

May 5, 2006 (EC—only items not included in board minutes listed here)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee accept the proposal for an ASOR traveling exhibit and work with Exhibitour to begin the planning of this project. It was moved by Eric Meyers and seconded by Andy Vaughn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Reporting back to the Board for authority to proceed.

BE IT RESOLVED that since the Release Agreement with Doug Clark has already been executed and since ASOR's legal counsel has advised that no further action is necessary, no other member of the Executive Committee needs to sign this agreement and that all members of the Executive Committee are in agreement with its contents. It was moved by Andy Vaughn, and seconded by Martha Joukowsky. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was proposed by Larry Geraty and seconded by Joe Seger as follows: BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR publicly thanked P.E. MacAllister, Dick Scheuer, and Atremis and Martha Joukowsky for their generous gifts to ASOR. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY [editorial note: this was in response to some large, "bailout" gifts.

P.E. MacAllister appointed a Management Committee (MC) and assigned it responsibility of overall operational management. B. W. Ruffner serves as Chair with Andy Vaughn, Eric Meyers, and P.E. MacAllister as members. The MC is empowered to act as is needed to improve our operation. The MC makes regular reports to the other officers who in turn communicate these reports to the appropriate ASOR constituencies. The MC will next report to the Executive Committee at the November meeting where its continuing status will be re-visited. Motion to continue was moved by Andy Vaughn and seconded by Martha Joukowsky. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that Eric Cline and Tammi Schneider will undertake a thorough review of the governance and operation of ASOR and bring a preliminary report with recommendations and suggestions to the next Executive Committee meeting. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Eric Meyers. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee met on May 5, 2006 and voted to establish a committee to revise the ASOR policy statement as it pertains to the publication of unprovenanced materials. This committee will consist of Eric Meyers (chair), Andy Vaughn, and Tammi Schneider and be advised by Patty Gerstenblith, the Chairs of COP, CAP, CAMP and the Baghdad Committee, and the editors of the three ASOR journals. This statement will be vetted by membership. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Eric Meyers. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that \$2,000 be allocated in the FY2007 budget for the Lecture Series. It was moved by Andy Vaughn and seconded by Ann Killebrew. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### **May 6, 2006 Board of Trustees**

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2005 be approved with one amendment - that the Board of Trustees rescind the resolution made under #11 on the Board agenda from November 19, 2005 that gave the Executive Committee full power to override any financial decision made by any other committee. The resolution is unnecessary given ASOR's By-laws. It was moved by Andy Vaughn and seconded by Tammi Schneider that the rescinding occur and that the amended motion be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that a new membership category called "Contributing Member" be established. The membership fee will \$125.00 per year and will include voting rights. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Andy Vaughn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that the new slate of officers be affirmed and that the terms begin on May 6, 2006 and go for 18 months (though December 2007). There will now be a Past President office and co-Vice Presidents. Eric Cline will serve as Vice President for Governance and Tammi Schneider will serve as Vice President for Membership. It was moved by P.E. MacAllister and seconded by Martha Joukowsky. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that the new office of Past President be added to the list of officers in the ASOR By-laws as indicted in the distributed copy. It was moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Eric Meyers. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that P.E. MacAllister appoint a Management Committee (MC) that will assign responsibility of overall management of operations and staff. B. W. Ruffner will serve as Chair with Andy Vaughn, Eric Meyers, and P.E. MacAllister as members. The MC will be empowered to act as required to manage the operation. The MC will make regular reports to the other officers who will in turn communicate these reports to the appropriate ASOR constituencies. The MC will report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. At the November meeting its continuing status will be re-visited. It was moved by P.E. MacAllister for the Executive Committee and seconded by Eric Cline. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### **September 9, 2006 (EC meeting)**

Motion: Eric Cline moved that we establish an ad hoc committee to further explore the possibility of a NEH grant for archives and report back to the EC at the November meeting. The committee will be chaired by Rachel Hallote, committee members will include Tammi Schneider and Eric Meyers. Andy Vaughn will help out as needed. Seconded by Tammi Schneider. Approved unanimously.

Eric Meyers reported that the Management Committee (MacAllister, Meyers, Ruffner, Vaughn) met for two days in Montreat, NC in late July to discuss planning initiatives. The proposals on the by-laws and the SBL proposal arose out of these meetings (see below in minutes).

Motion: Ann Killebrew moved the following (seconded by Tammi Schneider). Be it resolved that Andy Vaughn and Eric Meyers are charged to negotiate a joint meeting arrangement with

the SBL so long as the following concerns be taken into account: 1) AV costs; 2) Keeping a separate hotel and identity; 3) maintaining programming that is controlled by ASOR; 4) having a convention name that is congenial to ASOR's aims and objectives. The Executive Committee expressed its enthusiastic support of a joint meeting if these issues could be worked out. Eric and Andy will present a detailed proposal that addresses these concerns to the EC at the November meeting. Assuming that the above concerns are resolved, the EC expects to present this proposal to the full Board of Trustees for its endorsement at the November 18, 2006 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion: MSP by general consent the following motion: Be it resolved that ASOR notify the 3 schools that the suites at the annual meeting are a major perk of the meeting and provide a value to the schools of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 if they are used for 6 nights. We request (but do not require) that the overseas research centers hold a reception during the ASOR annual meeting at the ASOR hotel for 2006 to help defray ASOR's food minimum. Further, the issues of suites and complimentary room allocations for future years (i.e., 2007 and beyond) and who receives them will be taken up by CAMP with Eric Cline serving as the liaison between CAMP and the EC. Approved unanimously.

Motion: MSP by general agreement. Date of next executive committee meeting: February 9-11, 2007. Tammi Schneider, Eric Meyers, and Joe Seger will look into options in their respective locations, and we to hope announce the location to the EC within a month.

Motion: Moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Burton McDonald. Be it is resolved that ASOR meet with AIA this year provided that the finances can be worked out advantageously. Passed unanimously with one abstention.

Motion: Tammi Schneider moved: "Be it resolved that the MC be empowered and authorized to work out an interim management arrangement from January 1 – June 30, 2007 with Andy Vaughn. Salary and details to be worked out by the management committee and Andy." Motion seconded by B.W. Ruffner. Discussion continued. Unanimously passed with one abstention (Andy Vaughn did not vote and was not in the room for the motion).

Motion: At Rachel's request in the written report, Eric Cline moved that the \$500 that had been allocated to the lecture committee be given to the regional affiliations committee. Ann Killebrew seconded. Unanimous approval.

Motion. Eric Meyers moved and Tammi Schneider seconded: Be it resolved that the EC approve the changes made in the by-laws and charged Eric Cline to circulate a new copy when the many additions and revisions made during the meeting were entered and a clean copy was available. After the EC approves the clean copy of the proposed amended by-laws by email, the amended by-laws will be presented to the entire Board of Trustees for a vote at the November meeting. The amended by-laws will also be posted on the web for all ASOR members to read. The executive committee notes that the entire board must have 20 days notice for the document to be considered at the next board meeting. Passed unanimously.

### **EC Meeting (November 17, 2006)**

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR borrow \$7,500 from the Development budget for the pending NEH Archival Project and ask the Development investment committee to raise money to replace those funds. Joe Seger moved; Eric Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Change the minutes of May 5, 2006 from listed money to be used for, but it is a small change Andy Vaughn. Andy later sent an email to Secretary Jim Strange about a problem with resolution at the Spring 2006 board meeting. The board approved a change to the by-laws (approved the office of Past President) by a 2/3s vote to suspend the rules about the 30-day notice for changing the by-laws. However, the secretary later ruled that the rules cannot be suspended in order to change the by-laws. The board will thus need to take up change again when sufficient notice has been given to add the office of Past President.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorses the proposal to meet with SBL annually as described in circulated page. Moved by Eric Meyers, Seconded. There was considerable discussion about several issues, including which entity would pay for what. PASSED with one nay and two abstentions.

BE IT RESOLVED that the new By-Laws be approved as Amended as of Nov 17, 2006. Moved by Eric Cline, Seconded by Tammi Schneider. The President and the Board of Trustees will elect vice presidents who will chair committees. The nominating committee will put out a call for those who want to run for office. PASSED with one nay.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee consider the changes in fees and membership structure subject to recommendations from COP, Moved by Andy Vaughn, seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Board Meeting (November 18, 2006)**

Not posted online

### **EC Meeting (February 10, 2007 in Durham, NC)**

Baghdad Committee Report—Andy Vaughn reported that the BC has a proposal for spending the earnings from the Nies Trust (NB: the Executive Committee needs to approve this proposal to meet requirements for the trust because ASOR must allocate the funds), to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorses this report, acknowledges the work of the Development Committee members and congratulates them for it, and recommends the plan Ann Killebrew has presented. In further discussion it was noted that everyone on this committee has their term expire at the same time. In light of the resignation of Ann Killebrew effective June 30, 2007, new nominations will be sought for a VP for Development. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ASOR discovered a bequest by a Mrs. Platt of \$270k. The restricted amount of the Platt Fellowship fund is \$20k. She left instructions that this fellowship be combined with Barton Fellowship funds, but these funds have already been expended (they were transferred to AIAR). ASOR's Counsel, Arnold and Porter affirms the interpretation of the will of Mrs. Platt and the Probate Court's ruling (that the funds have become the property of ASOR).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorse the interpretation of Arnold and Porter of the Platt Fellowship. For the first year, the income would allow ASOR to spend about \$10.5k for fellowships.. Tammi Moved and Jim Strange seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The Management committee asked Andy Vaughn to write guidelines for awarding Heritage Fellowships. We have six Heritage Members. This summer \$12k will be awarded. Harris would have six \$2k Heritage awards and seven Platt awards.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR establish a grants and fellowships committee to oversee the distribution of all ASOR funds for grants and fellowships. The first job would be to draw up guidelines. Moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Tammi Schneider, but TABLED TO LATER DISCUSSION OF CAP. (See below.)

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR change its policy this fiscal year (if such a change is possible while maintaining a balanced budget this fiscal year) to release funds at the end of the fiscal year rather than at the beginning or Jan 1. Moved by Sheldon Fox and seconded by Joe Seger. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR extend Andy Vaughn's position for an additional six months to Dec 31, 2007 as before and establish a search committee mechanism between now and May of 2007 to deliberate on the future of this position. Moved by Eric Meyers and seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that Chris Rollston continue in the interim position as VP for Publications through Dec 31, 2007. Joe Seger moved and Eric Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that Eric Meyers and P.E. MacAllister appoint Eric Cline as Interim VP for Programs. Moved by Tammi Schneider and seconded by Jim Strange. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that Sheldon Fox, Treasurer, be placed on the Management Committee. Tammi Schneider moved and Eric Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ASOR Publications from politically contested areas - Chris Rollston introduced a discussion whether ASOR will publish anything from politically contested areas. The consensus was that ASOR allow publication of book reviews of work in politically contested areas and book reviews of publication of unprovenanced artifacts. BE IT RESOLVED that the editors of ASOR's publications and the head of publication shall add a demurer to book reviews of books that treat material from politically contested areas and unprovenanced artifacts, that publication of this review does not represent endorsement of excavation or survey in disputed areas or publication

of unprovenanced artifacts. Moved by Eric Meyers and seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that Chris Rollston chair an ad hoc committee to consider publication policy of ASOR with respect to excavation and survey in disputed areas or to unprovenanced artifacts, and Chris Rollston as Chair will work with Eric Cline and Eric Meyers to develop a list of prospective members. Moved by Eric Meyers and seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

April 27, 2007 (EC Minutes Indianapolis)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of Feb 2007 be corrected as follows: item 10 Vice Presidents for the Committee for Archaeological Research and Policy and the Vice President for Development be appointed for July 1, 2007 for three years. Terms for PRESIDENT and the other two vice presidents will be Jan 1, 2008 through Dec 31, 2010. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY as amended.

Joe Seger and Eric Meyers, representing the ad hoc Nominating Committee, brought a recommendation that Andy Vaughn be appointed for a three-year term, continuing 2/3 time (Jan 1, 2008 to Dec 31, 2010). Andy excused himself for the discussion.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee affirms the need to reconsider the nomination procedure for the Officers' Nominating Committee, namely to change and redefine it. The standing procedure was that nominations went to the Boston office and were then to be transmitted to the committee, but this did not happen. Discussion included that nominees should be checked against their record of service in ASOR. The Manual is not updated. Moved by Jeff Blakley, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman appoint an ad hoc committee to examine the membership and subscription issues, to determine whether memberships and subscriptions should be tied, what the rates should be for membership and sub memberships, and related issues, and the Committee be formed of Tammi Schneider, Andy Vaughn, Ann Killebrew, Eric Cline, and one other member of COP. They will report by November to the Management Committee. Tammi Schneider moved; Orly Nelson seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Orly Nelson volunteered to be an at-large committee member.

Chris Rollston reported on a suggestion to raise the subscription rate for BASOR to \$100 for non-members in hopes that the increase would result in new memberships rather than subscriptions. There may be no net financial gain, as some would not renew. It was suggested that this issue be factored into the charge to the ad hoc committee chaired by Tammi Schneider in item e. above. THE CHAIRMAN ORDERED THAT THIS ISSUE BE REFERRED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION ISSUES.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR explore a venue or venues for a conference on research and publication of materials from politically contested areas. Membership of the committee will be drawn from current and in-coming vice-presidents and others. Management has endorsed this

proposal. Sten LaBianca and Andy Vaughn will co-chair. It was noted that CAP may be addressing this issue at its retreat. It may also be an issue for the unprovenanced texts committee. A question was raised whether the ASOR office can absorb the work for such a conference, and should this not be highlighted at the Annual Meeting, perhaps as the President's Forum. Moved by Orly Nelson; seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorse and empower the Vice president for membership to reconstitute or form these subcommittees: Institutional, Professional, Contributing and Heritage. The Vice President for Development will be consulted. Eric Meyers moved; Rollston seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in the light of other committees undergoing reorganization, the Executive Committee charge Chris Rollston as Vice President for Publications to bring a proposal to the November Executive Committee meeting for a reconceptualization and reorganization of the committee. Moved by Eric Cline; seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee enthusiastically endorses negotiations with publishers for ASOR book series. Moved by Tammi Schneider; seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee charges the Vice President for Programs to work with the Vice President for Membership and the Vice President for Development and the Chair of the Awards subcommittee to reconstitute and re-envision the Awards and Honors subcommittee. Moved by Tammi Schneider, second by Joe Seger. PASSED UNIMOUSLY.

#### **Board minutes (April 27, 2007, Indianapolis)**

BE IT RESOLVED that and issue from the spring meeting be enter into the minutes, namely, a statement that the position of Past President is accepted in much a manner as to satisfy the 30 day necessity for changing the by laws. Moved by Eric Meyers and seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED the Appointment of Andy Vaughn as Executive Director for a three-year term from Jan 1, 2008 to Dec 31, 2010. A question was raised whether he would be allowed to have his own dig. Yes, but within the structure of ASOR, i.e., with approval of an application for affiliation from CARP. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that the terms for the VP for Committee for Archaeological Research Policy and VP for Development commence on July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. This is a motion and a second from the Executive Committee. Moved by Joe Seger and seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the ASOR Board endorse the slate of Officers brought forth, to wit:

- Tammi J. Schneider, VP for Membership for the period 1 January 2008 through 31 December 2010.
- Ann Killebrew for VP for Archaeological Research and Policy for the period 1 July 2007 through 30 June 2010.
- P.E. MacAllister for Major Donor Coordinator
- Terry A. Hoefeker as VP for Development for the period 1 July 2007 through 30 June 2010.
- Morag M. Kersel and Michael M. Homan, Co-Vice Presidents for program
- Timothy P. Harrison, President for the period 1 Jan 2008 through 31 Dec 2010. Moved by Jeff Blakley, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that P.E. MacAllister assume the duties of Major Donor Coordinator. Moved and seconded by the Officers Nominating Committee. Moved by Jeff Blakley, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the ASOR board affirms and clarifies its current policy on Membership with the following: Professional membership is required for a person to serve as a section chair for the annual meeting, to serve on an academic committee, or to present a paper at the annual meeting. A person who is enrolled as a student at an ASOR corporate member institution is exempted from this rule. The ASOR Board wishes to provide a one-year grace period (until December 31, 2007) to enforce this. This comes as a motion and second from a standing committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR charge a 5% administrative recovery fee for funds that are passed through ASOR. Further, ASOR will receive interest (if any) while the funds are held by ASOR. The percentage charged for grants will be governed by the guidelines of the agency awarding the grant. This resolution only applies to new funds coming into ASOR. This is a motion and second from the Executive Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. It was suggested that this be advertised.

BE IT RESOLVED to charge ASOR to find a different hotel in a nearby, different city for the 2009 meeting. Moved by Jim Strange; seconded by Nan Frederick. REJECTED: 2 FOR AND ALL OTHERS AGAINST.

BE IT RESOLVED a) that the ASOR annual meeting for fiscal year 2009-2010 be held in the spring of 2010. b) ASOR will work with SBL to organize archaeological sessions at the SBL annual meeting, c) the fall Board meeting of ASOR 2009 be held in conjunction with the fall SBL meeting, d) these changes will not be undertaken unless the boards of the three research centers concur. Tammi moves, Jeff Blakely seconds. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee review the results of the survey and consult with the three research centers, and the Executive Committee will report back to the Board in a timely manner. Moved by Tammi Schneider; seconded Austin Ritterspach. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



**EC Minutes (September 8, 2007; Boston)**

The Executive Committee affirmed Jeff Blakely as Interim Vice President for Publications unanimously by voice vote.

Jeff Blakely for the Officers' Nominating Committee noted that Stuart Swiny cannot continue on the committee. Blakely recommended that he be replaced by Joe Seger. The nomination was AFFIRMED UNANIMOUSLY by voice vote.

The Executive Committee received as information the Management Committee's charge to Chris Rollston to present a reorganization plan for publications. Since then Chris Rollston has resigned, so the Management Committee decided not to take further action until a new VP for publications could be named. Chris reported that he resigned due to the demands of the job of VP for Publications. Considerable discussion ensued about the transition of Publications from an office of its own to integration into the central office in Boston.

The Management Committee formally affirmed Boston University's "Rules of Conduct" (Section 401 in the Personnel Policy Manual; see [http://www.bu.edu/hr/policies\\_procedures/manual/400\\_general.shtml](http://www.bu.edu/hr/policies_procedures/manual/400_general.shtml)) for all communication and interaction between board members, officers, committee members, and ASOR staff. The Executive Committee took the following action: BE IT RESOLVED that the language above be changed to "The Management Committee formally affirmed Boston University's "Rules of Conduct" (Section 401 in the Personnel Policy Manual) for all communication and interaction between ASOR members and ASOR staff who are Boston University employees." Ann Killebrew moved; Tammi Schneider seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee recommends that all board members and other committee members strive to maintain the highest standards of conduct and civility in their interactions with one another. Eric Meyers moved; Ann Killebrew seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Travel support for officers to ASOR board meetings: There are no current guidelines for current practice. It has been an ad hoc arrangement for certain Executive Committee members who have asked for help. BE IT RESOLVED that this issue be turned over to Sheldon Fox, Treasurer and Andy Vaughn, Executive Director, to develop a policy to return to the November Executive Committee meeting for action. Tammi Schneider moved; it was seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the reconfiguration and restructuring of CAP will have its preliminary discussion in November, and CAP will make a decision about holding a retreat and who will attend. CAP will report to the Executive Committee and to the Board in November. Ann Killebrew adds that she would prefer that the CAP meeting should be open to all who have an interest in attending, except for the vetting process, which has confidentiality issues. Ann Killebrew moved; Tammi Schneider seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**November 17, 2007 (San Diego; EC Meeting)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee affirm Jeff Blakely as interim vice president for publications through May 1, 2008. Moved and seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

*SUBSTITUTE MOTION:* BE IT RESOLVED that the journal editor of *JCS* in consultation with the Vice President for Publications has the authority in exceptional cases to waive the requirement that Editorial Board Members of *JCS* be Professional Members of ASOR. In exceptional cases journal editors of *BASOR* and *NEA* may request that the ASOR executive office raise money to pay for memberships of editorial board members. Moved as substitute motion. PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION. The substitute motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Publications Committee requests that the President and President-elect of ASOR inform a specific ASOR member in writing that it is an infringement of ASOR's copyright to reproduce and distribute pdf copies of ASOR material and is subject to legal action. Moreover, a copy of the letter should be sent to this person's academic administrator or Dean. MOTION DEFEATED WITH ONE YEA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director write a gentle letter to this specific member about this topic. Moved and Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the unrestricted bequest from Jim Ross be placed into the endowment as an unrestricted gift. Moved by Tammi Schneider; seconded by Terry Hofecker. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board Meeting San Diego, November 18, 2007**

(The Executive Committee presents the following motion to the Board of Trustees for consideration) BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR will continue administrative oversight of the Annual Meeting and meet in the same town and the same general dates as SBL. Moreover, 1) the President and Executive Director in consultation with CAMP, be empowered to explore opportunities to coordinate program sessions with SBL and to explore opportunities for access to SBL hotels and exhibits, 2) the President and Executive Director be empowered to discuss with the three research centers their role in the Annual Meeting, and 3) CAMP, in consultation with the President and Executive Director, be empowered to develop the best meeting plan possible. Decisions will include program sessions and overall scheduling. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that, Whereas, the Board of Trustees of ASOR has received and discussed a draft of the June 30, 2007 audited financial statements; and Whereas, the Statements of Financial Position in the audited financial statements reflect the amount of \$178,032 of net assets at June 30, 2007 that are considered "Board Designated"; and Whereas, the designation of such amount of net assets means that such assets are not available to the organization for general operating purposes; Therefore, The Board of Trustees of ASOR hereby affirms that the following amount of net assets totaling \$178,032 are appropriately considered "Board Designated" and thus,

unavailable for the general operations of ASOR: first, the amount of \$72,623, which represents the excess of the value of the organization's endowment accounts, which are invested with Charles Schwab, and the Sequoia Fund in the amount of \$375,042 over the amount which is permanently restricted by the terms of the donors in the amount of \$302,419; and Second, the amount of \$105,409, which represents funds set aside for publications in the organization's "Publications Opportunity Fund" which is invested with Vanguard. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC Meeting Durham, NC Feb 9, 2008**

Travel policy for ASOR officers. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee approve offering a small amount of travel to subsidize travel for officers who request it. Moved and Seconded by P.E. MacAllister and Tim Harrison. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of an ad hoc Personnel Committee. Tim Harrison announced intent to appoint a Personnel Committee. There are many personnel matters upon which this committee will advise the Executive Director and President. The intent is that this should become a standing committee. He announced the appointment of Tammi Schneider and Orly Nelson to this ad hoc committee. The President does not need the executive committee to authorize this committee, but he asked for approval of the EC for this committee to act on behalf of the EC to conduct an annual review of the executive director (something that the by-laws specify the EC must undertake). BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee authorizes the Personnel Committee to act on behalf of the Executive Committee to conduct the review of the Executive Director and to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tim Harrison reported that the Executive Committee needs to recognize certain management, personnel, and financial matters. There is a standing Financial and Audit committee, but that the makeup is the same as the management committee. It will be reconfigured in terms of its membership by Treasurer Sheldon Fox in consultation with the President and the Board Chair. The Management Committee will no longer meet in view of the activities of the Financial and Personnel committees. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee affirms the Management Committee's decision to cease functioning, relegating its tasks to other agencies and bodies. Tim Harrison moved; Tammi Schneider seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tim suggested that we review and re-evaluate the role of Development in terms of our new objectives and structures. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee affirms the intention to re-evaluate the role of the Development Committee before a new VP of Development is appointed. Tim Harrison moved; Jeff Blakely seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Digital Archaeological Atlas of the Holy Land (Sten LaBianca and Tom Levy) asked whether ASOR would be a sponsor. This would entail an official action to endorse the DAAHL as a resource that will benefit members. ASOR will provide a link on our website BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorse the DAAHL and be listed as a sponsor without financial obligations or implications. Tammi Schneider moved; Ann Killebrew seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Outreach committee has requested \$500 for their program, and Regional Affiliations Committee has requested \$500 for their program. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee approves the nominations as enumerated in the CAMP report. Moreover, the Executive Committee endorses the work of the Regional Affiliations Committee and the Outreach Committee and refers their request for money to the Executive Director as he prepares the budget to be presented to the Board. Morag Kersel moves Tammi Schneider seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC Meeting Philadelphia, May 2, 2008**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ASOR endorse the new Oxford University Press initiative and empower the vice president of COP, the executive director, Tim Harrison, and Eric Meyers and to negotiate with OUP on a contract. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COP seeks clarification regarding the appointments of Ann Killebrew and Andrew Vaughn as interim co-editors of *NEA*. BE IT RESOLVED that Andy and Ann were appointed for one year, vol. 70. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COP seeks clarification regarding the committee status of ASOR's editorial boards, and whether appointments require ASOR Board confirmation. The By-Laws suggest that the Board has to confirm or ratify committee members. COP asks whether the editorial board is actually a committee of ASOR. BE IT RESOLVED that the VP for publications will continue to bring names forward for editorial boards, and meanwhile we will study this issue some more. Moved by Tim Harrison, Seconded by Jeff Blakely. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC confirm extension of the Executive Director's contract for one year, complete the review of the Executive Director with the Personnel Committee, consider the expansion to 4/5 time in the September EC meeting retroactively in the light of the review, and grant the 4% raise that is reflected in the proposed 2009 Budget. Moved by Sheldon Fox; Tim Harrison seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Board Meeting, May 3, 2008 (Philadelphia)**

"Affirmed Boston University's "Rules of Conduct" (Section 401 in the Personnel Policy Manual) for all communication and interaction between ASOR members and ASOR staff who are Boston University employees." **Strike this struck through text:** [http://www.bu.edu/hr/policies\\_procedures/manual/400\\_general.shtml](http://www.bu.edu/hr/policies_procedures/manual/400_general.shtml)) for all communication and interaction between board members, officers, committee members, and ASOR staff. The change was found to be in order. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Minutes of February 2008 be approved as corrected. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Report on CAP--Ann Killebrew.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board confirm the recommendation regarding ASOR-affiliation criteria, to wit:
  - a. The PI (principal investigator) is an American or Canadian citizen or resident who has an official affiliation with a North American university or official association

with CAARI. Under exceptional circumstances where an American cannot appear on the license (e.g. Syria, Iraq) the matter would be discussed by the ASOR Baghdad or Damascus committees. All PIs or co-directors are required to be ASOR members in good standing.

- b. The PI must be an American or Canadian citizen or resident who has an official relation with a North American university or official association with CAARI.
- c. A PI must be a person defined as the one appearing on the license.
- d. The previous year's license needs to be submitted with the application. In the case of new projects, CAP could give provisional approval which will depend upon the new project's obtaining a license/permit from the host country.
- e. ASOR institutional membership of one of the sponsoring or consortia is highly recommended/encouraged, but not required.
- f. All projects, both field and publication, will need to reapply for 2008/2009. After this projects will need to apply for renewal every two years.
- g. Field projects will present their work either in a session (or poster session) a minimum of every two years.

THE RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept the recommendation of the Search committee for *NEA* editor, namely, that Ann Killebrew be appointed July 1, 2008 for three and one-half years until Dec 31, 2011. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that we reaffirm the Mission Statement. Moved by Larry Geraty; seconded by Barry Gittlen. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Tim Harrison commented that this document identifies our priorities as we develop strategic plans.

### **EC Meeting, Boston, September 20, 2008**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee charges the VP of COP and the Committee on Publications to revise and update the "Guidelines for Publications" [on the COP web page at asor.org—JFS] in a timely manner and report back to the Executive Committee on the results of that exercise. Tim Harrison moved; Eric M. Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee accept the evaluation of the Personnel committee. They will develop a briefer, written version to communicate to the Executive Director, which includes tallies of the forms submitted by the employees. The Executive Director should sign the form. Moved by Sheldon Fox; seconded by Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR increase the Executive Director's compensation to the 80% rate, but the Executive Committee will leave it to the president to negotiate with the Executive Director an improved office attendance policy, taking into account Kelley's presence. Discussion included the idea that the Executive Committee cap the Executive Director's travel expenses at a level to be determined as we gain more information. Moved by Sheldon Fox seconded Tammi Schneider. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee charges the President and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR to pursue the establishment of a legacy club whose members will be those who have named ASOR as a beneficiary of a planned gift of at least 5k. Eric Meyers moved; Tammi Schneider seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**EC Meeting, November 21, 2008 (Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED that Andy Vaughn be moved to the status of “Employee”. This is to be in compliance with the facts of employment and at the recommendation of the auditors. This was a motion and a second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee empowers the President (1) to work with the Baghdad Committee to formulate a formal proposal on the policy of publication of unproveniented tablets, (2) to work with the committees that he sees as appropriate to vet the proposal, and, once such vetting has taken place, to take the proposal to the Board by email or at the spring board meeting as the President sees fit. B.W. Ruffner moved; Jeff Blakely seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board meeting, November 23, 2008 (Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the Amendments [to the bylaws] as distributed. Moved and Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Whistleblower policy be approved with slight changes in language, such as spelling. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. [Due to poor market performance] BE IT RESOLVED that the three recommendations [from the finance committee] be accepted, to wit, that \$14,000 of endowment not be distributed for FY 2009, that income from the Harris Fellowship Fund not be distributed for FY 2009, and that 5% be targeted from grants from the Jan 1 status of the Platt Endowment. Moved and Seconded by the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the ASOR Board make a commitment as board members to recruit preferably a contributing member to join ASOR. This includes a tax-deductible gift to ASOR. They can serve on the Board, but cannot deliver a paper. It was mentioned that there are people who would like to learn more about archaeology. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**EC Meeting, April 17, 2009 (Atlanta)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorses the Nominating Committee’s recommendation that James F. Strange and Sheldon Fox be affirmed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, when their terms run out in December. It is further recommended that, when elections are held for Treasurer, ample time is allowed for an overlap between the current Treasurer and the newly elected Treasurer, so that a smooth transition can take place. Eric Meyers moved; Øystein LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee authorizes the President to extend the term of

the Executive Director's contract for up to one year subject to other contract revisions that are mutually acceptable to the parties. Sheldon Fox moved; Sten LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the salary of the Executive Director be adjusted 2% as a cost of living increase. Øystein LaBianca moved; Sheldon seconded. DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of ASOR endorse with enthusiasm the concept of partnering with the Abraham Path Initiative to provide an advisory group for archaeology and cultural heritage issues. The Executive Committee appoints as an interim advisory group Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Morag Kersel, Øystein LaBianca, Joe Greene, and Eric Meyers. EC requests that CAP examine this partnership and bring a formal proposal for a permanent advisory committee to the November Board of Trustees meeting. Øystein LaBianca moved; Eric Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC Meeting, September 12, 2009 (Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR adopt the Document Retention policies and the joint venture policy as sent out. Tammi moved; Eric Meyers seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR, in accordance with the new Massachusetts Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, distribute quarterly the general endowment at 3.5% of the Trailing Average Balance calculated over the last twelve quarters, distribute 6% of the Trailing Average Balance of the Platt Endowment calculated over twelve quarters, and distribute 5% of the Trailing Average Balance of the Harris Fund calculated over the last twelve quarters for fiscal year 2010 subject to confirmation with legal counsel. Sheldon Fox moved; Sten LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the new Program Committee Guidelines be adopted by ASOR. This is a motion and second from a standing committee. There was considerable discussion noting streamlined procedures and clear practices. It was expressed that it would be valuable for all committees adopt such procedures. Morag urged all the post to the new ASOR blog, since it is available. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the EC charge CAP to revisit and formulate guidelines that would govern the formation of regional committees. Tammi Schneider moved; Sheldon Fox seconded the motion. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC and Board Meeting, November 21, 2009 (New Orleans)**

BE IT RESOLVED that we approve the suggested language changes [suggested by our legal adviser] in the spending policy approved before. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Board Meeting (April 24, 2010; Ann Arbor)**

Announced a resolution from the EC Meeting the day before: “BE IT RESOLVED that Andy BE IT RESOLVED that Vaughn’s contract be extended to end June 30, 2012, with changes in terms of the contract satisfactory to the President, with no changes in compensation. Sheldon Fox moved; Sten LaBianca seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopt the Strategic Plan as a blueprint to move ASOR forward. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends to the implementation task force (to be named and appointed) that the three overseas Directors be invited to join the forthcoming Chairs’ Coordinating Council, and that each of the Centers be invited to consider the ASOR president or his or her designee as a member of the respective boards. Lawrence Geraty moved; Randall Younker seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC Meeting (September 25, 2010; Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED that Andy Vaughn’s contract be extended one additional year to end June 30, 2013. Moved by Sheldon Fox; seconded by Orlyn Nelson. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorses the concept of providing financial support for the President for administration, development, and travel. Moved by Eric Meyers, seconded by Orlyn Nelson. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that ASOR move aggressively to recruit more lay Trustees. Sten LaBianca moved; Sheldon Fox seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee charge the chairman of COP to return with a plan for future funding of publications, which report is to be returned to the Executive Committee by November 2010. This is a motion and a second from a standing committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC and Board Meetings, November 20-21, 2010 (Atlanta)**

The Executive Committee nominates Robert J. Bull as Honorary Trustee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Officers Nominating Committee nominates Timothy Harrison to serve as President for a second term. This comes as a motion and a second from the committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to general appreciation.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to segregate funds needed to fulfill ASOR’s obligation to publish journals, ASOR will segregate either in a separate bank account or by memorandum entry on its financial reports, 40% of deferred income from journals for FY2011. Furthermore, for purposes of this calculation, deferred income will be reduced by outstanding accounts receivable, since there is no obligation related to memberships and subscriptions that have not



yet been paid. This is a Motion and Second from the Finance Committee. Discussion: This sum will be calculated quarterly. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following motion was passed by the EC and then approved by the Board: BE IT RESOLVED that the EC directs the ED working with COP and other committees to explore the expanded use of color in BASOR, shifting BASOR's production from a quarterly to a semi-annual publication, and the addition of an assistant or book review editor for BSOR and report back with a full recommendation. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. **Board Motion:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Board endorses the Executive Committee's action of 11/21/2010. Moved and seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees supports the movement to JSTOR and endorses the effort to raise the funds for the start up JSTOR and authorizes the use of the opportunity fund to \$20,000 as a last resort for funds not supported by external sources. Moved by Tammi Schneider; seconded by B.W. Ruffner. It was pointed out that this amounts to a reallocation.

### **EC and Board Meetings (April 29-30, 2011; Arlington, VA)**

EC moved: The EC endorses a fundraising initiative growing out of this document with the proviso that the development committee brings back a more specific plan on how best to proceed by the November board meeting. Moved by LaBianca; seconded by Ruffner. Passed unanimously.

EC moved: Be it resolved that the executive director's employment be adjusted from 4/5ths time to full time with an appropriate adjustment in compensation. Be it further resolved that the executive director's contract be extended for one year to a new end date of June 30, 2014. Moved and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Be it resolved that the ASOR bylaws be amended as described in the proposal that was distributed to the board about 30 days prior to the board meeting. Recommended by the ITF and moved by the EC. Passed unanimously.

Be it resolved that the President form a committee to clean up the language in the by-laws where there are cumbersome language or inconsistencies. Specific comments are to be forwarded to the executive director. Chair MacAllister ruled that this resolution was approved by consensus.

Be it resolved that Jennie Ebeling be appointed to the board nominating committee for a term concurrent with Ebeling's term as VP of Membership (ending December 31, 2013). Moved by the EC. Passed unanimously.

Be it resolved that ASOR engage Romeo, Wiggins, and Company, LLP, as ASOR's auditors for a three-year period (through 2013). Moved by finance committee and the EC. Passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Business Model and Venues Discussion (A. Vaughn). Andy submitted a written report on the challenges faced in 2016 and beyond for booking the annual meeting. AAR and

SBL have rejoined and will be having concurrent annual meetings starting in 2011 in San Francisco. ASOR faces challenges in locating a venue in San Antonio (2016) and beyond. There was a general consensus that we should continue to meet at the same general time and place as SBL. There was a further consensus that members would not want to stay at a resort property. The suggestion was made to consider venues in Austin, TX for the years the SBL annual meeting will be in San Antonio.

The board went into executive session at 11:10AM. The board came out of executive session at 11:34AM. There was a vote to act on the original motion from COP regarding NEA:

Be it resolved that Ann Killebrew be elected for a second term as editor of NEA beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. Defeated by a voice vote with no “yeas” and two abstentions.

There was a vote to act on the substitute motion from the executive committee: Be it resolved that Ann Killebrew be elected for a second term as editor of NEA beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014 subject to an editorial contract satisfactory to the president. Moved by the EC. After a request for a show of hands, the motion failed.

It was observed that the motion from COP to study the mission of NEA would complicate an immediate search for an editor of NEA. There was then a vote on the motion to study the mission of NEA: Be it resolved that the board endorses COP’s recommendation that COP undertake an investigation of the impact of the name change of *Biblical Archaeologist* to *Near Eastern Archaeology*. After this study takes place, COP should then recommend what changes (if any) should be made to *NEA*. These findings and recommendations should inform the next search for an editor of *NEA*. Moved by the publications committee and the EC. Failed unanimously.

### **EC Meeting (September 17, 2011; Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the American Schools of Oriental Research enthusiastically recommends that ASOR move ahead swiftly to shape a detailed plan for a comprehensive fundraising campaign, with the plan to be prepared in time for consideration by the full board at the 2011 ASOR Annual Meeting. The EC further recommends that the campaign’s private phase be launched on January 1, 2012; that the campaign’s public opening be a gala event to coincide with the November 2012 Annual Meeting; and that the Board consider a campaign goal of \$1,000,000, to include both annual fund and capital gifts; and that this foundational campaign conclude by December 31, 2013. This is a Motion and a Second from a standing committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with a show of hands.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee endorses Robert Oden as chair of the Development Committee subject to confirmation by the ASOR board at its November meeting. Moved by Eric Meyers, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee appoint Joe Seger and Bob Massie as Co-Chairs of a special gala event at the spring meeting of the Board in Indianapolis, April 19-21, 2013 honoring P.E. MacAllister as he become ASOR Chairman Emeritus. Moved by Tim Harrison, seconded by Sten LaBianca. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee charge COP to undertake a self-study and external review and evaluation of *BASOR*, soliciting external reviewers and identifying future directions and to bring any recommendations to the Board at its April 2012 meeting. Moved by Eric Meyers; seconded by Jennie Ebeling. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that Jeff Blakely be appointed as Guest Editor for *NEA* 75/1 until appointment of a new editor of *NEA* is completed. Moved and Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee accepts with regret Jeff Blakely's resignation as Vice President for Publications effective October 1, 2011. Moved and Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. BE IT RESOLVED that Charles Jones be appointed as VP for COP to serve out the remaining three month's of Jeff Blakely's term. MOVED by Øystein LaBianca; Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee charge the Membership Committee to identify the issues in the area of membership benefits and to report to the CCC. Moved by Sten LaBianca, seconded by Joe Seger. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee will write guidelines for its operations. Moved by Jim Strange; seconded by Sheldon Fox. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **EC and Board Meetings (November 19-20, 2011; San Francisco)**

BE IT RESOLVED that Lawson Younger be approved as a new member of the Board Nominations Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to segregate funds needed to fulfill ASOR's obligation to publish journals, ASOR will segregate either in a separate bank account or by memorandum entry on its financial reports, 40% of deferred income from journals for FY2012. Furthermore, for purposes of this calculation, deferred income will be reduced by outstanding accounts receivable, since there is no obligation related to memberships and subscriptions that have not yet been paid. This is a Motion and Second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees supports the recommendation of the Development Committee to launch a \$1.3 million campaign, which includes \$300,000 for the Annual Fund over three years beginning July 1, 2011. Rob adds that there will be a fund-raiser even in Chicago in 2012 and another in Indianapolis in 2013 to honor P.E. MacAllister. This is a motion and a second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (with everyone standing to signal their enthusiastic support of the campaign).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Rob Oden as Development Committee Chair.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNUAL MEETING VENUES—Tim Harrison explained that we made a decision in 2007 to continue to meet in the same vicinity as the AAR and SBL. It was further decided that we would manage our own meetings. Our numbers suggest that this was a good decision. This pattern should continue, but beginning in 2016 (San Antonio) we will not be able to secure large hotels in some downtown areas because AAR and SBL have booked all of the hotels. Andy Vaughn added that the Strategic Plan has identified the Annual Meeting as a key program priority. The Annual Meeting meets in downtown Chicago in 2012, in the Baltimore Sheraton Hotel in 2013, and at the Weston San Diego in 2014. In 2015 ASOR will meet in Atlanta in Buckhead at a new Intercontinental hotel. Up to 2015 we will have met our strategic goals in these downtown hotels. We meet in San Antonio in 2016 and in 2021, and there are no adequate downtown properties available in San Antonio. Consequently, to meet our strategic commitment, we will need to meet in venues that are 12-15 miles out of the downtown areas (probably in a resort venue). We will attempt to have free or reduced rate parking, and we will also attempt to provide transportation to the downtown area(s) one night. Boston (2017 and 2020) and San Diego (2019) will probably allow for downtown venues. Denver (2018) will require a venue outside of the downtown area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board endorses the proposal of COP that *BASOR* move to a semiannual production as soon as feasible. There was discussion about the need for clear historical communication between COP and the EC with a strong interest expressed in improving communication both ways. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business. It was asked how the membership might learn more about the decision not to appoint the previous editor of NEA for a second term. There was some discussion. BE IT RESOLVED that that the Board reconsider approval of the minutes of the April 2011 Board Meeting. There was considerable discussion, including noting that the discussion in that meeting (April 2011) was in executive session. 8 Yeas, 11 Nays, and 2 abstentions. MOTION DEFEATED.

### **EC and Board Meetings (April 20-21, 2012; Toronto)**

Approved at the EC meeting and reported to the board: Whereas the Personnel Committee notes that Andy Vaughn, Executive Director, has worked hard and achieved an outstanding success in management of the ASOR budget, and whereas Andy Vaughn is increasing his abilities and grows better at his job every year, BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Committee grant him a pay raise of \$3,000. The Executive Committee acknowledges his access to the flex dollar program, and the Executive Committee also recommends that his contract be extended one year to June 30 of 2015. Moved by Tim Harrison; seconded by Sheldon Fox. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the board elects Richard Coffman as Assistant Treasurer for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2012. It is understood that he will succeed

Sheldon Fox, outgoing treasurer, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board elects Sharon Herbert as Vice President of ASOR. This is a three-year term, and all officers' terms begin in January. She would thus serve until Dec 31, 2015. There was some discussion of her other administrative duties, as she will be the new President of the Albright in Jerusalem. She is resigning as Director of the Kelsey Museum at the U. of Michigan. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts the proposed changes to the by-laws. This is a motion and second from the Chairs Coordinating Council. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the combination of the individual and institutional subcommittees of the Membership Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **EC Meeting (September 8, 2012; Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee approves the expansion of *BASOR* to 512 pages per year (from approx. 392 pages per year) and to use the opportunity fund to pay for the additional cost up to \$10,000 dollars per year for up to 24 months, subject to the approval of the academic plan of the Chairs Coordinating Council. There was positive discussion about the wisdom of the move. There is concern that the move to two issues per year should reduce the workload of the editor because longer manuscripts can be accepted. There was discussion that a book editor and an assistant book editor be brought in to help manage the job of editing 512 pages, but it did not become part of the motion. Moved and Seconded by the Committee on Publication. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the ASOR office is authorized to carry out the Webinar plan with the approval of the academic content by the CCC. Moved by Sheldon Fox and seconded by B.W. Ruffner. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **EC and Board Meetings, November 16-17, 2012; Chicago**

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the Investment and Spending Policies as forwarded by the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The Investment Policy will be posted on the website.

BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to segregate Funds needed to fulfill ASOR's obligation to publish journals, ASOR will segregate, either in a separated bank account or by memorandum entry on its financial reports, 40% of deferred income from journals for FY13. For purposes of calculation, deferred income will be reduced by outstanding accounts receivable, since there is no obligation relating to memberships and subscriptions that have not yet been paid. This is a Motion and Second from the Finance Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Officers Nominating Committee nominates Richard Coffman as Treasurer. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that Lynn Swartz Dodd be elected Secretary. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that B.W. Ruffner be elected Chairman of the Board of ASOR. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: At the September meeting of the EC, two important items were discussed that did not need to be brought before the larger board. 1) The Executive Committee accepted a recommendation to increase the page count of BASOR and to move to color in BASOR. The Executive Committee therefore approved the spending of \$10,000 more than had been budgeted and using the Opportunity Fund if necessary. 2) We have been in conversation about outreach programs. We have developed a Webinar program and outreach initiative (Friends of ASOR) underwritten by an anonymous Board member. The Executive Committee approved spending of the donated funds to establish the Webinars and the outreach program. The Outreach Committee is working on that proposal.

Andy called on the Board to stand to show their support for the [foundational] campaign and to support helping ASOR meet our goals by June 30, 2014. *All stood in affirmation.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the President appoint a committee to formulate a statement and consider the issues addressed by the Executive Director [the issue was board members asking a society to take on social issues that may not be related to the mission of the organization; other societies have encountered this issue]. Moved by James F. Strange, Secretary, and seconded by Joe Seger. Discussion included the point that this board has fiduciary issues and that there is good legal advice available to help the discussion. There are ethical issues that might involve the Ethics Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board expresses strong thanks to Jim Weinstein for his extensive editorial career at ASOR. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by standing ovation.

### **EC and Board Meetings (April 19-20, 2013; Indianapolis)**

ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE [reported to the board by] Lynn Dodd. At the April meeting of the Executive Committee (EC), several items were passed that did not need to be approved by the larger board. (1) The EC moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director with respect to the request regarding severance terms by Kelley Herlihy; and (2) to extend the Executive Director's current contract for another year with a raise of 3%. Additionally, the EC charged the President with convening an ad hoc personnel committee to work with the Executive Director to develop a job description for the meetings position. Further, the EC charged the President with developing language for a bylaws amendment in order to create a standing personnel committee that will be considered initially at the September EC meeting. Finally, the EC charged the President to develop language to amend the bylaws in order

to change the reporting line between the Executive Director and the Executive Committee to be between the Executive Director and the President. Initial consideration of this language will take place at the September meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that Susan Ackerman be elected President for the term January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CCC put into place the structures and functions necessary to get a webinar program up and running by September 10, 2013.

The Board stood in order to give the outgoing Chair [P.E. MacAllister] a round of applause.

### **EC Meeting (September 28, 2013; Boston)**

BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the fact that ASOR has absorbed a \$9,000 shortfall in the temporary restricted account for the Baghdad Committee related to the costs of publishing the JCS Supplemental volume in 2013, the Executive Committee requests the Baghdad Committee coordinate with COP on how best to fund future JCS Supplements. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Committee endorses the elevation of the Junior Scholars Committee to the status of a standing committee and charges the Vice President to bring forward language to amend the bylaws. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposal received from COP that Larry Herr and Jim Weinstein serve as co-editors of BASOR July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 be approved. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment (Article V, Section 3, Item C): The Chair of the Board, in consultation with the President, shall appoint a Personnel Committee. The Committee shall be chaired by the President, and include the Vice President, Treasurer, and up to two (2) additional members of the Executive Committee. The Committee will be responsible for conducting an annual review of the Executive Director, and making recommendations to the Executive Committee pertaining to the employment of the Executive Director. The Committee, as a committee, will provide direct oversight of the hiring of staff, annual performance assessments, and terminations of employment. The committee also serves in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director on personnel matters. The Committee serves as an independent, confidential arbiter of staff grievances. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board the adoption of this change to the Bylaws and endorses the language noted above here. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.