

Awards Committee Guidelines and Action Plans [draft April 4, 2013]

List of current members and terms:

Laura Mazow, chair, term began 2012 or 2013?

John Spencer, term to end 2013

Hanan Charaf, term to end 2012, will begin new term 2013-2016

Yorke Rowan, term to end 2014

Lauren Monroe, term to end 2015

Guidelines

Members and Terms

Makeup of Committee is 4 members plus chair. The Committee will be made up of representatives from a broad cross-section of the ASOR constituency representing the temporal, regional, and disciplinary interests associated with the history and archaeology of the Near East.

Term of commitment is 3 year; members can serve a max of 2 consecutive terms; a minimum of 1 term break should be considered before reappointment to the committee.

Terms begin on Jan 1 and run for the calendar year.

Committee chair is appointed by the Chairs Nominating Committee.

New committee members are drawn from the ASOR membership. Current committee members should solicit names and make recommendations to the VP for approval.

Committee membership should reflect, as best as possible, the broad regional, chronological and topical research of the ASOR constituency.

Mechanism for Voting on Award nominations:

Voting on individual awards is done by email. Each Committee member will send her/his vote directly and individually to committee chair (i.e. committee members are requested not to use "reply all" when emailing vote).

Committee chair votes at same time/in same process as committee.

In case of tie, there will be a call for a second round of voting between top candidates.

Discussion via email and/or conference call is available if needed. Committee chair or committee members can call for discussion.

Award Guidelines and nomination process (?)

No repeat awards (i.e. same person receiving same awards) w/in 7 years

Author/editor book nominated for book award does not need to be an ASOR member.

Only consider book nominations that are in-line with, consistent with, BASOR's policy on publication. [We need to research standards and policies. Sugg. for guidelines that we will not consider nominations of books:

Where the primary focus of the book is an object/are objects where this is the 1st place of publication of any object acquired by an individual or institution after 30 December 1973. Exceptions to this rule are if the object was in a collection existing prior to 30 December 1973, or if it has been legally exported from the country of origin.

Where the work contravenes the 1954 Hague Convention and the first protocol, particularly Article 9 (excavations and surveys in the "occupied territory".

The committee is currently working with Lynn Shwarz Dodd to establish ethics policy, but committee will need to use its discretion when reviewing books.]

Rules governing adoption of new awards

Action Plan

Increase nominations through active solicitation via contact with ASOR committee chairs, schools, institutions and offices, and publishers, along with finding better ways to solicit nominations from membership.

Increase publicity of awards → increase value of awards

- Ribbons for book awards to be displayed at publishers book table
- Maybe a separate table displaying all nominated books before awards announced (but need to find way to keep table secure)
- Letter to publishers re: nominations
- Announcements of nominations and final awards to lists like Jack Sasson's, ASOR twitter account, ASOR blog and newsletter, ASOR website

Review all current award categories with suggestions for updating interpretation and add new award categories so awards well reflect and are in-line with current ASOR sponsored research.

Establish ethics policy in guidance w/Lynn Schwarz Dodd

