

COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM (CAMP)

Report for ASOR Executive Committee Meeting, September 25, 2010

Submitted by co-vice presidents Michael Homan and Morag Kersel.

ACTION ITEMS

None

Annual Meeting Program Committee Report

Submitted by Andrew M. Smith II and Elise A. Friedland.

Report of Work by Program Committee: April 15 – September 15, 2010

2010 Academic Program: Since our last report, the 2010 Academic Program has been finalized (see attached; available at <http://www.asor.org/am/schedule.shtml>). The 2010 Academic Program includes 354 papers, 59 sessions. The program will also include several roundtable discussions and the poster session (“Projects on Parade”). The 2010 Program Abstract Copy Book is currently being copyedited and will be reviewed by PC Chairs before publication.

Membership of Committee: Three new PC members have been added and have already begun contributing important input:

- Bethany Walker, Dept. of History, Missouri State University (Jordan, Islamic, Archaeology/History)
- Michael Danti, Department of Archaeology, Boston University (Syria and Iran, Bronze and Iron Ages, Archaeology)
- Peter Machinist, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University (Israel, Bronze and Iron Ages, Biblical Studies)

In consultation with current PC members, VPs of CAMP, the President, and the Executive Director, nominations for two further new members will be considered to replace the three members who will be stepping off of the committee after this November’s meeting (Laura Mazow and Nancy Serwint).

2011 Call for New Member-Organized Sessions and New Workshop Sessions: This call was posted to the ASOR website in early September 2009 with proposals due on Dec. 15, 2010.

Upcoming work: We will be engaged with the following projects in the upcoming months:

- Revising and posting the 2011 Call for Papers.
- Participating in the Chairs Coordinating Council Meeting at the 2010 Annual Meeting of ASOR.
- Holding the annual PC Meeting at 2010 Annual Meeting of ASOR

- Receiving and reviewing new Member-Organized Sessions Proposals and New Workshop Session Proposals (due Dec. 15, 2010).
- Receiving 2011 Abstract/Participation Forms (due Feb. 15, 2011) and assisting session chairs in their review of proposals and organization of sessions.
- Working with CAMP VPs, ASOR Executive Director, and ASOR President to identify and appoint new members of the PC.

Annual Meeting Program Committee Members

Elise Friedland and Andrew Smith, Co-Chairs

Derek Counts

Annlee Dolan

Laura Mazow

Yorke Rowan

Nancy Serwint

Michael Homan (ex-officio)

Morag Kersel (ex-officio)

Added by Morag Kersel: Projects on Parade – Good response resulted in 24 posters being presented at the annual meeting.

Roundtables – Only 2 proposed, not sure how to encourage member submissions and participation.

Honors and Awards Committee Report

ALBRIGHT -- Feissel

ASOR SERVICE -- Killebrew & Schneider

CROSS -- Tappy & McCarter

HARRIS - Nelson

MACALLISTER -- Gitin

WRIGHT - Simmons

I will be proposing for this year that we include two guidelines for committee members:

A recipient is not again eligible for an award for 10 years after they receive a particular award. This does not preclude them from receiving other awards. Andy has added a list of past recipients on the ASOR website for future members of this committee. <http://www.asor.org/about/award-history.shtml>

Adherence to the deadline is important to maintain a fair review of the materials by all committee members. We receive several, often quite late, nominations from high ranking members of ASOR. This is clearly a long time practice that I will propose should come to an end.

Submitted by Sue Sheridan.

Honors and Awards Committee Members

Susan Sheridan, Chair
Lauren Monroe
Laura Mazow
Louise Hitchcock
John Spencer (to be confirmed)
Yorke Rowan
Michael Homan (ex-officio)
Morag Kersel (ex-officio)

Junior Scholars Committee Report

The Junior Scholars committee has been busy preparing for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. At present we are in the process of securing the remaining speakers for our luncheon and hope to finalize commitments in the very near future. We are also looking for a venue for the Junior Scholar's "Meet and Greet," with the intent of advertising the event prior to the Atlanta meeting. Further, in order to improve direct communication with ASOR members interested in these activities, we are compiling an email list of all student members and hope to update that list with post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty. Finally, at the end of Spring 2010 we attempted to contact the directors of regional ASOR sections, soliciting information about regional meeting deadlines and paper opportunities that we might pass on to Junior Scholars members. Having met with some limited success, we intend to circulate a similar email in the upcoming weeks. In this way, we hope to encourage student participation in regional ASOR communities by keeping younger scholars informed of the various opportunities, regardless of whether students are still in residence at home institutions or whether they are working in other regions due to fellowships or teaching opportunities.

Submitted by Erin Kuhns-Darby and Robert Darby.

Junior Scholars Committee Members

Debi Cassuto
Mark Hammond
Mary Larkin
Michael Homan (ex-officio)
Morag Kersel (ex-officio)

Lectures Committee Report

Report not yet submitted by Jacob Wright.

Lecture Committee Members

Jacob Wright, Chair
Oded Borowski
Joe Greene
Jane Grutz
Bob Grutz
Steve Ortiz

Tammi Schneider
Michael Homan (ex-officio)
Morag Kersel (ex-officio)

Outreach Committee Report

Report not yet submitted by Stefanie Elkins.

Outreach Committee Members

Stefanie Elkins, Chair
Ellen Bedell
Neal Bierling
Kimberly Connors
Stefanie Elkins
Tischa Entz
Peter Feinman
Pam Gaber
Wade Kotter
Michael Homan (ex-officio)
Morag Kersel (ex-officio)

Regional Affiliations Committee Report

Report Submitted by Suzanne Richard.

Herein a short report on the status and/or activities of the various regions. The PNW region is meeting in May, 2011 at Eastern Washington University, along with SBL and AAR. Barry Gittlen's talks with the Mid-Atlantic Region were successful and ASOR will be meeting with AAR/SBL for a joint session in 2011. The ASOR Upper Midwest region is planning to meet with the AAR/SBL in St. Paul on April 1-2, 2011. The Rocky Mountain region is planning for an ASOR/AAR meeting in March at Iliff University. ASOR/SE has several sessions planned for March 6-8, 2011 in Louisville, including joint sessions with SBL and AAR. The EGL region is planning for an ASOR session at the April 7-8, 2011 near Cleveland, Ohio. The Central Region ASOR is planning to meet as usual with the SBL at the March 20-21 meeting in 2011 in St. Louis. The Southwest Region reported on its past meeting last March 13-14th in Irving Texas; namely, Nancy Read completed her six years of leadership in the region; there was a joint presentation on the 10th c. BCE by Steve Ortiz and Joel Burnett, and Michael Homan was awarded the Junior Scholar Award for his publications. The future of the Pacific Southwest is a little uncertain as WECSOR seemed to have abandoned the ASOR group and a stand-alone ASOR regional meeting is not a real possibility at this time. No word on the Midwest Region.

Regional Affiliations Committee Members

Suzanne Richard, Chair
John Laughlin - SECSOR (Southeast Region)
Jesse C. Long, Jr. - SW Commission of Religious Studies
Gloria London - Pacific Northwest Region

Vic Matthews - ASOR Central States
K. Lawson Younger - ASOR Midwest
Mark Chavalas - ASOR Upper Midwest Regions
Suzanne Richard - Eastern Great Lakes Region
Barry Gittlen - Mid-Atlantic
Rami Arav - Rocky Mountains/Great Plains
Beth Alpert Nakhai - Pacific Southwest
Andy Vaughn – New England Region
Michael Homan (ex-officio)
Morag Kersel (ex-officio)