

ASOR Membership and Outreach Report May 2020

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The ASOR Membership and Outreach Committee reports the following:

Everyone is now aware that leadership of the Membership and Outreach Committee has changed with Randy Younker stepping down and Teddy Burgh now serving as Chair. Sadly, progress with select goals slowed a bit with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the unexpected passing of Teddy Burgh's mother in March. Nevertheless, matters are slowly moving back on track.

Future MOC Meeting. Teddy Burgh is currently working with Felice Herman to establish a consensus for a date/time (late May or early June 2020) for a virtual MOC meeting. Some of the committee goals to be discussed are:

Attention to International Membership. Felice Herman reported in our November 2019 meeting that one-fourth to one-third of the mailing address are international. Thus, more attention should be given to recruit in this sector.

Increase of other fields represented at ASOR. At the November 2019 meeting Andy Vaughn observed that membership could increase in other fields besides Near Eastern Archaeology and that ASOR currently does not require its authors and contributors to ASOR journals to be members. This is something we could consider.

Friends of ASOR. Given the impact of COVID-19, the Committee will discuss potential adjustments to FOA 5 Year Plan.

Membership Benefits. We will discuss how to establish clarity in advertising the benefits of the cost of ASOR.

Membership of Past Members. Andy Vaughn and Teddy Burgh are in discussion regarding reaching out to past/expired members to renew their membership.

Additions to the Membership and Outreach Committee. Seven ASOR members have asked to be a part of MOC. Their names and CVs have been forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Virtual Archaeology. Teddy will solicit assistance and create a sub-committee of the MOC to explore how to develop Virtual Archaeology with ASOR.