

## **Rationale for Proposed By-Laws Changes to Move to Electronic Voting for Individual and Institutional Member Representatives to the ASOR Board of Trustees:**

In the recent elections for Individual and Institutional Member Representatives of the ASOR Board of Trustees, conducted at the Members' Meeting during the Annual Meeting, approximately 10% of those eligible to vote have been present and cast a ballot (eligible voters include professional, contributing, and honorary members, in the elections for Individual Member Representatives to the Board, and institutional representatives, in the elections for Institutional Representatives to the Board). At its November 22, 2014, meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of enfranchising more of ASOR's voting members through the use of on-line voting technology newly available to ASOR through our e-mail marketing company, Informz. The Executive Committee unanimously and enthusiastically supported this shift to on-line voting, with several members reporting that other organizations and/or institutions of which they were a part had dramatically increased voter participation by shifting to an on-line voting system. As is currently the case, voters' anonymity will be guaranteed through the on-line voting mechanism, and we are prepared to make special arrangements for certain members who would prefer to vote by paper ballot.

### **Proposed changes to the bylaws: Additions in bold/underline, deletions in strikethrough.**

- Article II: Members, Section I.A Institutional Members. Institutional members include any university, college, seminary, museum, or other institution paying dues annually as established by the Board of Trustees. Institutional members shall be represented in the Corporation by one individual appointed by each institution. Representatives receive Member privileges as designated from time to time by the Board of Trustees. ~~In the Corporation meeting~~ **By electronic ballot each year prior to the ASOR Annual Meeting**, Institutional Members vote to elect two (2) Institutional Member representatives **each year** to serve for three-year terms on the Board of Trustees (a total of six (6) seats).
- Article II: Members, Section I.D. Individual Professional Members. Individual professional members are those persons who pay dues annually as established by the Board of Trustees. Individual Professional members vote as members in the Corporation. Representatives receive Member privileges as designated from time to time by the Board of Trustees. ~~In the Corporation meeting~~ **By electronic ballot each year prior to the ASOR Annual Meeting**, Individual Professional Members vote to elect two (2) Individual Professional Member Representatives ~~each year~~ to serve for three-year terms on the Board of Trustees (a total of six (6) seats).
- Article II: Members, Section I.E. Individual Contributing Members. Individual contributing members are those persons who contribute annually a designated minimum of funds as established by the Board of Trustees toward support of ASOR's work. Individual Contributing Members vote as members in the Corporation **meeting or in member-wide ballots conducted electronically**. Individual Contributing Members receive Member privileges as designated from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

- Article II: Members, Section I.G. Honorary Members. The Corporation may from time to time, upon the recommendations of the majority of members present, elect any person or institution to be an Honorary Member of the Corporation in recognition of distinguished attainments or service to the Corporation, or to the cause of archaeological research and kindred fields. Honorary members vote as members of **in** the Corporation **meeting or in member-wide ballots conducted electronically** and receive Member privileges as designated from time to time by the Board of Trustees.
- Article II: Members, Section 2. The Corporation is the plenary body of ASOR and is composed of the various members listed above (Article II, Section 1, A-G). These shall meet annually at the time of the fall meeting of ASOR or at such time that the body itself may designate. They shall elect representatives to the Board of Trustees ~~at that meeting or by electronic ballot~~ as specified in Article III, Section 2. These meetings shall be chaired by the ASOR President.
- Article III: Board of Trustees. Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of six (6) Term Trustees elected ~~at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation~~ **by electronic ballot each year prior to the ASOR Annual Meeting** by the Institutional members (Article II, Section 1, A-E); six (6) Term Trustees elected **by electronic ballot each year prior to the ASOR Annual Meeting** by all Voting Members (Article II, Section 1); up to twelve (12) Term Trustees elected by the Board of Trustees; and one Trustee each from the Overseas Centers: AIAR, ACOR, and CAARI. In addition to this number are the Chair, President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who serve as ex-officio voting Trustees during their terms of office. Any Life Trustees who may have been elected by the Board of Trustees are additional to those specified above. The adoption of these Bylaws shall not have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Trustee.

Article III: Board of Trustees. Section 3. These Trustees, upon appointment, shall take up their responsibilities at the beginning of the next calendar year on January 1, unless an earlier start date is specified by the Board. The term for all Trustees will be three (3) years, and Trustees may stand for re-election. Term Trustees shall be divided into three (3) classes according to the dates on which the terms of such Term Trustees expire. **At the By electronic ballot each year prior to the Annual Meeting of the Corporation**, four (4) Term Trustees (two from Individual [Professional and Contributing] members and two from Institutional members) shall be elected in due process on the presentation of a slate by the Nominations Committee. Separate **electronic** ballots will be used for the vote by Institutional members and for the vote by all voting members (Article II, Section 1). The Board of Trustees may from time to time elect one (1) or more persons who shall have formerly served as Trustees and whose terms shall have expired, to serve as a Life Trustee for the period of his or her life. Election as a Life Trustee shall be in recognition of distinguished service to the Corporation, and there shall be no minimum or maximum number of Life Trustees. Life Trustees are full voting members of the Board. The Board of Trustees may from time to time elect one (1) or more persons who shall have formerly served as Trustees and whose terms shall have expired, to serve as a Honorary Trustee for the period of his or her life. Election as an Honorary Trustee shall be in recognition of distinguished

service to the Corporation, and there shall be no minimum or maximum number of Honorary Trustees. Honorary Trustees are non-voting members of the Board, and the number of Honorary Trustees shall not be included in the total number of Trustees required for a quorum.