



ASOR Board of Trustees Meeting
Denver Marriott Tech Center
Evergreen B
November 18, 2018
8:30AM – 12:30PM MST

Breakfast will be available before the meeting, from 8:00-8:30AM, in Evergreen A

Preliminary Matters (8:30-8:40)

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes from the April Board Meeting (April 21, 2018)

Business Items (8:40-10:30)

4. Committee Chair Appointments (Sharon Herbert)
 - 4a. Kevin McGeough, for an initial three-year term as Chair of the Publications Committee (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021):
<http://scholar.ulethbridge.ca/mcgekm/home> and
<http://scholar.ulethbridge.ca/mcgekm/publications>
 - 4b. Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, for an initial three-year term as Co-Chair of the Junior Scholars (to becomes Early Career Scholars) Committee (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021): <http://history.cah.ucf.edu/faculty-staff/?id=1391> and
<https://ucf.academia.edu/TiffanyEarleySpadoni>

4c. Eric Welch, for an initial three-year term as Co-Chair of the Junior Scholars (to become Early Career Scholars) Committee (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021): <http://www.uky.edu/honors/eric-welch> and <https://uky.academia.edu/EricWelch>

5. Committee Appointments (Sharon Herbert)

5a. Honors and Awards Committee

- Ian Jones, for an initial three-year term, retroactive (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); <http://www.ianwnjones.com/> and <http://www.ianwnjones.com/curriculum-vitae/>.

5b. Membership and Outreach Committee

- Vanessa Bigot-Juloux, for a second three-year term (January 1, 2019- December 31, 2021); <http://vanessabigot-juloux.xyz/> and <https://ephe.academia.edu/VanessaJuloux>.
- Régine Hunziker-Rodewald, for a second three-year term (January 1, 2019- December 31, 2021); <https://theopro.unistra.fr/presentation/enseignants-chercheurs/equipe-actuelle/r-hunziker-rodewald/>.
- Élisabeth Lesnes, for a second three-year term (January 1, 2019- December 31, 2021); <https://andrews.academia.edu/ElisabethLesnes>.

5c. Publications Committee

- Patrick Alexander, for an initial three-year term, retroactive (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); <https://news.psu.edu/story/176791/2009/05/05/patrick-alexander-appointed-director-university-press>.
- Mara Horowitz, for an initial three-year term, retroactive (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); <https://www.purchase.edu/live/profiles/536-mara-t-horowitz> and <https://purchase.academia.edu/MaraHorowitz>.
- Jeff Howry, for an initial three-year term, retroactive (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2020); <https://scholar.harvard.edu/jhowry/home> and <https://scholar.harvard.edu/jhowry/biocv>.

6. Editor Appointment (Sharon Herbert)

- William Caraher, for an initial three-year term as the editor of the Annual of ASOR (January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021); c. v. posted at <http://www.asor.org/hidden/board-info>.

7. Board Trustee Nominations Committee Report (Ann-Marie Knoblauch)

8. Board Trustee Appointments (Susan Ackerman)

- Peyton Randolph (Randy) Helm, for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021): biographical sketch appended.
- Eric Meyers, for an additional three-year term (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021): biographical sketch appended.
- Carolyn Midkiff Strange, for a three-year term (January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021), to supplement her current one-year (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019) appointment: biographical sketch appended.
- B.W. Ruffner, as Honorary Trustee; : biographical sketch appended.

9. Treasurer's Report (Heather McKee)

11. Chairs Coordinating Council Report (Sharon Herbert)

12. Update: ASOR's Publishing Partnership with University of Chicago Press (Kari Roane, University of Chicago Press)

13. Memorial Moments (Susan Ackerman)

14. Other Business

Break (10:30-10:45)

Discussion/Action Items (10:45-12:10)

13. Proposed ASOR By-Laws Revisions (Richard Coffman, Susan Ackerman)
14. ASOR's New Home and the ASOR Building Campaign Cabinet (Sharon Herbert)
15. ASOR Website and Electronic Communications Policy (Richard Coffman, Susan Ackerman)
16. ASOR Social Media Policy (Richard Coffman, Susan Ackerman)

Reports (12:10-12:30)

17. CAORC (Rick Spees)
18. AIAR (J. P. Dessel and/or Matthew Adams)
19. ACOR (Øystein LaBianca and/or Barbara Porter)
20. CAARI (Bryan Wilkins and/or Linde Crewe)



**Nominees for the ASOR Board:
Board-Appointed Trustees**

Peyton Randolph (Randy) Helm

Peyton Randolph (Randy) Helm has, most recently, completed a term as the interim chancellor of UMass Dartmouth, a position he held since March 15, 2016. Previously, Helm served as the eleventh president of Muhlenberg College, from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2015. Prior to joining the Muhlenberg community, Helm served as Vice-President for College Relations and Professor of Classical Studies at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

Helm began his career in academic administration at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was named coordinator of College House Programs in 1981. He then served as Associate Director of Development and then Director of Development for Penn's School of Arts and Sciences. From 1981-1988 he was also an adjunct Assistant Professor of Ancient History and Urban Studies at Penn. In 1988, Helm was named Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations at Colby College, where he was promoted to Vice-President for College Relations in 2001.

Helm earned his B.A. in Archaeology from Yale University and his Ph.D. in ancient history, specializing in ancient Greek and Near Eastern history and literature, from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the ASOR Board in January 2016.

Eric Meyers

Eric Meyers is the Bernice and Morton Lerner Emeritus Professor in Judaic Studies and Archaeology in the Department of Religious Studies of Trinity College of Arts and Sciences,

Duke University. He served as Director of the Graduate Program in Religion at Duke from 1979-1985 and as Associate Director in 2000-2001. He became Director again in academic year 2001-2002, a position he held until 2007.

Meyers's research interests include the Bible, Jewish history, and archaeology. Meyers has directed digs in Israel for forty years, including the Meiron Excavation Project, whose work included excavations of the nearby synagogues of Gush Ḥalav and Nabatrein, and the Sepphoris Regional Project.

Within ASOR, Meyers held the position of First Vice-President for Publications from 1982-1990, and from 1982-1992 he served as the editor of *Biblical Archaeologist* (BA). He served as well the associate editor of the *Bulletin of ASOR* (BASOR) from 1976-1993. Most notably, Meyers served as ASOR's President from January 1, 1990, through July 1, 1996, and then again from May 2006 through December 2008.

In 2009, Meyers became Project Director of a major two-and-a-half year grant for archiving the history of American archaeology in the Middle East through ASOR. In addition, from 1975-1976, he served as Director of the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (AIAR) in Jerusalem. Today, he is an Honorary Trustee of the Albright. He also currently serves as a member of the ASOR Board's Development Committee.

In 1997, Meyers received ASOR's G. Ernest Wright Publication Award, which is given to the editor/author of the most substantial volume(s) dealing with archaeological material, excavation reports, and material culture from the ancient Near East and eastern Mediterranean. A decade later, in November 2007, he received ASOR's most prestigious award, the Richard J. Scheuer Medal, for lifetime achievement and professional service. The Eric and Carol Meyers Excavation Fellowships, established in 2014, also honor his long-standing service to ASOR

Carolyn Midkiff Strange

Carolyn Midkiff Strange is the granddaughter of T. O. and Lilly Midkiff, West Texas pioneer ranchers who settled and bought property in Texas at about the turn of the twentieth century. Tyson, their oldest son, and Naomi, his wife (Carolyn Strange's father and mother), also bought property. They worked hard, doing whatever work was necessary in order to pay off their land while living through the Great Depression.

Carolyn Strange met her life partner, James F. Strange, when they were students at Rice University, and for 57 years, until Jim's death in 2018, Carolyn and Jim were steadfast partners in Jim's archaeological work. Carolyn Strange served as Registrar for several seasons at Khirbet Shema' and Meiron and subsequently had other roles in Jim Strange's

excavations at Sepphoris. The Stranges also raised four children and instilled in them their love for archaeology. Today their son James Riley Strange, their daughter Katherine Burke, and their son-in-law Aaron Burke are all professional archaeologists.

Carolyn Strange has been an ASOR member for more than 50 years. In 2014, Jim and Carolyn Strange jointly established ASOR's Strange and Midkiff Families Excavation Fellowships, designated to support the participation of ASOR members as volunteers or staff on excavation projects.

B. W. Ruffner

B. W. Ruffner has been a practicing physician since receiving his medical degree from The Duke University School of Medicine in 1964. From 1970–1976, he was Chief, Division of Oncology, at The University of Virginia Medical School. From 1976 to the present, he has been an Attending Physician at Erlanger and Memorial in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has also served on the faculty at UVA (1970–1976) and The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga Unit (1976 – present). He has held a number of leadership positions within the University of Tennessee Medical School including Assistant Dean (1997–2004) and Interim Dean (2006–2007). He has been Chairman, UT Physicians from 1997–present, and is Past President of the Tennessee Medical Association (2010–2011).

Ruffner has also been very involved in civic organizations. He has been Secretary of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, President of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Association, and President and Treasurer of the Chattanooga Area Clinical Pastoral Care Association. Ruffner has in addition been active as a volunteer on many ASOR affiliated excavations: Sepphoris, Baniyas, Kursi, Tayinat, and Shikhin.

Ruffner first joined the ASOR Board in 2001, and he served as ASOR Treasurer from 2003–2006. In July 2013, he assumed the position of Chair of the ASOR Board and served with distinction through 2016. Currently, he serves on the Board's Finance Committee, and he also serves as a member of ASOR's Membership and Outreach Committee.

In November 2007, Ruffner received the Charles U. Harris Service Award, which is given in recognition of long term and/or special service as an ASOR officer or Trustee.