

Report of the ASOR Publications Committee

Submitted by Charles E. Jones, Chair

30 April 2014

Chair's Report

Editors' Reports

Subscriptions Report

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

1) The nomination, discussion, and unanimous approval two candidates for COP, Class of 2016, filling the vacancies of the retiring class of 2014: Susan Ackerman (who will remain on COP ex officio), and Bill Arnold.

Jennie Ebeling

<http://faculty.evansville.edu/je55/>

Jennie is well known to ASOR, serving in a variety of capacities, most recently as Vice President (Membership) and Board Member.

Bill Caraher

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/instruct/wcaraher/HomePage.html>

Bill is Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of North Dakota where he teaches Greek, Roman, and Byzantine History, and Early Christianity. He is the co-director of Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project in Cyprus and participates in the continued archaeological research associated with the Eastern Korinthia Archaeological Survey and the Ohio State Excavations at Isthmia. Recently, Bill has become interested in database management and GIS application in archaeological research.

Pending final approval of the EC and the Board, they have been serving actively on the Committee since 1 January, 2014.

2) In support of the smooth transition for the new BASOR editors, the following motion was proposed, discussed, and unanimously approved:

The ASOR Committee on Publication approves the following actions and appointments

1. Eric Cline and Chris Rollston appointed as associate editors of BASOR.
2. Chris Rollston to resign from the BASOR editorial board. (He is a member of the 2013-2016 class.)
3. Assaf Yasur-Landau (Univ of Haifa) appointed to serve out the final three years of Chris's term in the class of 2013-2016. (This would be a "provisional" appointment until the May meetings.)
4. Appoint the following three individuals to become the class of 2014-2017 on the editorial board. (These would also be "provisional" appointments until the May meetings.)

Amanda Podany, CSU Pomona

Mark Chavalas, Univ of Wisconsin, LaCrosse

Michael Hoff, Univ of Nebraska at Lincoln

3) Consultation with the Executive Director on the responsibilities of the Publications and Fulfillment Manager in the Boston office, and on the text of an advertisement for the position. The advertisement was approved, posted, applications reviewed, interview held, references checked, and a successful hire was concluded. The Committee welcomed Inda Omerefendic to the Publications and Fulfillment Manager position.

4) The committee was asked by the President to comment on the current status of the ASOR Newsletter, its potential futures, and on ASOR's newly established electronic news efforts.

In the coming months the Publications Committee will focus on the upcoming change in editorship of Archaeological Reports and the ASOR Annual. This will necessarily involve discussion of the whole book publication effort of ASOR and its future.

Aside from at the face-to-face meetings of the Committee, all formal committee communication takes place on an archives email list. The archive includes all such communication taking place since October 2008.

Following are the reports submitted by the editors

ARS Report April 2014
Kevin McGeough, Editor

1. ARS MSS in press

- CAARI Conference - "Cyprus and the Balance of Empires: From Justinian I to the Couer de Lion" (Charles Stewart) – finished – waiting for final subvention check before being sent to printers
- Koutsopetria, Cyprus, Roman Era (Bill Caraher et al)
- Tell er-Rumeith, Israel - (Nancy Lapp, Tristan Barako) - waiting for subvention
- Idalion, Cyprus (P. Gaber) – waiting for subvention

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

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

3. ARS MSS NOW UNDER REVIEW

4. ARS PROPOSALS ACCEPTED, AWAITING MSS

- Shammakh to Ayl Archaeological Survey, Southern Jordan (Burton MacDonald)
- 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

- Combined Caesarea expedition, 1 (Ken Holum, et al)

-Koutsopetria 2, Cyprus, (Bill Caraher et al)

6. ARS INQUIRIES, AWAITING PROPOSALS

- Caesarea Combined Excavations – potential series of 4-5 volumes, (CCE) (Kenneth Holum)
- 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)

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)

Status of AASOR as of 30 April 2013

Joseph A. Greene, Editor

1. Title: Nelson Glueck's 1937 Excavations at Khirbet et-Tannur (2 volumes)
Author/Editor: Judith McKenzie
Status: Published in 2 volumes as AASOR 67 and 68 in November 2013
2. 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: Revised MS accepted
Color: Not requested
Subvention: not offered
3. Title: Telling Seeds: Archaeobotanical Investigations at Tall al-

'Umayri, Jordan

Author/Editor: Jenniefer Ramsey and Natalie Mueller

Status: Revised MS accepted

Color: Not requested

Subvention: not offered

4. Title: Late Bronze Cemetery and Prehistoric Soundings at Kataret es-Samra (Jordan), 1985

Author/Editor: Albert Leonard, Jr.

Status: Proposal received, out for review

Color: unknown

Subvention: unknown

NB: Since Nos. 2 and 3 are shorter MSS, they will be combined to make a single volume to be published as AASOR No. 69 in 2014.

NEA report for EC and Board spring meeting

Thomas Schneider, Editor

Since the 2013 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, three issues of Near Eastern Archaeology have been produced. We have been able to submit all three issues to Sheridan Press one to two months prior to the publication date. Two of the 2014 issues (June and September) are thematic issues of 96 instead of 64 pages, January and December are standard ones. The Book Review sections (December 2013 and June 2014) have been redesigned; the reviews are now presented in thematic sections and with photographs which makes them more useful and attractive. I acknowledge with gratitude the excellent work on NEA that has been done by its Managing Editor, Aaron Rabinowitz, its Book Review Editor (Stephen Russell), its Editorial Assistant (Julia Hsieh), and the members of its editorial classes, as well as the support NEA has received from Andy Vaughn, Chuck Jones, Susan Ackerman and Inda Omerefendic.

NEA 76.4 – December 2013 (published)

Problems and Prospects in the Practice of Paleoarchaeology in Jordan

Maysoon al-Nahar and Geoffrey A. Clark

Tell Afis: History and Excavations

Stefania Mazzoni

Tell Afis in the 13th Century BC: Under the Rule of the Hittites

Alfonso Archi and Fabrizio Venturi

The Hittite Seaport Izziya at Late Bronze Kinet Höyük (Cilicia)

Marie-Henriette Gates

Burial Practices and Ritual Landscapes at Ptolemaic Abydos: The 2011 and 2012 Seasons of the Abydos Middle Cemetery Project

Thomas Landvatter

Books to Dig Into

NEA 77.1 – March 2014 (published)

The Harbor of Khufu on the Red Sea Coast at Wadi al-Jarf, Egypt

Pierre Tallet and Gregory Marouard

The Chalcolithic Temple in Ein Gedi: Fifty Years after Its Discovery

David Ussishkin

The Chalcolithic Temple in Ein Gedi – Some Anthropological Considerations:

An Appendix to Ussishkin's Article

Rami Arav

The Rise of a Complex Society: New Evidence from Tel Megiddo East in the Late Fourth Millennium

Matthew J. Adams, Jonathan David, Robert S. Homsher, and Margaret E. Cohen

Tell Afis in the Iron Age: The Temple on the Acropolis

Stefania Mazzoni

Tell Afis in the Iron Age: The Aramaic Inscriptions

Maria Giulia Amadasi

Tell Afis in the Iron Age: The Official Buildings of the Eastern Acropolis
Serena Maria Cecchini

NEA 77.2 – June 2014 (submitted to the press)

Special issue on Herod the Great

The Legacies of Herod the Great
Barbara Burrell

The Landscape Palaces of Herod the Great
Kathryn L. Gleason

Buildings for Mass Entertainment: Tradition and Innovation in Herodian Construction
Zeev Weiss

Herod the Tastemaker
Andrea M. Berlin

Wall Painters in Herodian Judea
Silvia Rozenberg

Herodian Innovation: The Glass Industry
Lisa C. Kahn

Books to Dig Into

BASOR Report, April 2014
James Weinstein and Larry G. Herr, Editors

Eric Cline and Chris Rollston have been brought on board as associate editors of journal; transition to new coeditorship on schedule for July 1.

Overall goal is to publish all articles and book reviews accepted by current coeditors in BASOR 371 and 372 so incoming editors can start with a clean slate and control full content of BASOR issues for 2015.

Once final content of BASOR 372 has been settled (probably at end of May or early in June), any new manuscripts will be held over for consideration by incoming editors.

Current coeditors continue to handle most book reviews, will not transition this function to incoming editors until July 1 (at Chris and Eric's request).

BASOR 371:

Issue to contain 10 articles, 1 In Memoriam piece (for Bob Bull), and a number of book reviews. Last article for issue to go to Eisenbrauns the first week of May for typesetting, rest of issue already being typeset or in first proofs. Expect issue to go to printer at end of May, to appear in early June.

BASOR 372:

Issue to contain various articles as well as a series of short papers originally presented at 2013 SBL/ASOR session in memory of Frank Moore Cross and a dozen or more book reviews. Issue to come out in November or December.

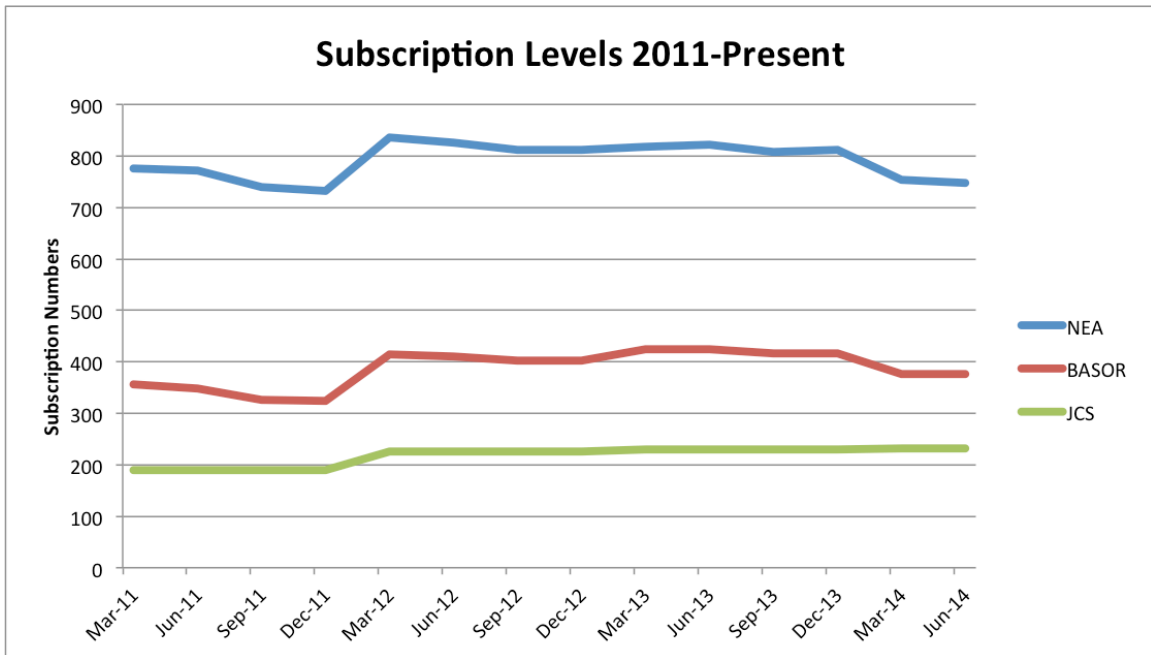
JSC April 2014 Report
Piotr Michalowski, Editor

The Kanesh JCS Supplement is out and I am reading the final submission of the next one. JCS 2014 is in second proofs and is coming out without any problems. The 2015 issue is full. We need to increase the page numbers.

Subscriptions Report
Inda Omerefendic

Subscription levels for *Near Eastern Archaeology (NEA)* experienced a decline in 2011, then recovered after ASOR partnered with JSTOR and have remained steady apart from a second dip at the end of 2013. The *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research (BASOR)* displays a similar trend to *NEA*. *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* has remained stable after a slight increase in 2012. Although a drop was seen at the end of

2013, new reminder and outreach methods, as well as marketing campaigns, will hopefully recover the declined levels seen in 2014, and improve the subscription numbers.



Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Publications Committee

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