

Report of the Chair of the Committee on Archaeological Policy and Research
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- *CAP Affiliation Now Every Three Years.* At the annual meeting of the CAP committee in 2010 the practice requiring project directors with long-term CAP affiliation to submit their applications for affiliation on an annual basis was changed. The new standard requirement is that projects seeking on-going CAP affiliation renew every three years. Presently the ASOR web site lists 67 projects as being affiliated for the year 2013. At our meeting here in Chicago we therefore have only five projects to review—all new to CAP affiliation.
- *CAP Snapshots Soon to go Live on ASOR Web Page:* Over the past year our staff and students at the Institute of Archaeology here at Andrews have worked closely with Steve Savage of Arizona State University to enable on-line submission of CAP proposals and to showcase in greater detail for the public the geographic range and types of projects that have received CAP affiliation. The temporary URL for the public face of this new component to the ASOR web site is <http://gailab.asu.edu/ASORProj>. The tab “CAP Projects Home” offers two drop-down options: the first is “Map of CAP Projects” that showcase the geographic range of CAP affiliated projects. By clicking on a particular dot an open hand appears that changes to a pointing finger when a particular project is pin-pointed (indicated by the project name appearing next to the dot). A click takes the user to that particular project. The second drop-down option is the “List of CAP Project Snapshots” which provide a full listing of each snapshot, sorted by country and project date (earliest to latest). We have not gone public yet with this new part of the ASOR web site as we want the full CAP committee to be able to review the work done thus far and to provide input on next steps before we implement the on-line application protocol and go public with portions of the information submitted by project directors.
- *Other Items on the CAP Agenda for Chicago:* Beyond reviewing the five new applications for affiliation and discussing next steps with regard to the on-line application process, a number of other items of business will be discussed as well. These include nominations for the CAP Class of 2016; CAP representation on the Harris grant selection committee; an update on ethical issues with ramifications for CAP and its affiliated projects; a proposal to open up the possibility of CAP affiliation to non-North American projects; an update on the CAP global history initiative; a discussion of ASOR/CAP role in coordinating/facilitating archiving of records of ASOR affiliated projects; and the status and accomplishments of various CAP working groups.
- *New CAP Secretary:* Sharon Steadman has agreed to replace Benjamin Porter as CAP secretary for the remainder of her term of service on CAP.

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