

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
March Conference Call  
Monday March 20, 2023, 2:00-3:00pm

**Present:** Erin Darby, Jane DeRose Evans, Steve Falconer, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kate Larson, Kevin McGeough, Kiersten Neumann, Marta Ostovich, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman

**Absent:** Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Allison Thomason

*PC*

*Allison joined.*

Kiersten announced that there are 573 abstracts and counting.

17% (99) are virtual.

40 more abstracts than the same time last year.

474 registrations, which is on par with previous years.

The CCC reviewed the PC recommendations for the 2024 Plenary Speaker.

Allison voiced that the 2025 AM with SBL plenary address may focus more on biblical studies. Erin asked about extending and bringing people into ASOR by offering membership for the speakers. Sharon noted that this has been discussed in the past, and Andy confirmed that ASOR does offer to pay. Sharon suggested that ASOR offer to pay for registration and hotel in the offer letters.

Sharon mentioned that it would be nice to have a data-driven plenary and asked if anyone knows how the recommended plenary speakers are as speakers.

Chuck asked if a decision could be made today and Sharon responded that it could.

The CCC will review speaker videos and then vote.

*H&A*

Lynn announced that there will be two new committee members soon. The Book Award deadline is at the end of April and Lynn invited the CCC to nominate books.

Erin asked about diversity of nominees. Lynn responded that there were not many nominations so far, but she is tracking nominees from past years. Erin mentioned that DEI has suggestions for H&A. Lynn will follow up on those suggestions and replied that H&A is also working on making the nomination process easier.

*ECS*

Vanessa is working on reshuffling subcommittees and will be putting out a call for new members. There is also a new cohort of Digging of Data workshop.

*Events:*

Spring: March 31 virtual brown bag on planning for digital data management.

Fall: public speaking event as a benefit for those presenting at the AM. They plan to have an interactive event with breakout rooms.

*ECS*

DEI at the AM:

Land acknowledgement statement.

Session moderation practices: Give session chairs tools and strategies as well as resources on what to do if there is an issue. This will be included as part of general session chair training.

Andy asked if ASOR can make these trainings required and Kate responded that ASOR can see how it goes with optional to see what works as making the trainings mandatory seems