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**PROGRAM COMMITTEE – REPORT OF WORK:
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Data for Meetings from 2009–2013 (with 2006-2008 included for comparison)

	2006 DC	2007 San Diego	2008 Boston	2009 New Orleans	2010 Atlanta	2011 San Francisco	2012 Chicago	2013 Baltimore
Number of Papers	203	229	285	248	354	420	461	429
Number of Sessions	44	52	54	53	59	80	86	86
Number of Registrants	600	548	740	601	686	816	921	TBA

2013 Academic Program

We are currently in the process of finalizing the academic program for the 2013 Annual Meeting. We received a total of 429 abstract submissions, and the Academic Program of the 2013 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 22, and we plan to have a draft of the 2013 Program Abstract Book by August 1.

Logistics of Organizing the 2013 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 Book: After a successful redesign of the Abstract Program Book for the 2012 Annual Meeting, we are continuing our efforts this year to professionalize the Program Abstract Book. In conjunction with the Executive Director, Director of Meetings and Events, and Director of Publications, we have established a new procedure for designing, copy-editing, producing, and distributing the Program Abstract Book for the Annual Meeting. This new procedure includes copy-editing of the abstracts by a professional copyeditor, proofreading of the entire Program Abstract Book by a professional proofreader, securing an ISBN that will move the Program Abstract Book from the status of ephemera to a genuine publication of the organization, and making the Program Abstract Book available for purchase beyond the annual meeting.

Membership of PC Committee

Chair(s)

The current Co-Chairs of the PC will be stepping down in December 2013 after having served for 5 years. We are currently working with the Executive Director, President, and Vice President to assist in the search for our successor(s).

Members

One member rotated off of the PC at the end of the 2012 calendar year; we have thanked Bethany Walker for her extremely helpful service to the PC. Two members, Betsy Bryan and Elena Corbett, had to resign before the end of their first terms due to the demands of their jobs.

To maintain representation on the PC of the temporal, regional, and disciplinary areas of ASOR's membership and to cover other areas that have not been represented, we have invited three new members whose areas of expertise are Islamic archaeology, Mesopotamia and Anatolia along with gender and art history, and .

ACTION ITEM: To fill the gaps left by the one member who rotated off in December 2012 and the two members who had to resign before the end of their terms, and to cover areas not recently represented, we are submitting the names and CVs 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):

- Asa Eger, University of North Carolina, Greensboro – Islamic Near East, Syria-Palestine, Anatolia, history, archaeology (http://www.uncg.edu/his/docs/Eger_index.html)
- Stephanie Langin-Hooper, Bowling Green State University – Mesopotamia, Turkey, gender, art history, museums (<http://art.bgsu.edu/faculty/facultyinfo.cfm?ID=426&Title=Art%20History>)
- Geoff Emberling, Kelsey Museum, University of Michigan – Mesopotamia, Nubia, museums, anthropology

PC Guidelines

In preparation for the CCC Retreat that will take place on April 27-28, 2013, and at the request of Sharon Herbert, we have revised our PC Guidelines to include procedures for appointment, re-appointment, or termination of the Chair(s) and members of the Program Committee.

Action Plan

The attached Action Plan was submitted to the Chair of the CCC, Sharon Herbert, for the upcoming CCC Retreat to be held on April 27-28, 2013.

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 2013 Annual Meeting
- Compiling and editing the 2013 Program Abstract Copy Book
- Planning Breakfast Meeting for Session Chairs at 2013 AM
- Preparing recommendations to submit to the CCC for Plenary speaker and venue for 2014 AM in San Diego
- Preparing and posting the 2014 Call for Papers and Sessions
- Advertising the 2014 Call for Papers and Sessions more broadly than in previous years