

Sheldon Fox and ASOR

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 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. One year after Selma left ASOR as our accountant (around 2018, I think), 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 around 120 hours in 2020 and 2021 each helping out with the audits. He has spent a lot of time with Emily Miller Bonney 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 the Duke digs to match that \$50k.

Donor: Sheldon has consistently given generously to ASOR since leaving the Board. He and Debbie (his wife) are members of the Legacy Circle.

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