

Sheldon Fox ASOR connections

Sheldon discovered archaeology as an undergraduate at Duke working with Carol and Eric Meyers at Nabratein. He kept in touch with his pals from that dig over the years and maintained an amateur interest in archaeology.

In 2006, when ASOR was in terrible financial trouble, the management committee reached out to Sheldon for financial advice. He has been an important member of our financial team ever since. He was an ASOR trustee for nine years (2007-2015), and he served as treasurer for two terms (2007-2012). According to Andy he created our bookkeeping system and spreadsheets.

Since leaving the Board, he has continued to advise on budget matters. After our longtime office accountant left us to return to BU in 2018, Sheldon took over the draft audit spreadsheets. He also communicated with the auditors and assumed tasks that required a CPA—thus, saving ASOR a lot of money in audit fees. Andy estimates that he spent more than 100 hours in both 2020 and 2021, helping with the audits. He also has spent a time with Emily bringing up to speed as treasurer. He has also written first drafts of investment policies”) before review by our pro bono lawyers or the auditors.

Other ways Sheldon has served ASOR:

- **ASOR Campaign Cabinet:** This was the focused campaign during Tim Harrison’s presidency; Rob Oden was Development chair. Sheldon was an instrumental member of the “cabinet” in helping design materials about planned giving and talking with potential donors considering larger gifts.
- **Development Committee (2007-present):** Sheldon has remained on the development committee as an advisor since 2015, with the understanding that he would not be asked to solicit major gifts. When he was on the board, Sheldon was the primary person to solicit \$50,000 in challenge gifts for the Meyers Endowment, and then he solicited past alumni from Duke digs to help with matching gifts.
- **Donor:** Sheldon and his wife Debbie have been a consistent and generous donor since 2006. He and Debbie are members of the Legacy Circle. He and Debbie have made donations for more than 15 years (the most that we have tracked).

Outside ASOR Sheldon has been active in local charities in the Raleigh-Durham area. He has chaired several non-profit boards.