

ASOR Executive Committee  
Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA  
November 19, 2011

PRESENT: Orlyn Nelson, Eric Meyers (Past President), Joe Seger, B.W. Ruffner, Sheldon Fox (Treasurer); Jennie Ebeling (VP Membership), Charles Jones (VP CAP), Andy Vaughn, (Executive Director), Tim Harrison (President); and Jim Strange (Secretary).

ABSENT: P.E. MacAllister (Chair)

VISITORS: Rob Oden (Development), Gary Arbino (ONC)

1. CTO 9:55 am, by Tim Harrison, President.
2. Approval of Minutes. Moved, Seconded, and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Approval of Agenda: President ruled that the Agenda is approved.
4. New Board Appointments (Tim Harrison, President): O. Nelson and J. Seger will stand for another term. New candidates are Stevan Dana, lay archaeological enthusiast, and Robert "Bob" Massie, a businessman from Indianapolis.  
BE IT RESOLVED that the EC endorses the appointment of Stevan Dana and Robert Massie to the Board of Trustees. Moved by Sheldon Fox; seconded by Eric Meyers. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Nominations Committee Report. Tim Harrison pointed out that many nominations resulted from the call for nominations, suggesting wide interest in the outcome.  
Board of Trustees Election: Gary Arbino and Carol Meyers were elected as Institutional Trustees. Individual Trustees elected were Laura Mazow and Beth Alpert Nakhai.
6. Officers Nominations Committee Report (Gary Arbino): The question was raised how we replace the Chairman of the Board, should that be required. It was suggested that it would be helpful to put in the By-laws some guidelines such as a term for the chair and a renewal process and replacement process.  
BE it resolved that the EC instruct the President to appoint an ad hoc committee to 1) devise wording for the By-Laws concerning succession to the Chairman of the Board and to bring that new wording to the board; and 2) to initiate a search for a nominee that will be brought to the board for approval. Moved by Joe Seger, and seconded by Sheldon Fox. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
There was a discussion about making a serious effort to address gender balance issues. There was a statement that we can go on record encouraging diversification in ASOR. It was suggested that the Officers Nominations Committee draft such a statement. This statement should have the broadest application.
7. Treasurer's Report (Sheldon Fox). The Treasurer walked the EC through the Audit for the year ending June 30, 2011, pointing out unrestricted and unencumbered funds are in a positive position.  
BE IT RESOLVED that the EC approve the Audit as submitted. This is a motion and a second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Budget to Actual comparisons were very favorable for the year. The Finance Committee reviewed the draft of the Form 990 and approved its submission subject to resolution of a few pending matters. As far as the current fiscal year budget, although it is early, it

appears we are on track for a balanced budget again. The biggest unknown is the impact of our switch to JSTOR CSP for online publications. The Finance Committee also reviewed our investments and determined that they were in-line with our asset allocation targets. The committee then reviewed a summary of the trustee conflict of interest statements. Finally, the committee recommended the following action item related to our journal escrow policy.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to segregate funds needed to fulfill ASOR's obligation to publish journals, ASOR will segregate either in a separate bank account or by memorandum entry on its financial reports, 40% of deferred income from journals for FY2012. Furthermore, for purposes of this calculation, deferred income will be reduced by outstanding accounts receivable, since there is no obligation related to memberships and subscriptions that have not yet been paid. This is a Motion and Second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Development Committee Report (Rob Oden): The Development Committee recommends that ASOR launch a foundational campaign (a small, focused campaign to build a foundation for the future). A case statement has been drafted, as has a timeline. There is no action item because the Development Committee will meet after the EC to decide between a \$1.3 million or \$1 million goal. The plan is to propose to the Board a \$1.3 million goal to include the Annual Fund.
9. Annual Meeting Venues Discussion (Andy Vaughn): For the next three years we will be within a couple miles of SBL. SBL and AAR have booked their venues until 2021, which blocks ASOR out in certain years from finding downtown hotels. We have a venue in the Buckhead area of Atlanta in 2015 at the SBL rate, but five miles away. In 2016 and 2021, we will be in San Antonio. In 2018 we will be in Denver. During those three years there is no downtown possibility. We will be twelve plus miles away at a resort property.
10. COP Report (Chuck Jones):  
There are two vacancies arising in COP. Chuck asked Mitch Allen to re-volunteer to serve. Mitch has agreed. He brought several motions to the Board from COP:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EC endorses the appointment of Mitch Allen and Sidnie White Crawford to the COP. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC endorses the appointment of Thomas Schneider as editor of *NEA*. 10 Yeas, one Abstention; PASSED.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC endorses the appointment of Yorke Rowan, Tom Levy and Benjamin Saidel to the Board of *BASOR*. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC endorses the appointment of Geoff Emberling, Eckhart Frahm, and Nick Veldhuis to the *JCS* Board. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC endorses the proposal of COP that *BASOR* move to a semiannual production as soon as feasible. There was discussion about the need for clear communication between COP and the EC with a strong interest expressed in improving communication both ways. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Membership Report (Jennie Ebeling): The committee has been discussing how to advance membership. There is the issue, yet to be resolved, of separating journals from

membership. She discussed the student rate and the possibility of reducing that. Institutional members are not clear what the benefits of institutional membership are. The Membership committee proposes to bring a recommendation concerning membership benefits in the spring.

12. Archives Project Update (Eric Meyers not present at this point). Tim reports that we have a NEH proposal pending. Cynthia Rufo (ASOR's archivist) assumed the duties of ASOR's webmaster as of July 1, 2011. We are at the end of the first NEH grant. The online digital presence is a key component of our fund raising efforts.
13. Executive Director's Report (waived):
14. President's Report (Tim Harrison). Over the next two years all officers' positions will be changed. The diversity of our membership is being addressed in new ways. Tim charged Beth Alpert Nakhai to gather historical information within ASOR about this area to give us data for decision-making. We do not have a uniform ethics policy, so the President is conversing with various members to develop one. Public Policy and Advocacy: From time to time we have been asked to participate in a public policy issue, such as advocate for the approval of the Hague Convention. The Memorandum of Agreement with Cyprus is up for renewal, and the Congressional Committee is asking for information. There are people in our organization who have been active in that discussion. We as an organization have something to say.
15. Old Business--none
16. New Business--none
17. Announcements--none
18. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn 12:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary