

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
November Meeting
Saturday, November 19, 8:15-11:15am
Hancock Room, Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

Present: Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kate Larson, Kevin McGeough, Kiersten Neumann, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Erin Darby, Helen Dixon, Vanessa Workman

Absent: Teddy Burgh, Steve Falconer

- 1. Approval of October Minutes:** October minutes approved.

Chuck thanked Helen for 6 years of service.

Chuck welcomed Kate and Kiersten as new co-

Sharon asked for input as to whether to invite the directors of the ORCs. The conclusion was that they could be asked for their advice.

2. Committee Reports

PC

Allison reported on the one of the successes of VAM22-the participation of those from the MENA region. Most people attended only their own session. The PC is discussing what will happen in 2023. The virtual meeting will be one week later in October and will have only live synchronous presentations and discussion (no pre-recorded content).

For 2024 the PC is considering the results of Climate Impact Report. Consensus is to keep the virtual component for DEI reasons.

The PC's 2022 DEI activities included adding more activities for Early Career Scholars, continuing to not post badge affiliations, PC members signing a DEI pledge

Helen noted that a hybrid meeting would be ideal, but also the

Helen stated that the PC is working on the plenary speaker for 2024 and the future of the annual meeting. The PC will bring ideas to the CCC.

Sharon said that a decision will be made at the 2023 spring Board meeting. Chuck asked chairs to bring recommendations to the CCC in February.

Chuck thanked everyone for submitting reports. He asked committees to put guidelines on their separate committee pages, and to make sure these are guidelines, not bylaws. Jane raised the issue of legal ramifications.

COP

Kevin reported that *Ma'arav* is now an ASOR journal. The editorial board is in place. Back catalogue available online.

Overall, subscriptions are stable, and UCP is happy with online journal usage. *NEA* and *BASOR* are close to 28,000 individual downloads. This represents a dramatic increase from last year, and is an important metric for libraries looking to subscribe. Kevin noted that *JCS* has benefited from being part of a UCP package.

There is a possibility of new *JCS* editor in the upcoming year. Kevin is putting together a search committee.

Andy commented on journal packaging and the benefits of UCP, and is pleased that they took on *Ma'arav*. He did note that ASOR journals are underperforming on royalties.

Sharon asked about cutting back on print. Kevin noted issues with print runs. Print-on-demand has poor image quality. Heading to print run of 100. This means books never go out of print and more can be ordered if necessary. Andy noted that most of the cost comes from Susanne's time.

ECS

Tiffany thanked Vanessa for coming on as co-chair. ECS expanded in size and reorganized into four subcommittees. Chairs of these subcommittees meet one a month.

2022 ECS activities included:

- Brown Bag panels via zoom.

- ECS resources on ASOR website.

- First "Research in Action" talk.

- Social activities: coffee hours, community outside of the annual meeting

- Mentorship program to broaden ECS network.

- Skills-based workshops on digital scholarship (partnered with Open Context and Leigh-Ann Lieberman). Digital project cohort of 7 people, all of whom presented at the annual meeting. This is a useful and successful model for mentoring around shared research interests.

Vanessa report on the in-person Brown Bag on alt-academic and academic-adjacent careers. About 50 people attended. The proposed ECS mentorship session on practicing paper

Erin reported that Kate is working on a draft of guidelines for the committee and these should be finished by the end of the year.

There is a movement to include the ASOR Initiative on the Status of Women within the DEI committee.

Erin noted the committee may add some additional ECS members.

Chuck asked about the abstracts in Arabic. Kevin replied that this is currently on hold, but they are working to bring it back. Andy suggested the translation company ASOR has used in Tripoli, Libya.

Erin brought up need to resource moderators of sessions regarding issues of harassment and antagonism in sessions. There was discussion of how to respond bullying issues that arise and personal safety.

CH

Jane brought up the possibility of a spring FOA-CH webinar. She noted that it is nice to see lots of cultural heritage panels at the annual meeting. The open call for new committee members is focused on people not in North America.