

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Conference Call  
February 17, 2012

**Present:** Tim Harrison, Bob Cargill, Jennie Ebeling, Suzanne Richard, Elise Friedland, Chuck Jones, Jacob Wright, Sten LaBianca, Britta Abeln.

**Absent:** Andy Vaughn, Stefanie Elkins, Andrew Smith

I. Meeting called to order by Tim Harrison at 10am. Distributed agenda approved without objection.

II. Approval of Minutes from the December (12/15/2011) and January (1/27/2012) Conference Calls

It was noted that Sten LaBianca's name was misspelled on page 2 of the December minutes. It was agreed that Britta would make this change.

Sten moved to approve the December minutes. Chuck Jones seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Jennie Ebeling noted that she was not listed on the present list in the January minutes. It was agreed that Britta would make this change.

Suzanne Richard moved to approve the January minutes. Jennie seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Tim asked if there were any suggestions for the formatting of the minutes and if the level of detail was acceptable. There was overall agreement that the minutes are acceptable the way they have been done so far.

III. Chair's Remarks

Tim Harrison noted that Stefanie Elkins was not in the conference call because she was in a faculty meeting, but that she is continuing to work with Andy Vaughn and Cynthia Rufo on the Outreach component of the ASOR website, and that there are no updates.

Tim also noted that a speaker is in place for the Plenary Session for the Annual Meeting in Chicago. Elise Friedland noted that she will have an update at the next conference call from the Program Committee about recommended guidelines for the Plenary Session.

Tim noted that Louise Hitchcock resigned from chair of the Awards Committee and they are looking for a new head of the committee. He noted that it has been recommended that a Chair Nominations Committee be created and asked how to move that forward.

Sten noted that as former chair of the Awards Committee, there is a lack of continuity from one chair to the next on that committee, and urged that records are passed from one chair to the next. Also, it would be good if the CCC made recommendations for the next chair.

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Tim stated that Louise was a great chair and that she has made a recommendation for her replacement. It was discussed that a Chair Nominations Committee is a good idea and how to configure it. Creating a subcommittee of the CCC was discussed. There was some confusion about whether or not this is already covered by the Bylaws. It was suggested that "CCC" substitutes "Executive Committee" in the relevant Bylaws. It was noted that the Bylaws deal only with the appointment process not the nominations. It was noted that any changes to the Bylaws need to be made 20 days before the next Executive Committee meeting (the next one is held April 20), so the CCC would need to think about any changes and discuss them at the March meeting.

It was asked if there would be a nomination for the next Vice-President by the next conference call. Tim responded that this was not yet certain, but there is a good nominee for Treasurer. He also reminded the committee that P.E. will be stepping down in April of 2013, and that he had been charged by the Board at the November meetings to form an ad hoc search committee.

IV. Funding Proposal from Regional Affiliates and Lecture Committees (Suzanne Richard and Jacob Wright)

Suzanne Richard introduced the initiative to the committee explaining that the idea is to pool the resources of both committees, which amounts to about \$3,000. Regions and other groups can apply for money if they want ASOR associated with the event. April 15 is the deadline for the first proposal, then June, then September. The difference between this proposal and the previous system is that they are aiming toward larger grants rather than small ones, and preference will be given to bigger events in order to increase ASOR membership.

Jacob Wright explained that in order to access this money there will be a co-sponsorship arrangement, and the host will acknowledge ASOR's support, describe ASOR's principle projects, and point out the table of ASOR materials.

Sten motioned to approve the proposal.

Discussion followed about how the money will be distributed. It was noted that if this funding is going toward bigger projects, it will run out quickly, and also that if it goes mainly toward large events, the regions will not get very much, if any, of the money. There was a suggestion about building in a policy to circulate the money throughout the country and using it to encourage inactive regions. It was noted that too many applicants is a good problem, and could demonstrate both the need for and interest in the funds and potentially propel these efforts. It was suggested that a new committee be created to make the funding decisions; at present, Jacob and Suzanne look at proposals and send them up to Andy in Boston.

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It was decided to go ahead with the proposal and see what problems arise. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

V. Proposed Bylaw Revisions

It was noted that Andy and Cynthia worked on this project. The committee was asked to read through the proposed changes thoroughly, with the intention that in March the CCC either recommend to approve or further edit the proposed changes.

In article II, there are a few changes, but mostly vocabulary, such as changing "consortium" to "institutional members" (Article II, Section 1, Section B). A notable potential change is that Heritage members no longer exist (Article II, Section 1, section E). Heritage members are now essentially contributing members. Changes reflect titles that have changed or been re-classified (Article II, Section 2).

In Article III, Section 3 there is a significant insert regarding Life Trustees and Honorary Trustees. Article III, section 2 includes an insert to have an assistant to the Treasurer, requested by Sheldon Fox to prepare someone to take over as Treasurer.

It was requested that the committee look through the documents carefully, and to note any recommended changes which will be discussed at the next conference call.

There was discussion about what distinguishes a Life Member from an Honorary Member. They are similar, but there will be a larger number of Honorary (non-voting) members and fewer Life (voting) Members.

VI. Scheduling and Other Business

Tim announced that the next two calls will be March 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am-noon Eastern Standard Time and April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11am EST.

Chuck Jones noted to the committee that BASOR will be slightly delayed due to Jim Weinstein's leg injury, but that NEA is expected to be on time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.