

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Conference Call  
April 12, 2012

**Present:** Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Jennie Ebeling, Elise Friedland, Chuck Jones, Sten LaBianca, Suzanne Richard, Jacob Wright, Britta Abeln

**Absent:** Bob Cargill, Stefanie Elkins, Andrew Smith

I. Approval of Minutes from the March (3/15/2012) Conference Call

Meeting called to order by Tim Harrison at 10am.

Tim Harrison moved approval of the minutes from the March 15 conference call. Sten LaBianca seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Chair's Remarks

Tim Harrison announced that the process of nominations is moving forward. At the spring board meeting recommendations will be made for Treasurer and Vice-President. If the results are positive, the Treasurer will work with Sheldon Fox and then take over January 1, 2013. If results are positive for the Vice-President nomination, that person will step into office immediately. One of his/her duties will be to chair the CCC. Tim will report the results to the CCC after the meeting. It was also reported that there were positive developments with the campaign and budget.

Andy Vaughn gave a report on March Fellowship Madness. He reported that 187 people applied and that there was only funding for 33 awards before the March Fellowship Madness campaign which added money for nine more fellowships. It was asked if the guidelines for choosing the recipients could be made clearer. Andy responded that the CCC can review the guidelines that are currently on the web. It was also asked if CAP-affiliated projects received any preference. Andy responded that the affiliation is required for some awards, but that some digs cannot be affiliated with CAP if they are directed by non-North Americans, so the committee should consider that when reviewing the guidelines.

Tim announced that two task forces have been moving forward. The Ethics Policy is moving forward with the committee led by Lynn Swartz Dodd. They are hoping to have a working document by the end of the summer. The Women's group led by Beth Alpert Nakhai is in the data-collecting stage and they will be giving a report at the meetings next week.

III. Plenary Guidelines Proposal (E. Friedland/A. Smith)

Program Committee was asked to create guidelines for the goals, selection, and administration of the Plenary Session. The PC thought this was a good opportunity to showcase ASOR to national press, connect to local institutions, and other outreach opportunities. The question of whether or not to charge

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for attendance was raised. If the goal is outreach, shouldn't the Plenary be open to the public?

Sten suggested that the Plenary should be directed toward professional members and a discussion of where the field is headed. Others commented that many of the members are not engaged by the Plenary Session because there are such diverse interests. Andy agreed that the Plenary is a good opportunity for outreach, particularly since 10% of the AM budget is spent on that session, and suggested that a speaker who dealt with current issues might interest the public and the membership alike. There was suggestion of endowing the Plenary Session and planning themes and speakers for future sessions.

Tim called for a motion to pass the administration section of the Plenary Session. Elise motioned, Sten seconded. It was recommended that the Program Committee would suggest themes for future Plenary Sessions, and the CCC would consider those themes.

Vote to adopt recommendation. Vote was unanimously in favor.

IV. Joint Seminars with BAS (A. Vaughn)

To be discussed at next meeting.

V. Scheduling and Other Business

The next call will be scheduled with the new Vice President is chosen. Chuck raised the issues that the book contract will expire soon. Andy responded that a decision would be made regarding the book contract.