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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ASOR Executive Committee
James F. Strange Center, 209 Commerce Street Alexandria, VA
March 5-6, 2022

March 5, 2022: 9:00am–5:00pm

Business Items (9:00-9:15)

1. Call to Order (RLC)
2. Approval of Agenda (RLC) (see Hidden Board Page)
3. Approval of Minutes from the November EC Meeting (RLC) (see Hidden Board Page)
4. Other Business

Discussion Items 9:15 am – 12:00pm

1. Finances (AV and EB): 9:15am – 10:15am
 - a. Review of ASOR Investments and anticipated distributions for FY23 (see distributed handout) (5 min.)
 - b. Scott and Stringfellow versus self-managed (10 min.)
 - c. Dana #3 Endowment for Excavation Projects in Israel (10 min.)
 - d. Discussion of distributions from Opportunity Fund and Investment and Spending Policy (see distributed handout) (10 min.)
 - e. Discussion of salary pool and other increases for FY23 (15 min.)
 - f. Discussion of anticipated FY22 budget (will probably not have detailed forecast, but will have summary updates) (10 min.)
 - g. Will return to these topics at end of day if we do not have enough time here
2. Development Committee Discussion (LSD): 10:15am – 10:45am
 - a. Update on giving to date
 - b. Update on Legacy Circle recruitment

- c. ASOR March Madness
 - d. Update on Annual Fund
- 3. Break: 10:45am – 11:00am
- 4. Discussion of Washington, DC location and Cultural Heritage Initiatives: (JDE and AV) 11am – 12pm
 - a. 11:00am – 11:10am: Introduction and opening comments
 - b. 11:10am – 11:40am: Zoom conversation with Jerry Feierstein, Past Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. State Department; Past Deputy chief of mission to Pakistan; Past Ambassador to Yemen
 - c. 11:40am – 12:00pm: General discussion

Lunch (12pm–1:00pm): Discussion continues

- 5. DEI Topics and discussion (SCH): (1:00pm – 2:00pm)
 - a. Zoom conversation with Alexandra Jones (1:00pm – 1:30pm)
 - b. Progress on formation of DEI committee / general discussion: 1:30pm – 2:00pm
- 6. Board chair search (SCH): 2:00pm – 2:30pm
 - a. Search Committee recommendation
 - b. Action Item: should EC recommend Sheldon Fox to Board for election as Board Chair (see materials on Hidden Board Page)
- 7. Break 2:30 – 2:45
- 8. Discussion of Climate Impact and Work of Ad Hoc Committee (AV) 2:45pm – 3:45pm
 - a. Opening comments: 2:45pm – 2:50pm
 - b. Zoom presentation from Ömür Harmansah: 2:50pm – 3:10pm
 - c. Summary by Virginia Herrmann of work of ad hoc committee: 3:10pm – 3:20pm
 - d. General discussion 3:20pm – 3:45pm
- 9. Publication Topics (SCH) (3:45pm – 4:15pm)
 - a. Redesign of BASOR cover 10 minutes
 - b. Possible gifting of Maarav to ASOR 10 minutes)
 - c. Search for ANE Today editor 10 minutes
- 10. Return to Finance Committee topics if not completed in the morning AV, EMB(4:15pm – 5:00pm)
 - a. If we do not need this time, we can start discussing the Annual Meeting or Archives

Dinner (6:30pm location TBD)

March 6, 2022: 9:00am-12:30pm

Discussion Items

- 1. Progress of the ad hoc archives committee SA (9:00-9:30)
- 2. Annual Meeting 2022 and beyond SCH and AV ()
 - a. Coordination of virtual and in-person venues in 2022—plenary events, a members’ meeting, and free virtual event in December?

- b. Venues for 2022–2026
 - i. Boston (2022 and 2025)
 - ii. Chicago (2023 and 2026)
 - iii. Uncertain for 2024—Andy has visited San Diego
- c. Future of virtual and in-person components past 2022
- 3. Break: 10:30-10:45am
- 4. Discussion of possible new Board members SCH (10:45-11:15)
- 5. Uses of the James Strange Center and further thoughts on CH SCH (11:15-adjournment)
 - a. Short term: plan to continue in-person working
 - b. Short term: AITC plans to move into Strange Center; other groups?
 - c. Medium and long-term: plan to have in-person staff and not remote?
 - d. Reprise of discussion of Washington, DC location and CH activities