

## Report of the Committee on Publications

Submitted by Charles E. Jones, Chair

18 April 2013

Since the Annual Meeting in Chicago, the Committee on Publications has had four items of business.

1. The nomination, and unanimous approval of Sarah Witcher Kansa to fill the remaining vacancy on COP. Sarah is the Executive Director of the Alexandria Archive Institute (<http://alexandriaarchive.org/>). She is an archaeologist who has spent the past 15 years conducting zooarchaeological research at sites primarily in the Near East. She also manages BoneCommons.org on behalf of the International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ), where she currently stands on the Executive and International Committees.
2. Discussion of the new (in January) JSTOR book publication platform launched with an initial set of publishers: <http://books.jstor.org/> A motion that COP authorize Kevin Cooney to continue (in consultation with the Executive Director) his investigation ASOR's participation in JSTOR Books was discussed and unanimously approved.
3. Discussion of the text of the advertisement for the Editorship of BASOR. The advertisement was approved and the following text has been distributed by ASOR in a variety of media:

*The Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research (BASOR)*, a publication of the American Schools for Oriental Research (ASOR), is seeking an editor for a renewable three-year term beginning July 1 2014, for six semi-annual issues. *BASOR* is a peer-reviewed illustrated publication including technical articles covering the entire Near East and eastern Mediterranean world from the Palaeolithic period through Islamic times. The principal subject areas of the journal include art and archaeology, history, anthropology, bioarchaeology and archaeozoology, archaeometry, geography, philology and epigraphy, and literature. *BASOR* is published on paper and in the [JSTOR Current Scholarship Program](#).

The duties of the position include the following: maintenance of an editorial office for the journal; solicitation and acquisition of manuscripts suitable for publication; implementation of a peer review process for the evaluation of manuscripts; collaboration with the copyeditor, ASOR publications director, and other staff at the ASOR office; chairing an editorial board; actively promoting the journal online; and editing and proofreading each issue. The duties also include timely publication of journal issues and providing quarterly reports to the Chair of the ASOR Publications Committee. The Editor of *BASOR* will have editorial control over the journal, within the parameters of the editorial mission established for *BASOR* by ASOR. The successful candidate should anticipate managing a transition to an online article submission and review process and have a strategy for

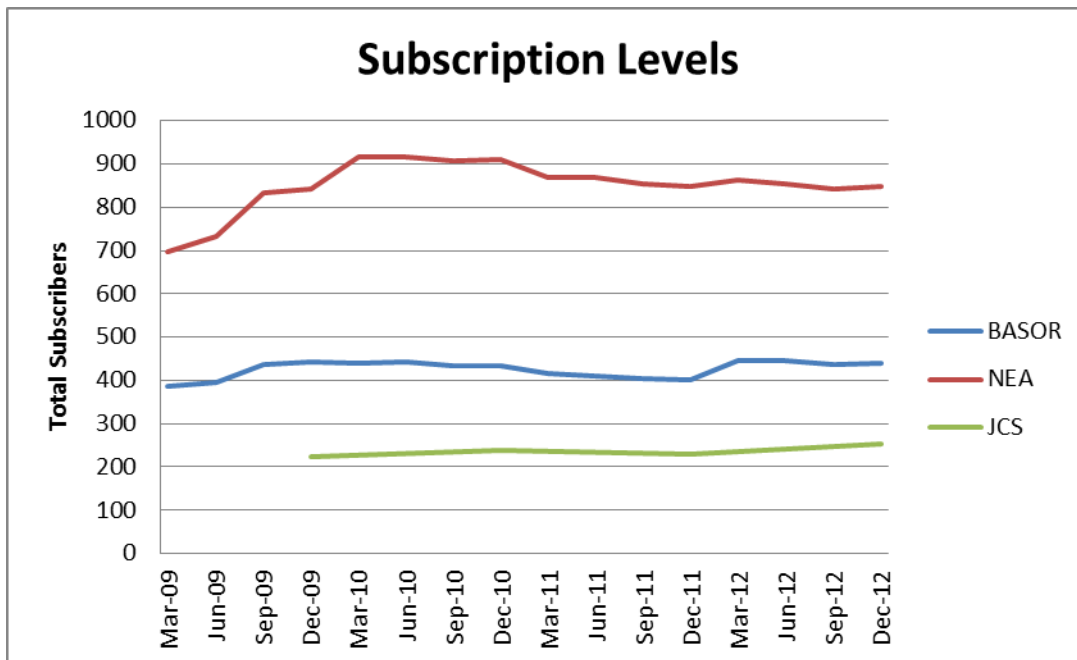
increasing the presence of *BASOR* online. Ideally, the Editor should have knowledge of the production and distribution processes common to print and electronic journals. The Editor of *BASOR* currently receives a stipend as well as reimbursement for travel expenses to ASOR's Annual Meeting. These funds also could be reallocated to provide release time at the successful candidate's home institution. ASOR will negotiate details regarding administrative support and other basic infrastructure in collaboration with the successful candidate. The search committee requests proposals from applicants outlining a vision for of the journal, which includes the candidate's ideas on the following: 1) increasing the journal's online presence; 2) promoting the journal outside ASOR; and 3) transitioning to an online article submission and review process. Applications from a single editor, coeditors, or an editorial team will be considered and accepted until the position is filled. All applications received by August 1, 2013 are guaranteed to receive full consideration, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The candidate's application package should consist of the aforementioned vision statement and a current CV. These materials, and any other inquiries, should be submitted via e-mail to [Charles Jones](#), Chair of the ASOR Committee on Publications.

Members of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, and all other members of ASOR are encouraged to distribute the advertisement, and to nominate prospective candidates for the position.

4. The Chair of COP produced an Action Plan in anticipation of the retreat of the Chairs Coordinating Council. COP has begun discussion of the COP Guidelines and Procedures document, the most recent version of which dates to November 11, 2002. It is necessary to bring it into compliance with the current ASOR Bylaws, the Strategic Plan, and current practice.

Kevin Cooney has provided the following overview of encouraging journal subscription information:

Subscription levels for *Near Eastern Archaeology* (NEA) remained stable through the end of 2012, and overall have leveled out after dipping slightly at the end of 2010 and beginning of 2011. Both *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* (BASOR) and *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* (JCS) grew during 2012. BASOR subscriptions rebounded completely from a dip in 2011, while JCS subscribers reached record levels. All three journals should see growth in 2013 resulting from active marketing campaigns conducted by JSTOR and the ASOR publications office.



As the core of this report, I am pleased to provide updates from each of the Editors.

***Appendix: Editors' Reports***

**ARS Quarterly Report March 2013**

1. ARS MSS in press

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

1.5 ARS MSS submitted – seeking funding

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

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

-Roman Aqaba, Jordan (T. Parker)

3. ARS MSS Returned – under second review

-Idalion, Cyprus (P. Gaber)

4. ARS MSS NOW UNDER REVIEW

-Koutsopetria, Cyprus, Roman Era (Bill Caraher et al)

5. ARS PROPOSALS ACCEPTED, AWAITING MSS

-Shechem V (LB pottery) (Ted Campbell and Catherine Duff)

-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)

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

-CAARI Conference “J.R.B. Stewart: An Archaeological Legacy on Cyprus” (McCarthy, Knapp, Webb)

6. ARS INQUIRIES, AWAITING PROPOSALS

-Gezer Gate (Holladay)

- 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)
- JRB Stewart: an Archaeological Legacy, CAARI Conference (Andrew McCarthy)

#### 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 PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN, BUT WITH PLANS TO RESUBMIT

- Cadir Hoyuk, Turkey (S. Steadman)

#### 8. ARS MANUSCRIPT NOT ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

- “Studies of Some Finds from Tell Ta’annek, Volume II” (Nancy Lapp) – This volume was already co-edited and accepted for publication with a Birzeit University publisher so it is not feasible to publish it in our series as well.

### **The status of BASOR as of April 14 is as follows:**

BASOR 369 (spring 2013): Scheduled to have six articles, two In Memoriam pieces, and a number of book reviews. Four articles already in first proofs, manuscript for fifth article currently being copyedited, and manuscript for sixth article to be sent for copyediting on 4/16. Expect issue to appear in June.

BASOR 370 (fall 2013): Revised drafts for most of the articles to appear in this issue (a theme issue on Iron Age Cyprus) already submitted. One manuscript still to be submitted for peer review. Selection of book reviews already in first proofs.

BASOR 371 (spring 2014): Various manuscripts either already accepted or out for peer review for articles for this issue.

BASOR 372 (fall 2014): This issue will be split between a theme issue and a series of papers in honor of Frank Moore Cross. Nothing submitted yet.

Jim Weinstein

### **Report for 2013 ASOR spring board meeting – Near Eastern Archaeology**

1. Since the November annual meeting in Chicago, NEA 75.4 (December 2012) and NEA 76.1 (March 2013) have been published with the following contributions:

NEA 75.4:

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**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

NEA 76.1:

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**Daniel D. Pioske**

David's Jerusalem: A Sense of Place

**David M. Jacobson**

The Lily and the Rose: A Review of Some Hasmonean Coin Types

**Jason Ur**

Spying on the Past: Declassified Intelligence Satellite Photographs and Near Eastern Landscapes

**Ünsal Yalçın and H. Gönül Yalçın**

Reassessing Anthropomorphic Metal Figurines of Alacahöyük, Anatolia

FORUM:

**Samuel B. Fee, David K. Pettegrew and William R. Caraher**

Taking Mobile Computing to the Field

4 book reviews

2. All contributions for the special issue NEA 76.2 (June) on *Hazor* have been received and also the majority of contributions for another special issue (September or December) on "*Community-Based Practice and Collaboration in Near Eastern Archaeology*".

3. The manuscript acceptance rate is currently at ca. 50%, including revised articles. Between January and March, five mss. were rejected.

Vancouver, April 15, 2013

Thomas Schneider

### **Journal of Cuneiform Studies Report**

JCS 65 (2013) is being typeset; I received the first batch of first proofs yesterday. It is a big celebratory issue:

JCS 65 (2013)

Table of Contents[final!!!]

Benjamin Foster, JCS: The Early Years

Miguel Civil, Remarks On AD-GI\_4 (A.K.A. "Archaic Word List C" Or "Tribute")

Piotr Steinkeller, A Note on Lines 168-169 Of "Enki And Ninhursag"

Rients de Boer, Marad in the Early Old Babylonian Period: Its Kings, History and the Influence of Isin

Josué J. Justel, Jen 957 (Nuzi) Revisited

Brian Brown, The Structure and Decline of the Middle Assyrian State: The Role of Autonomous and Non-state Actors

Eva von Dassow, Piecing Together the Song of Release

Jürgen Lorenz, Kontrastierung und Variation: Zur Verwendung von Logogrammschreibungen und des Zeichens LI besonders in hethitischen Königsnamen

Niek Veldhuis, Purity and Access: A Catalog of Lexical Texts Dedicated to Nabû

Daniel Schwemer, Prescriptions And Rituals for Happiness, Success and Divine Favor: The Compilation A 522 (Bam 318)

Critical Reviews

Ingo Schrakamp , review of G. Visicato and Aa. Westenholz, /Early

Dynastic and Early Sargonic Tablets from Adab in the Cornell University Collections/

Margaret Jaques, review of Alexandra Kleinerman, /Education in Early 2nd Millennium BC Babylonia. The Sumerian Epistolary Miscellany/

Małgorzata Sandowicz, review of Caroline Waerzeggers, /The Ezida Temple of Borsippa: Priesthood, Cult, Archives/

I already have some mss. for vol. 66.

In addition, the editors of the JCS suppl. 4 inform me that they have most of the articles and are editing them right now.

### **Status of AASOR as of 17 April 2013**

1. Title: Nelson Glueck's 1937 Excavations at Khirbet et-Tannur (2 volumes to be published as AASOR 67.1 and 67.2)  
Author/Editor: Judith McKenzie  
Status: MS reviewed, accepted and submitted for production, expected publication by October 2013  
Color: for Vol. 1, but not for Vol. 2  
Subvention: \$10,000 (\$5,000 received, a further \$5,000 promised)
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  
Subvention: not offered
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  
Subvention: not offered
4. Title: Telling Seeds: Archaeobotanical Investigations at Tall al-'Umayri, Jordan  
Author/Editor: Jenniefer Ramsey and Natalie Mueller  
Status: MS received and under review (referred from BASOR)  
Color: Not requested  
Subvention: not offered



NB: Since Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are shorter MSS, they will be combined to make a single volume to be published as AASOR No. 68 in 2013