

# 2022 Membership & Friends of ASOR Report

## Members' Meeting- November 18, 2022

Read by Vice President, Charles Jones

I am very pleased to report that ASOR has maintained its membership record number of 2,200 members as of September 30, 2022. Felice Herman and the rest of the ASOR staff deserves a huge thank you for continuing this success.

You all have helped us sustain the 10% increase in memberships that we saw last year with renewals and new memberships. ASOR continues to meet the financial needs of our members by providing scholarships to those who request one. Fundraising and the webinar program fund these scholarships so that they can be a long-term viable resource for our members. I am also pleased to announce that 30% of ASOR's membership has a mailing address located outside of the United States, which speaks to our diversity and inclusivity efforts.

The Membership & Outreach Committee is continuing to work where ever possible to improve DEI in ASOR. The Committee is continuing to discuss what might be done better or differently to be more efficient in regards to international membership and international members' participation in the Annual Meeting. The Committee also initiated the first approach to Virtual Archaeology this season. It is hoped that the success with this endeavor will help enhance DEI in ASOR.

The Friends of ASOR Webinar program continues to thrive, and we have a full speaker schedule lined up for the spring. Since 2020, we have completed 39 webinars: 28 individual webinars and one major webinarathon event. In addition to continuing to increase ASOR's visibility and public appeal, your participation in the webinar program has raised almost \$60,000 towards membership scholarships.

ASOR will launch a Friends of ASOR tour to Israel and Palestinian Authority areas in February 2023. This will be a fascinating 13 days, filled with exploring some of the most famous sites in the region alongside 30 experts and scholars who have actually excavated or are currently working at these sites and museums. The registration deadline is November 30, but there are only two rooms currently available. Please inquire at the Help Desk for more information.

Finally, Friends of ASOR has tentative plans to host an in-person weekend seminar in May 2023. We will be announcing this event in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all of our members for your support and loyalty. You are the reason that ASOR is exploring new frontiers, pushing boundaries, and widening our vision about everything we can accomplish in the present and in the future. Felice and all the ASOR staff invite you to come by the Help Desk so that they can say thank you in person.