REPORT TO THE ASOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES – APRIL 2012

The **Officers Nominations Committee** (ONC) makes the following report:

Having completed the vetting of all names submitted, the ONC brings forward two (2) nominees for Offices of ASOR. Both nominees have accepted the nomination and are ready to stand for election at this meeting.

A) <u>The Office of Vice-President.</u> This is a new office for ASOR. The ONC recommends that the Office holder begin immediately following the vote at this Board meeting and that the term of service extend through December 2016 (as if the term began on the regular schedule).

The ONC nominates **Sharon Herbert** for this Office. Sharon is Professor of Classical Archaeology and Greek, in the Department of Classical Studies at the University of Michigan. She is also the Director and Curator of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and Co-Acting Director of the IPCAA. Her field experience includes work in Israel, Greece, Italy and Egypt. Currently she is a Co-Director (with Andrea Berlin) and Principle Investigator of the University of Michigan/University of Minnesota Excavations at Kedesh. She is the author of numerous publications. In addition, it is important to note that the ONC was impressed with Sharon's long and varied experience in high level institutional administrative positions as well as her service on the AIAR Board. Finally, an upcoming shift in her workload at UMich will provide significant release time.

B) The Office of Treasurer. This position will become vacant in December 2012. The current officeholder has requested that we fill the position prior to his departure, for a smooth transition period. To that end the ONC presents the nominee for the position of **Assistant Treasurer**, with the understanding that this election will "roll over" into the Office of Treasurer on January 1, 2013, at which time his three-year tenure will commence.

The ONC nominates **Richard Coffman** for this Office. Richard is a skilled commercial litigation attorney, having received his law degree from University of Texas. He and his wife Sonya, also an attorney, are the senior partners of the Coffman Law Firm of Beaumont, Texas. Richard is also a CPA, having worked as such in two international accounting firms. He is new to ASOR, and brings an enthusiasm about Near Eastern Archaeology.

Respectfully submitted for the ONC by Gary Arbino, Chair.