

Program Committee

Report of Work: November 16, 2011 – April 15, 2012

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Data for Meetings from 2009–2012 (with 2006-2008 included for comparison)

	2006 (DC)	2007 (San Diego)	2008 (Boston)	2009 (New Orleans)	2010 (Atlanta)	2011 (San Francisco)	2012 (Chicago)
Number of Papers	203	229	285	248	354	420	461
Number of Sessions	44	52	54	53	59	80	86
Number of Registrants	600	548	740	601	686	816	TBA

2012 Academic Program

We are currently in the process of finalizing the academic program for the 2012 Annual Meeting. We received a total of 461 abstract submissions, and the Academic Program of the 2012 Annual Meeting will include 86 sessions. The program will also include the poster session (“Projects on Parade”). Final Program Copy and Abstract Copy from session chairs are due on April 27, and we plan to have a draft of the 2012 Program Abstract Copy Book by July 1.

Logistics of Organizing the Academic Program

Abstract Submission Process: The Oxford Online Abstract Submission System continues to be an invaluable tool in the submission, review, and approval of abstracts for the academic program.

Program Abstract Copy Book: This year we hope to feature a new, easier-to-read layout of the Program Abstract Book.

Membership of PC Committee

Two members rotated off of the PC at the end of the 2011 calendar year. We have thanked Derek Counts and Yorke Rowan for their long and extremely helpful service to the PC.

To maintain representation on the PC of the temporal, regional, and disciplinary areas of ASOR’s membership, we have invited two new members whose areas of expertise are prehistoric archaeology (replacing Yorke Rowan) and Cyprus (replacing Derek Counts). Because issues of cultural heritage and the illicit antiquities trade continue to loom large in all of our fields and in accordance with ASOR’s initiative to address these issues more formally, we have also invited a specialist in cultural heritage protection to join the PC.

ACTION ITEM: To fill the gaps left by the two members who rotated off in December 2011 and to represent cultural heritage protection on the PC, we are submitting the names of the following individuals to the ASOR Board for approval to serve on the PC (all have accepted our invitation and agreed to serve, should they be approved):

- April Nowell, University of Victoria – Prehistoric archaeology, anthropology

- William Caraher, University of North Dakota – Greek, Roman, and Byzantine History, and Early Christianity, archaeology of Cyprus
- Morag Kersel, DePaul University – cultural heritage protection, Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean and Levant, anthropology

The current Co-Chairs of the PC would like to note that they are now four months into the first year of their second and final three-year term. We strongly suggest that our successor(s) be brought onto the PC at least one year (if not earlier) before assuming Chairmanship of this committee, so that he/she/they may observe a full cycle of the committee's and Chair's work. To that end, we suggest that the Chairs Nominating Committee make the search for our successor(s) a priority, as it would be ideal to incorporate our successor(s) at some point in 2013 (perhaps as early as March 2013).

PC Guidelines

Following the November 2011 meeting, we have updated the PC Guidelines to bring them in line with the new administrative structure of ASOR (i.e. replacing all mentions of CAMP and the VPs of CAMP as appropriate). We also continue to make regular updates to the PC Guidelines to refine the work and procedures set in place and run the academic program of the Annual Meeting as smoothly and effectively as possible

Upcoming Work

Working with Kelley Herlihy in the ASOR main office, we will be engaged with the following projects in the upcoming months:

- finalizing academic program for 2012 Annual Meeting
- compiling and editing the 2012 Program Abstract Copy Book
- preparing recommendations to submit to the CCC for Plenary speaker and venue for 2013 AM in Baltimore
- preparing and posting the 2013 Call for Papers and Sessions
- advertising the 2013 Call for Papers and Sessions more broadly than in previous years
- planning meeting for Chairs of ASOR-Sponsored Sessions at 2012 AM