

ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting  
Weston St. Francis Hotel  
San Francisco, CA  
20 November 2011

PRESENT: Tim Harrison (President), Gary Arbino, Sheila Bishop, Bob Bull (Honorary Trustee), Jeff Chadwick, Jennie Ebeling (VP for Membership), Jane Evans, Ray Ewing (CAARI), Sheldon Fox (Treasurer), Lawrence T. Geraty, Joseph Greene, Jimmy Hardin, Charles E. Jones (VP for Publications), Morag Kersel, Sten LaBianca (Vice President for Archaeological Research and Policy), Carol Meyers, Eric Meyers (Past President), Robert Mullins, Beth Alpert Nakhai, Orlyn Nelson, Suzanne Richard, Joe Seger, Audrey Shaffer, Lawson Younger, Randy Younker, Rob Oden, Jr., Chris Rollston, Lydie Shufro (Honorary Trustee), Andy Vaughn (Executive Director), Ed Wright, AIAR, Lawson Younger, Christopher Rollston, Weston Fields.

ABSENT: P.E. MacAllister, Chairman, Susan Ackerman, Nili Fox, Barry Gittlen, Ann-Marie Knoblauch, B. W. Ruffner, Susan Sheridan, W. Mark Lanier

VISITORS: Vivian Bull, Barbara Porter (ACOR), Andrew McCarthy (CAARI), Stevan Dana (term begins Jan. 2012), Bob Massie (term begins Jan. 2012)

1. Call to Order by the President, Tim Harrison, 7:37 a.m. announced the absence of the Chairman of the Board, P.E. MacAllister, due to illness.
2. Approval of Minutes from the Spring meeting (April 30, 2011). Moved and seconded to approve. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Approval of Agenda. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Memorial Moment

Nan Frederick	Ehud Netzer
Lois Glock	Alice Pickering
Oleg Grabar	Anson F. Rainey
Maurice Grolier	Elmo Scoggins
Brian Hesse	Patty Seger
Fawwaz al-Khraysheh	Bob Wosniak
5. New Board Appointments. Tim Harrison pointed out that we have twelve Trustees who are Board elected, four each year who rotate every three years. For the Class of 2015, Joe Seger and Orlyn Nelson have agreed to serve another term. Two new Trustees include Steven Dana, retired businessman living in the Las Vegas region, and Bob Massie, a businessman living in Indianapolis.  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board elect the proposed nominees: Joe Seger, Orlyn Nelson, Steven Dana, and Bob Massie. Moved by Tim Harrison; seconded by Gary Arbino. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. Trustee Nominations Committee—Beth Alpert Nakhai.  
Beth announced those persons elected to the board at the ASOR Membership meeting. Newly elected Individual Trustees for the Class of 2015: Laura Mazow and Beth Alpert Nakhai. Newly elected Institutional Trustees for the

Class of 2015: Gary Arbino and Carol Meyers. Beth then asked for board approval of a new appointment to the Board Nominations Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that Lawson Younger be approved as a new member of the Board Nominations Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Officers Nominating Committee Report—Gary Arbino. Requests approval of an electronic vote for Treasurer if necessary. Gary asked for guidance on a statement of non-discrimination and suggested a possible statement. It was pointed out that ASOR already has such a statement / policy on its website and that statement should be used in any advertisements. The ONC will solicit nominations for Treasurer and Vice President to present to the board for a vote at the Spring 2012 meeting.
8. Report of Items approved by the Executive Committee—Andy Vaughn reports that nothing was approved by the EC that will not be discussed and/or voted on by the board..
9. Treasurer's Report—Sheldon Fox (distributed). The Treasurer walked the Board 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 Board 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.

The committee is formed of designated officers and chairpersons and three to five Trustees. The Treasurer will ask the Chairman to appoint Stevan Dana to the Finance Committee.

10. Development Committee Report—Rob Oden explained that he and the Development Committee recommend a foundational campaign, the goals of which are to raise funds to support the goals laid out in the strategic plan (as reported by Tim Harrison): 1) \$550,000 for the endowment, 2) \$200,000 for support of research, including field work support and other research, and 3)

\$250,000 to support online digital media resources. The Development committee has composed a two page Case Statement and a Timeline. In addition, the campaign will include \$100,000 for the annual fund in each of the three years. .

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees supports the recommendation of the Development Committee to launch a \$1.3 million campaign, which includes \$300,000 for the Annual Fund over three years beginning July 1, 2011. Rob adds that there will be a fund-raiser even in Chicago in 2012 and another in Indianapolis in 2013 to honor P.E. MacAllister. This is a motion and a second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (with everyone standing to signal their enthusiastic support of the campaign).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Rob Oden as Development Committee Chair. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Annual Meeting Venues—Tim Harrison explained that we made a decision in 2007 to continue to meet in the same vicinity as the AAR and SBL. It was further decided that we would manage our own meetings. Our numbers suggest that this was a good decision. This pattern should continue, but beginning in 2016 (San Antonio) we will not be able to secure large hotels in some downtown areas because AAR and SBL have booked all of the hotels. Andy Vaughn added that the Strategic Plan has identified the Annual Meeting as a key program priority. The Annual Meeting meets in downtown Chicago in 2012, in the Baltimore Sheraton Hotel in 2013, and at the Weston San Diego in 2014. In 2015 ASOR will meet in Atlanta in Buckhead at a new Intercontinental hotel. Up to 2015 we will have met our strategic goals in these downtown hotels.. We meet in San Antonio in 2016 and in 2021, and there are no adequate downtown properties available in San Antonio. Consequently, to meet our strategic commitment, we will need to meet in venues that are 12-15 miles out of the downtown areas (probably in a resort venue). We will attempt to have free or reduced rate parking, and we will also attempt to provide transportation to the downtown area(s) one night. Boston (2017 and 2020) and San Diego (2019) will probably allow for downtown venues. Denver (2018) will require a venue outside of the downtown area.

12. COP Report, Charles E. Jones. COP presented the following resolutions. Each is a Motion and a Second from a Standing Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves two nominations to COP for the Class of 2014: Mitch Allen and Sidnie White Crawford. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the appointment of Thomas Schneider, Professor at the University of British Columbia, as editor of *NEA*. 29 Yeas, 1 Nay, 4 Abstentions; PASSED.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the appointment of Yorke Rowan, Tom Levy and Benjamin Saidel to the Editorial Board of *BASOR*. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the appointments of Geoff Emberling as Archaeology Editor of *JCS*, and Eckhart Frahm, and Nick Veldhuis to the *JCS* Board. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

13. CAP Report—Sten LaBianca.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board endorses the following appointments to CAP:

Class of 2015

James Osborne, Mediterranean Archaeologist, SUNY at Buffalo,

Levent Atici, Anthropologist, U of Nevada

Jack Green, Curator, Oriental Institute at the U. of Chicago.

Carrie Hitz, Anthropologist, Penn State U.

and

Class of 2012

Lauren Ristvet, Anthropologist, U of Pennsylvania

Jennifer Pourrette, Anthropologist, U of South Carolina

This is a motion and second from CAP: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAP is moving into new areas, such as the identification of archaeological specialists among the ASOR membership who might be available for field projects

14. Membership Report--Jennie Ebeling. Our individual membership is 1456 at the moment. The committee has discussed a sliding Institutional Membership fee. We have more than 80 institutional members. This includes three overseas institutional members. Questions have arisen regarding CAP's policy denying affiliation to foreign expeditions, yet allowing membership to non-US citizens.

15. Archives Project—Eric Meyers. Cynthia Ruffo is our full time Archivist and has brought interns from her alma mater. A current challenge is to identify guidelines for which kinds of Archive collections ASOR will consider incorporating into its digital archive. The AIAR continues to find more materials for the Archives. We have a NEH proposal pending.

16. ACOR Report—Barbara Porter. This summer a \$600,000 Federal Ambassador's Grant was awarded for a project in Petra. This includes money for restoration. ACOR has Phil Hammond's archive. The Arabic language project continues to be an important program and furnishes income and students for ACOR. Barbara offered space for Board members, preferably in the fall. Artemis Joukowsky retired as Chair of the ACOR Board.

17. AIAR Report--Ed Wright. The AIAR's five-year evaluation report has been completed. 325 fellowships were awarded over five years. The AIAR has held extensive activities that have involved both Palestinians and Israelis. Four hundred events filled the academic program over the past five years. In the future AIAR hopes to have simultaneous translations of AIAR lectures. IAA has asked AIAR to host a conference on archaeology in Mongolia. 700 maps of the AIAR Library will be scanned and made available to researchers. The Ecole Biblique is scanning glass plate photographs discovered in the attic. Publication of the *Pottery of ancient Israel and its Neighbors* is scheduled for 2013.
18. CAARI Report (Ray Ewing). The Memorandum of Understanding concerning cultural property that guides bilateral relations between the USA and Cyprus is being considered for renewal. CAARI's Board has voted in support of its renewal. CAARI is moving ahead with the library expansion project. The most important change is that Andrew McCarthy has replaced Tom Davis as director. CAARI continues to lend support to all kinds of archaeological activities. McCarthy continues to excavate a multi-period site on Cyprus. He has also co-organized a workshop with the Dept of Antiquities on the traffic in illegal antiquities. The Proceedings of the workshop will be published.
19. Executive Director's report—Andy Vaughn. Conflict of Interest Forms were distributed. This is just for voting members of the Board. The National Humanities Alliance advocates for the Humanities. We are now members of the NHA, and our name will appear in their papers. ASOR has been invited to participate in the NHA advocacy day in Washington, D.C. Andy Vaughn announced that this has been our most successful Annual Meeting in terms of numbers of papers and in terms of attendees. We had 776 pre-registrations. We had some cancellations, and we had 46 who registered on site, for a net total of 804 registrants. So far 31 people have pre-registered for 2012. Andy is focusing more and more on development. We brought in 150 donors in 45 days at the end of FY11. We had 235 donors last year, an all-time high. We sent out thirty-eight foundation proposals, and two responded with \$5,000. One has asked Andy to meet with them to cultivate a more substantial proposal from ASOR. Our goal for next year is 280 individual donors. Andy asked Board members to fill out a pledge card from the program book and hand it in. We need funding to support the vision of the Strategic Plan. Membership and subscriptions only fund 37% of our activities. We will need more support in the future. Andy then closed with a prepared statement highlighting the foundational campaign. He argued that it was both vital for ASOR and a goal that within our reach.
20. President's Report—Tim Harrison. The coming leadership transition in two years means that all officers will change by Jan 1, 2014. One of these changes is the Chairman of the Board. P.E. has decided to transition to Chairman Emeritus in June 2013. In light of this, the Executive Committee has asked the President to appoint an ad hoc committee to develop guidelines for a search process by the spring 2012 meeting, and secondly to initiate a Board Chair search. In addition, Bob Massie and Joe Seger have been asked to co-chair a committee to organize a gala event honoring P.E., to be held in conjunction with the spring Board meetings in Indianapolis, April 19-21, 2013.

We will soon be moving to a single Vice President, in keeping with the recent changes in our By-Laws. In view of these changes, we will need to have the new VP in place as soon as possible. Another issue concerns the status of women in ASOR. The President has asked Beth Alpert Nakhai to convene a working group to review the current status of women in ASOR, and to provide recommendations regarding what to change and how. Beth invited members of the Board to share information with her on this topic. The President also noted that ASOR is approached from time to time to provide counsel or advocacy on international issues that concern cultural heritage and property, such as the recent ratification of the Hague Convention. However, we have no current guidelines for these situations, and he hopes we can develop those soon. He acknowledged three Board members who will rotate off the board after this meeting: Joe Greene, Morag Kersel, and Suzanne Richard. He also thanked Sten LaBianca, who finishes his term as VP of CAP, but will continue as Chair of CAP (and on the board as the ACOR representative). Jeff Blakely also moves off his VP position as head of COP. He stressed that the Board should pledge now so that we can show 100% participation to our membership and supporters.

21. Chair's Report (waived in the absence of Chair P.E. MacAllister).
22. Old Business. It was asked how the membership might learn more about the decision not to appoint the previous editor of NEA for a second term. There was some discussion.

BE IT RESOLVED that that the Board reconsider approval of the minutes of the April 2011 Board Meeting. There was considerable discussion, including noting that the discussion in that meeting (April 2011) was in executive session. 8 Yeas, 11 Nays, and 2 abstentions.  
MOTION DEFEATED.

23. New Business—none.
24. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The spring meetings will be on April 20-21, 2012 in Toronto.
25. Adjourn at 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Strange, Secretary