

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Conference Call  
January 27, 2012

**Present:** Suzanne Richard, Elise Friedland, Andrew Smith, Chuck Jones, Bob Cargill, Stefanie Elkins, Jacob Wright, Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Jennie Ebeling.

**Absent:** Sten LaBianca, Britta Abeln.

- I. Meeting called to order by Tim Harrison at 9:03am. Distributed agenda approved without objection.
- II. Minutes from December conference call. Decided to postpone approval of the minutes until everyone had the opportunity to read them.
- III. Chair Remarks  
Tim reviewed ASOR's work on the MOU regarding Cyprus and the hearing on Cyprus. Elise suggested that ASOR let the AIA know what we are doing so that we can coordinate our efforts. Tim reported that such coordination is underway informally, but we can try to do more and make it more formal.
- IV. Update on the Plenary Session  
Tim reported that an unexpected opportunity to invite Manfred Bietak arose. Tim corresponded with Elise and Andrew as co-chairs of the PC, and Bietak was invited and has accepted. Tim also reported that the PC has started a conversation about future plenary events.
- V. Platt/Heritage Fellowship Committee  
Andy reported that we need volunteers to serve on a committee to award the Heritage and Platt Fellowships. Right now the committee consists of Joe Seger, Sten LaBianca, and Andy. Suzanne Richard and Jennie Ebeling volunteered. Tim observed that it was very appropriate to have Outreach and Membership represented. It was decided by consensus that this committee (Joe, Sten, Suzanne, Jennie, and Andy) would decide the grants.
- VI. Outreach Discussion  
Stefanie summarized the document she had distributed to the Council in November, and stated that having a better presence on the website was the most immediate need. Bob Cargill outlined the function of the Media Relations Committee as responding to fantastic claims in the media. The Media Relations Committee has been a scholarly response team and not necessarily a response from ASOR per se.  
Discussion ensued about how best to proceed and the time / money issues involved.  
Tim asked whether there was a jurisdiction issue regarding the outreach content on the website, and observed there is also the issue of who will do the work. After a discussion, he concluded that there did not seem to be a jurisdictional issue, and so the Outreach Committee could move forward. Tim proposed that Stefanie work with Andy and Cynthia to develop a plan for the ASOR website (item #5) on the document that was distributed. Secondly, that

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Stefanie would communicate with the Media Relations Committee to see if they could help develop a plan for the "Ask an Expert" component of the proposal.

Tim moved that the Outreach Committee report back to the CCC on item #5 (ASOR website). Suzanne seconded. Unanimously approved.

VII. Funding for Regional Affiliates

Suzanne summarized the Regional Affiliates (there are 11 of them), and brought forward a question about funding raised in the Regional Affiliations Cmte meeting in November. Three funding options were proposed: 1) divide funding equally among each of the Regional Affiliates; 2) fund proposed requests only; or 3) a combination of the two. Suzanne said that the regions preferred option #3, but she wanted to get the input of the CCC.

Jacob shared that the Lecture Committee wanted to coordinate and partner with the regions. Andy described some of the ways that Jacob has been trying to partner with one particular region and that Suzanne's leadership as chair of the regions might help with these partnerships. Everyone agreed that the coordinated method was desirable.

Tim moved that the Regional Affiliation Committee and Lecture Committee work with Andy to develop a proposal for FY12 and FY13 to bring back to the CCC at its February conference call. Seconded by Stefanie. Approved unanimously.

Tim thanked everyone for their participation, and reminded everyone that the next conference call was scheduled for 10 am on Friday, February 17.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at approximately 10:00am.