

Report of the Committee on Publications

To The Executive Committee of ASOR

Submitted by Charles E. Jones, Chair

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Report of the Chair

The activities of the Committee on Publication during the past year have focused on two efforts

- 1) Supporting the new Editor of Near Eastern Archaeology, Thomas Schneider, in the transition, in his rebuilding the NEA Editorial Board, and in his reorganization of NEA's editorial process.
- 2) Supporting Jim Weinstein's reshaping of the Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research to a full-color, semi annual publication.

Details of these activities are in the Editors' contributions which are the core of this report to the Executive Committee. As a consequence of this focus, this Chair's Report will be short.

Notable is the Editorial Manager Thomas Schneider has set up for NEA, live as of 25 June: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/nea/>

As of the beginning of 2012 all ASOR journals are accessible the JSTOR current scholarship program:

<http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublisher?publisherCode=asor>

While it is too early to properly assess the effects this may have on subscriptions or on the kind and quality of manuscripts submitted to any of the journals, there are many anecdotal indications of broad approval of the move to full access digital publication, even while some readers continue to prefer to receive paper in the mail.

Kevin Cooney continues to organize promotions associates with ASOR's JSTOR content, and in association with ASOR's social media efforts.

There is considerable concern in COP on the submission of thematic groupings of articles to the journals and the complications on working these into the publication schedule without long delays for either the themed issues, or for other articles in the queue. We continue to seek useful solutions including the idea of reviving the dormant BASOR Supplement series, or exploiting the Annual as a venue. No immediately satisfactory solution has yet been proposed. That ASOR Journals attract more high quality manuscripts than can be accommodated in the normal course of production is encouraging and we continue to seek solutions to solve the problem of increasing backlogs.

Communication remains problematic in many regards. In the coming year I will work with COP towards solutions satisfactory to all parties. This having been said, I wish to express my continuing thanks to all members of COP, and to the Editors in particular, for their thoughtful collegial counsel and the careful and patient explanation of their concerns as the first year of my Chair-ship comes to an end. Likewise, the Boston staff, especially Kevin Cooney and Andy Vaughn have been very helpful as I learn the history and process of publications at ASOR.

No items are being brought forward to the Executive Committee for action at this time.

Editor's Report: Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research

BASOR 367 (August 2012): Sent to printer on August 30, issue delayed at printer, finally mailed to subscribers on October 3.

BASOR 368 (November 2012): Four articles plus book reviews plus possibly an In Memoriam contribution for Frank Cross (if received on time) will appear in this 128-page issue. Two articles and the reviews have already been typeset as of October 26, the third article is being typeset now, and the manuscript for the fourth article is set to go to Carol on October 28 for copyediting. Issue will go to the printer in early December, will be out by Christmas.

BASOR 369 (Spring 2013): First semiannual issue of journal, will be 256 pages in length, will have a new design (new covers, new table of contents, new width of text columns, new standard font). Entire issue is already filled with articles that have been through peer review and have either been revised or are in the process of revision, will also have books reviews and an In Memoriam contribution on Gus Van Beek. Updated Institutions for Contributions for 2013 and later issues will be posted on ASOR website as soon as new procedures are finalized with Eisenbrauns.

BASOR 370 (Fall 2013): Second semiannual issue of journal for 2013, will be 256 pages in length and will be devoted to a theme issue on Iron Age and post-Iron Age Cyprus. Guest editors are Maria Iakovou and Derek Counts. All but one paper and the Introduction have already been through initial review and are currently in revision.

BASOR 371 (Spring 2014): Will be 256 pages in length and will contain independent articles (some of which are already out for review) and book reviews.

BASOR 372 (Fall 2014): Will be 256 pages in length and is tentatively set to contain a theme issue as well as a series of shorter papers in memory of Frank Cross (the guest editors for the latter being Sidnie White Crawford and Walter Aufrecht).

BASOR 373 (Spring 2015): Based on manuscripts already in hand as well as papers promised for submission later this fall, expect to start considering papers for 2015 early in 2013.

James Weinstein
Editor, BASOR

Editor's Report: Journal of Cuneiform Studies

The 2013 issue of JCS is already in the works; I have a good number of manuscripts in various stages of vetting etc. We will probably have to close the issue early to avoid problems with pagination.

The third JCS supplement, *The Textual Criticism of Sumerian Literature*, by Paul Delnero, should be out, but as usual communication from Boston is a problem. After a delay, I was told that it was to be printed around Oct. 26, but since then have not seen or heard anything. In any case, I expect it to be available for sale at the meeting.

Piotr Michalowski
Editor, JCS

Editor's Report: Near Eastern Archaeology

1. Jeff Blakely served as guest editor of NEA 75.1 (March 2012).
2. In early 2012, the editorial committees were reconstituted and vacant places filled. The class of 2015 was elected (Jason Ur, Nadine Moeller, Rick Hess). Stephen Russell (Princeton Theological Seminary) serves as NEA's new book review editor.
3. As of May 2012, the manuscript submission system for NEA was implemented thanks to the generosity of Brill to allow us to buy us into their subscription of Editorial Manager at a discounted price of \$1,500/year. All articles and reviews for NEA are being processed through Editorial Manager (www.editorialmanager.com/nea/).
4. The goal for NEA 75.2-4 was to diversify the contents of the individual issues and to also increase the number of manuscripts per issue. I have been aiming at five articles per issue and 2-3 book reviews.

NEA 75.2:

Alexis T. Boutin, Gloria L. Nusse, Sabrina B. Sholts and Benjamin W. Porter
"Face to Face with the Past: Reconstructing a Teenage Boy from Early Dilmun"

Jodi Magness

"What's the Poop on Ancient Toilets and Toilet Habits?"

Raphael Greenberg, Sarit Paz, David Wengrow and Mark Iserlis
"Tel Bet Yerah: Hub of the Early Bronze Age Levant"

Piotr Taracha

"The Sculptures of Alacahöyük: A Key to Religious Symbolism in Hittite Representational Art"

Nadine Moeller

"Unsealing Tell Edfu, Egypt: Who Was a Local Official and Who Was Not?"

1 book review

NEA 75.3:

Nicolo Marchetti and co-authors:

"Karkemish on the Euphrates: Excavating a City's History"

Peter Feinman

"Canaanites, Catholics, and Chosen Peoples: Albright's Biblical Archaeology"

Mary-Ann Pouls-Wegner

"New Fieldwork at Abydos: the Toronto Votive Zone Project "

Rudolph H. Dornemann

"The Qarqur Challenge, Part I: Middle Islamic through Iron Age"

Leanne Pace

"How will declining religious literacy in America affect ancient Near Eastern archaeology? Some thoughts from the front lines"

2 book reviews

NEA 75.4:

Glenn Joseph Corbett

Desert Traces: Tracking the Nabataeans in Jordan's Wādī Ramm

Jennie Ebeling, Norma Franklin, Ian Cipin

Jezreel Revealed in Laser Scans: A Preliminary Report of the 2012 Survey Season at Jezreel

Rudolph H. Dornemann

The Qarqur Challenge: The Bronze Age and Earlier

Parsa Ghasemi

Tal-e Khandagh ("Moated Mounds"): Military Structures in ancient Fars, Iran

Oded Lipschits

Tel Azekah 113 Years After - Preliminary Evaluation of the Renewed Excavations at the Site

2 book reviews

4. The projection for 2013 is to publish two regular issues and two thematic issues, one coordinated by **Jane Peterson** (Marquette University) about "**Community-Based Practice and Collaboration in Near Eastern Archaeology**" (the topic of the session she has been chairing at the ASOR annual meetings for the past three years), and one by **Sharon Zuckerman** (Hebrew University) on the **new excavations of Hazor**. For the regular issues, 10 articles have been either promised or already been submitted.

5. A problem that will need further discussion in 2013 is how to address the problem created by the increasing backlog of manuscripts.

Vancouver, October 27, 2012

Thomas Schneider

Editor's Report: Archaeological Reports Series

1. ARS MSS in press

-ARS 17 The Roman Marble Sculptures from the Sanctuary of Pan at Caesarea Philippi/Paneas (Israel) (E. Friedland) – proofs under review

2. ARS MSS -accepted – waiting for final manuscript submission

-CAARI Conference - "Cyprus and the Balance of Empires: From Justinian I to the Couer de Lion" (Charles Stewart)

3. ARS MSS Returned – under second review

-Idalion, Cyprus (P. Gaber)

4. ARS MSS NOW UNDER REVIEW

-“Humayma Excavation Project, 2: The Nabataean Campground and Necropolis, Byzantine Churches, and Early Islamic Domestic Structures.” (J. Oleson)

-Roman Aqaba, Jordan (T. Parker)

-“Studies of Some Finds from Tell Ta’annek, Volume II” (Nancy Lapp) **There are some concerns regarding rights of publication – regardless of whether or not this is published by ASOR, I have arranged for peer reviews.

5. ARS PROPOSALS ACCEPTED, AWAITING MSS

-Tell er-Rumeith, Israel - (Nancy Lapp, Tristan Barako)

- Mithraeum at Caesarea Maritima (R. Bull – Vivian Bull is contact person)

-Tell er-Ras (V. Bull – Jane Evans contact person)

-Eastern Desert Survey, Egypt (Gates-Foster, et al.)

-Caesarea Promontory, Israel (K. Gleason)

- “Embodying Dilmun: Embodying Dilmun: The Peter B. Cornwall expedition to Eastern Saudi Arabia and Bahrain” – Ben Porter and Alexis Boutin
- Akko, Israel (A. Brody)
- Wawiyat, Israel (B. Nakhai and J. P. Dessel)
- Koutsopetria, Cyprus, Roman Era (Bill Caraher et al)

I have not yet had contact with:

- Phlamoudhi-Melissa, Cyprus (J. Smith) [PROMISED BY END OF 2008, NOT YET RECEIVED]

5. ARS PROPOSALS UNDER REVIEW

NONE

6. ARS INQUIRIES, AWAITING PROPOSALS

- Gezer Gate (Holladay)
- Shechem V (LB pottery) (Ted Campbell and Catherine Duff)
- Tell Raqai, Syria (Glenn Schwartz)
- Tell Taanek EBA ceramics (Mark Ziese)
- Shechem Iron Age (J. Holiday)
- Athienou, Cyprus (M. Toumazou, D. Counts) [ADDED NOVEMBER 2008]
- Phlamoudhi-Vounari (M. Horowitz)
- Dhibon (Morton Excavations), Jordan (Bruce Routledge)
- Tell er-Rumeith (Tristan Barako)

6.5 ARS QUERIES, UNDECIDED ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL SUBMIT

- Kourion's Amathous Gate Cemetery (Michael Given)
- Tell en-Nasbeh (EB I), Israel (Catherine Foster)

7. ARS PORPOSAL WITHDRAWN, BUT WITH PLANS TO RESUBMIT

- Cadir Hoyuk, Turkey (S. Steadman)

Kevin McGeough
Editor, ARS

Editor's Report: Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research

Status of AASOR as of 1 November 2012

1. Title: The Photographs of the American Palestine Exploration Society
Author/Editor: Rachel Hallote, Felicity Cobbing and Jeffery Spurr
Status: Published November 2012 as AASOR No. 66
Color: Not needed
2. Title: The Excavations of Tel Zahara I: The Roman and Later Remains

Author/Editor: Susan Cohen (ed.)
Status: MS received, reviewed and revised
Color: Not requested

3. Title: Karak Castle (Qal`at al-Karak) in the Middle and Late Islamic Periods:
Historical and Regional
 Perspectives on Faunal Remains from the Medieval Palace
Author/Editor: Robin Brown and Kevin Rielly
Status: MS received and under review
Color: Not requested

NB: Since No. 2 and No. 3 are short MSS, they can be combined to make a single volume to be published as AASOR No. 67

4. Title: Nelson Glueck's 1937 Excavations at Khirbet et-Tannur
Author/Editor: Judith McKenzie
Status: Inquiry for publication received, no proposal received yet, but I understand that the MS is already in preparation.
Color: Not requested

5. Title: New Perspectives on the Iron Age Archaeology of Edom, southern Jordan
Interim Studies of the Surveys, Excavations and Research of the Edom
Lowlands Regional Archaeology Project (ELRAP) 2006-2008
Author/Editor: Thomas E. Levy (ed.)
Status: MS withdrawn

Joseph A. Greene
Editor, Annual of ASOR