

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
September Conference Call
Tuesday October 20, 2:00-3:00pm

Present: Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Jane DeRose Evans, Steve Falconer, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman

Absent: Erin Darby, Helen Dixon

1. Approval of September Minutes: Sharon sent Marta edits to the minutes. With those changes the minutes are approved.

Chuck noted that the Virtual Annual Meeting starts tomorrow. He invited the chairs to submit annual reports and focus on how they are incorporating DEI issues. Reports should be submitted 10 days before the meeting.

2. Committee Reports

PC

Allison provided some numbers for the VAM:

- 220 papers.
- 53 workshop presentations.
- 19 posters.
- 11 workshops.
- 56 sessions.
- 6 sessions/workshops cancelled. Some others were condensed from two parts to one.
- 20% non-submission rate. There are some concerns over the cancellation rate.

The PC is considering the results from climate survey as well as attendance figures from the VAM. A decision needs to be made about next year's format. AM23 is set for Chicago, but what format will the virtual meeting take?

Allison asked about where things are in the process with Kiersten's appointment as PC co-chair. Sharon replied that the nomination goes to EC and then the Board for approval in Boston. Chuck will invite her to CCC meeting in November

Andy provided some additional numbers:

- 110 registrations for virtual only.
- 61 Arabic speakers (gratis registrations).
- 25 or so papers that are online in both Arabic and English.

Andy invited the CCC to share the invitation to Arabic speakers.

ECS

Tiffany reported on ECS activities:

- Virtual social hour during the VAM.

- Digging up Data workshop digital scholarship.
- Boston reception for ECS.
- ECS-work space/gathering space.

Vanessa reported on this year's Brown Bag event which is a speed-networking event featuring panelists. The theme this year is alt-academia and academia adjacent fields (library science, publishing, plus others). There is an issue over easy-to-get lunches for the Brown Bag. ECS also have a welcome table at registration in Boston advertising their events. Andy is meeting with hotel staff this coming weekend and will check on grab-and-go lunch situation.

ASOR is not providing transportation for the reception at HMANE. It has not yet been determined whether there will be a plenary reception.

COM

Teddy said that the committee is thinking about how to do more with virtual archaeology next summer.

H&A

Lynn said that the committee is working through voting on the awards. They will then move on to poster and student paper awards. Awards will be announced on Friday at members' meeting.

CH

Jane noted that there is an open call for new committee members, and people from outside North America are encouraged to apply. The CH Committee organized a workshop on contested heritage on Thursday (virtual only). Jane also noted that workshop will not be recorded.

Kevin joined the meeting

CAP

Steve stated that CAP is recruiting new members. The goal is to enlarge the fellowship committee as the workload has increased as ASOR is able to fund more scholarships and grants.

COP

Kevin reported on the ANE Today search. The committee has put forward Jessica Nitschke as the new *ANE Today* editor to the Board. Jessica has begun shadowing Alex.

Lynn left the meeting

Sharon commented on Jessica's vision and preparation.

Kevin noted that *BASOR* has a new cover design. Kevin will talk to Piotr next about the upcoming cover change for *JCS*.

The CCC voted in support of the new *ANE Today* appointment.

The *Ma'arav* announcement went out on ANE list serve. Andy noted that the paperwork is still in process. All ASOR members (not associate/undergraduate) will have digital access to all back issues. Retired + Regular members can pay \$35 extra for print delivery. There was discussion of the relationship between Chicago, *Ma'arav*, and ASOR. Kevin is working through how to implement the class structure for the editorial board.

3. Matters Arising: Andy provided an update on a new research fellowship in Tunisia sponsored by Dar Ben Gacem. The fellowship covers room and half board for up to four weeks. The scope of research topics is very broad. Andy also reported on his recent trip to Tunisia.