

**To the Executive Committee
Regional Affiliations committee/Lecture Committee
November 4, 2012**

Regional Affiliations Committee/Lecture Committee Funding Report: Chairs Suzanne Richard and Jacob Wright

In 2012, the Regional Affiliation Committee and the Lecture Committee officially merged their funding (each \$1500/year) in order to more innovatively meet the ASOR Strategic Plan to promote the visibility of ASOR and especially its membership, as well as to increase participation at the regional societies. It was decided to pool resources in order to promote ASOR in various types of public venues. [for details, included below is the original notice advertising this new initiative on the ASOR blog]

This first year, the timeline was truncated somewhat and submissions were only sought for the April and October deadlines. There were ten proposals received by the April 10 deadline. Of the ten, three were chosen for awards of \$500 each. They were: James Osborne, for a public conference, "Approaching Monumentality in the Archaeological Record," held at the Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology at SUNY Buffalo; Aaron Brody, for a public lecture at the Bade Museum for a lecture by Tom Levy, co-sponsored by the Bade and ASOR; and Ralph Hawkins, for the Southeast Region for 2013 which would include a public lecture by James Tabor. A proposal by Roger Anderson of the PNW Region was tentatively accepted with revisions to the proposal requested..

Following the second call for proposals in October, ASOR received the revised proposal from Roger Anderson, who received \$500 for the PNW conference in 2013. Three other proposals were received, although the decision was made not to fund them. There is at present \$1000 still available for funding this year.

ASOR Funding for Regional Lectures

March 26th, 2012

Exciting New Funding Opportunity from ASOR

The American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) has recently decided to allocate funds in support of members who are organizing lectures and events throughout the year. The decision is prompted by an interest in increasing ASOR presence in events throughout the year and in promoting ASOR's mission of public outreach.

Preference will be given to proposals for special programming at the regional meetings (including co-sponsoring a regional lecture event) that enhance ASOR membership and visibility, as well as to proposals for lectures/events beyond the regional meetings that promise to attract an audience of potential new ASOR members.

Preference is given to proposals for \$500, but the committee will consider proposals for smaller or larger amounts. The award of the funds carries the obligation that the host acknowledge the support of ASOR, provide a short description of some of ASOR's principal projects, and designate a space where ASOR materials can be exhibited.

The funds will be awarded in keeping with these criteria and according to the following timeline:

- April 10: Deadline for first round of proposals.
- June 1: Deadline for second round of proposals, depending on amount of remaining funds.
- October 1: Deadline for third review of proposal. Award of remaining funds.

Proposals that were not funded in the preceding round will be considered in the following round.

Please submit your short proposals (150 words or less), with description of the event and a budget, before midnight of the respective date to Britta Abeln (asor@bu.edu).

If you have questions, please contact Jacob L. Wright (jlwrigh@emory.edu) or Suzanne Richard (RICHARD@gannon.edu).