ASOR Publications Subvention Grant proposal

The ASOR Publications Committee proposes that the Board utilize the Board-Designated "Opportunity" Fund for Publications to establish an ASOR Publications Subvention Grant. The proposed ASOR Publications Subvention Grant is consistent with the current board designation of the Opportunity Fund and is intended to support authors who wish to publish in ASOR monographs series but require financial assistance to cover the subvention cost of the *Archaeological Report Series* or the costs associated with color printing (in either the *ASOR-ARS* or *AASOR* Series). Supported through ASOR's Opportunity Fund and subject to the availability of funds, this grant *may* be offered annually as a single grant up to \$5000, two \$2500 grants, or in other amounts at the discretion of the ASOR Monographs Editorial Board in consultation with the ASOR President and Executive Director. Interested authors, upon the advice of one of the ASOR monographs editors will apply for the grant by November 1 of a given year with decisions about the grant being made by the ASOR Monographs Editorial Board at the Annual Meeting, and contingent on the availability of funds each year.

The establishment of this grant will allow us to recruit some targeted areas:

- First-time authors or first time ASOR authors.
- Books from areas that are underrepresented in our publication program in order to reflect ASOR's regional/temporal breadth and build publication bridges in those subfields.
- Projects of distinctive or singular archaeological value.

By removing a major financial barrier, we believe that this subvention grant will support a greater diversity of authors to publish with ASOR.

The ASOR Publications Subvention Grant may only be used to publish books with ASOR and receipt of a grant does not necessarily imply that the book will be published by ASOR. All ASOR monographs must undergo a rigorous peer review process before they can be accepted for publication by ASOR. Authors may apply for a grant while their manuscript is under review, with the understanding that the grant will not be issued if the book is not accepted in an ASOR series.