



ASOR Board of Trustees Spring Meeting
May 4, 1:30–4:30pm EDT
May 5, 8:30am–12:30pm EDT
The Residence Inn, Alexandria, VA
King Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Saturday, May 4, 1:30–4:30pm

1:30–1:35 Welcome, approval of minutes, approval of agenda, etc. (SF)

1:45–2:00 Brief financial report (EMB/AV, full budget to be discussed Sunday AM)

2:00–2:15 Election of Proposed Board Elected Trustees (SCH)

1. Donald Martin
2. Andrew Moelis

2:15–2:45 CCC report (CJ)

New committee members

New Co-Chairs for COP—CVs posted

1. Eric Kansa
2. Sarah Kansa

NEA editor search (SCH, ad posted)

Publication matters arising

1. COP recommends ASOR adopt the Digital Media Policies (document posted).
2. COP recommends that William Caraher's term as Editor of the *Annual of ASOR* be extended an extra year, until December 31, 2025.

3. COP recommends that the ASOR Board establish the “LCP Handbooks Series” (mission statement of series posted).

2:45–3:15 Governance Committee Report, actions arising. (EMB/SCH)

Topic 1. Motion coming from EC AM recommendations for Presidential term.

Topic 2. By-Law changes.

Break 3:15-3:30

3:30–4:15 Public statements discussion (SCH)

Topic 1: 3:30–4:00 Should ASOR be making political statements and if so what kind and how?

In addition to the general principles, this touches on several items of current business next before us: Topic 2.1 Contested territories language report; Topic 2. 2 Land acknowledgement statements.

The overlapping, sometimes conflicting, issues involved, all much in recent news: One--freedom of speech/academic freedom (but hate speech??); Two—the expectation that a learned society provide a safe place for all voices to be heard in civil discourse at a time when a number of our members all calling for social activism from the organization.

One possible answer briefly discussed at November Board—Adopting something like the UC Kalven report. Below links to info on Kalven report: the report itself; 2 recent commentaries on it, both by conservative/libertarian entities; a Youtube video of a recent UC panel on the topic. The report and articles are mercifully short. The video runs an hour and a half. Sharon can summarize. There is also a link to the Princeton “policy of restraint.”

https://provost.uchicago.edu/sites/default/files/documents/reports/KalvenRprt_0.pdf

<https://www.thefire.org/news/wisdom-university-chicagos-kalven-report>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelnietzel/2023/12/26/the-kalven-report-and-the-limits-of-university-neutrality/?sh=674cd7fc3bf0>

<https://ccct.uchicago.edu/news/video-the-kalven-report-and-freedom-of-expression/>

another approach: Princeton restraint policy

<https://paw.princeton.edu/article/princeton-president-christopher-eisgruber-tradition-institutional-restraint>

If not statements, actions?

Topics 2.1 and 2.2 (4:00–4:15) Contested territories language report and Land acknowledgement statements. (reports posted)

2.1 Contested territories: should we adopt language suggested by ad hoc committee and accept necessary posted by-law changes?

2.2 Land acknowledgments: A. Opening statement for each annual meeting. Supplementary materials on AM website. B. Statement for Strange Center.

ED Annual Review: Reports from Personnel Committee and EC (4:15–4:30 SCH)

Adjourn to 5:00 reception at Strange Center 209 Commerce followed by dinner.

Sunday May 5, 8:30am–12:30pm

8:30–9:45 Budget and Finance Committee Report and Actions (AV/EMB)

1. Review of Documents and Reports (Bonney and Vaughn)
 - a. Budget to Forecast (FY 2024) and Budget for FY 25 (Exhibit A)
 - b. Notes to Budget to Forecast (FY 2024) (Exhibit B)
 - c. ASOR Net Investment Spreadsheet (to March 31st). (Exhibit C)
 - d. Analysis of ASOR self-managed funds through 3/31/24 (Exhibit D)
2. Action Items
 - a. Act on recommendation from Finance Comm. for FY25 Budget (see Exhibits A and B)
 - b. Approve language for Shepard Endowment (Exhibit E)
 - c. Approve language for M. E. Strange Endowment (Exhibit F)
 - d. Approve Amended Travel and Entertainment Policy (Exhibit H)
 - e. Approve Amended Records Retention Policy (Exhibit I).
 - f. Approve Amended Privacy Policy (Exhibit J)
 - g. Approve Investment and Spending Policy (Exhibit K)
3. For Information (not an action item): The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the updated “ASOR Policies and Procedures” document. Emily and Andy can answer questions if any. (Exhibit G)

9:45–10:00 Development Report and ramifications on office organization (LSD and SCH)

10:00–10:15 BREAK

10:15–10:30 Report on Office Forums Conducted in April 2024 (SF/EMB)

10:30–11:00 Breakout Sessions on Future Office Staffing and Organization

11:00–12:30 Reporting and Discussion of Breakout Sessions (SCH)