the trauma, and developing private prayer as another way of dealing with it.

PE always saw that creative spirit at work in key moments of our past and would call them up to our attention to make a point about business, ethics, politics, or ASOR. History mattered and PE was a beacon for making history relevant. In times so overly focused on the present what with social media, cable news and the 24 hour news cycle, PE was always there to point out an historical precedent, and teach us something. In ASOR we often said our future lies in ruins, and for PE the mute stones of the past helped him

and his archaeological fellows in ASOR [founded in 1900, and vibrant today as never before in large measure to PE's largess and vision], understand that a present shorn of its past is not one to last. PE's legacy continues to be an inspiration for all of us today who seek to better understand ourselves and our future in light of the past.

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Appendix B  
(Submitted by Joe Seger)

AS ASOR Board Chair P.E. MacAllister's meeting closing comments were classic renditions of literary and historical moments which he morphed into moral and procedural imperatives. Fitting then, I thought, was to remember him in at least quasi-similar style. So then ---

A Soliloquy on PE with apologies to Herman Melville\*

\*A paraphrase from Moby Dick, Chapter 16: The Ship - describing the ship's Owner/Captain Bildad.

“Now PE, and indeed many other Scotch Presbyterians, like Calvin, was of the frozen chosen, the family having been nestled in that sect;

And still today his ancestry in general retains in an uncommon measure the peculiarities of the Scot, only variously and anomalously modified by things altogether alien and heterogeneous.

For some of these same Presbyterians are the most sanguinary of all sales folks and entrepreneurs. They are fighting Scots, they are Presbyterians with a vengeance.

So that there are instances among them of men, who named with military intent (---a singularly common fashion among some of the sect---); and who, in childhood naturally imbibed the stately dramatic yes sir and no sir of the military idiom; ---still, from the audacious, daring, and boundless



To wit – Our PE! For so long ASOR’s dinger! Its North Star -- guiding its ship, responding to its needs, --- and all this while navigating some dozens – may haps even hundreds—of business, social, and cultural currents! We have been truly blessed to have had for so long his good attentions.

May we strive to do honor to the rich heritage of wisdom, service, and support that abides in his wake. Rest in Peace our dear friend!

Memorial remembrance of P.E. MacAllister, 50 plus years Trustee and Chairman Emeritus of the American Schools of Oriental Research, who passed away at 101 years young on October 23, 2019. Offered at the ASOR Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, November 24, 2019 by Joe D. Seger.

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As is customary at our Members' Meeting, I would like to remember those ASOR colleagues have passed away in the past year. I'd also like to remember colleagues who were not members of ASOR, but whose work and interests intersected profoundly with the work and interests of ASOR. After I read these names, I will ask if there are other names that those gathered here would wish to add, and then ask if we could remember all these who we have lost with a moment of silence.

First, from among ASOR's members and their families:

Miguel Civil  
Alexander Di Lella  
Paul Dion  
George Giacumakis  
Gilgamesh Atticus Alexander Homan  
Gary N. Knoppers  
Mary Ellen Lane  
Pershing Edwin (P. E.) MacAllister  
Ralph S. Solecki  
Sebastiano Tusa

Others ASOR would like to remember include:

Lanny D. Bell  
Aykut Çınaro!lu  
Henri de Contenson  
Hermann Gasche  
David Goodblatt  
Volkert Haas  
Peter Jablonka  
Amos Kloner  
Olivier Lecomte  
Judith McKenzie  
Wolfram Nagel  
David Stacey  
Geoffrey John Tassie  
Aksel Tibet  
Barbara Tsakirgis  
Geoffrey Turner  
Kenneth Uprichard  
Herman L.J. Vanstiphout  
Helga Weippert  
Lamia Al-Gailani Werr

Donald White  
Andrea De Silva Zerbini  
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