

**ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council**  
**April Conference Call**  
**Monday, April 15, 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm**

**Present:** Georgia Andreou, Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Katherine Larson, Kevin McGeough, Kiersten Neumann, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Vanessa Workman

**Absent:** Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Julia Troche, Lynn Welton

**1. Approval of March minutes:** no changes, approved

**2. Discussion of AM25 Plenary Speakers**

Allison provided three candidates for the 2025 Annual Meeting plenary speaker. This year will mark the 125th anniversary of ASOR. The meeting is in Boston at the same time as SBL. There was discussion of three very different, strong candidates.

The CCC voted on the candidates, and one received the most votes. Allison will confer with Sharon and Kiersten on how/when to speak with the successful candidate.

**3. COP Matters**

Kevin circulated CVs of two potential new members, Adam Miglio and Allison Gruseke. Both candidates were unanimously approved as members of COP.

*NEA Editor Advertisement:*

COP has approved adding in the compensation for the positions.

Jane asked where the ad will be distributed and Kevin replied on the Agade listserv, ASOR website, and in News@ASOR.

*Kiersten joined.*

There was discussion of the skills needed to be Editor of *NEA*. Kevin invited people to apply. The term starts January 1, 2025, and hopefully the new Editor will be introduced at Annual Meeting in November.

Kate asked for more information on the job descriptions, qualifications, and how the candidates will be assessed. There was discussion of keeping the pool of candidates broad.

Kevin is also finishing up as COP Chair. Chuck asked about next chair of COP and Kevin replied that there is a strong candidate.

**4. Other Committee Reports**

*CAP*

Georgia noted that project grant notifications have gone out. CAP is looking to recruit some new members.

### *CH*

Jane reported the committee had good discussion about issues that are coming before Board including land acknowledgements and ASOR's standing on making organizational statements. These comments have been passed on to Sharon.

### *DEI*

Kate noted that the committee is working on content and ideas for training videos. The goal is to have these ready for 2025. A draft service letter, designed to acknowledge all who serve on ASOR committees, has been circulated to Sharon and Andy. The committee is also compiling resources on indigenous history on the Boston area following feedback from Executive Committee.

### *COM*

Teddy mentioned the 2025 Virtual Archaeology Initiative for excavation directors and fieldwork participants.

### *ECS*

Vanessa announced that the committee is hosting a "Research In Action" Antiquities Coalition event on April 5th. The event will provide advice on Careers in Cultural Heritage. Two resource videos on this topic will be available by the end of May. The committee is also planning Annual Meeting programming, and they are also considering a group mentoring model to be discussed with the DEI Committee.

### *PC*

Allison noted that the Call for Papers has closed. Chairs are reaching out about under-subscribed sessions. A few Member-Organized sessions did not have enough submissions and have been removed.

Andy and Marta reported on abstracts for AM24. Andy asked for feedback on using ASOR's portal for abstract submission. Kevin said that the instructions were helpful, both for abstract submission as well as a chair. Kiersten noted that the layout is not great on mobile. This is also true for webinars; there are too many sites/links to get the point where one pays.

Chuck stated that Marta has set up a Dropbox folder for sharing documents amongst the CCC. He also noted Georgia's upcoming event on archaeology in Gaza at Brown next Monday at noon.

Andy recognized the hard work of the ASOR staff:

Jared and Arlene on the online portal abstract system.

Marta and Regan on grant and fellowship administration.

The CHI Symposium with simultaneous translation went well this past weekend. Recordings will be available soon.

Chuck stated that the CCC is adjourning for the summer and will reconvene in the fall. Sharon thanked the committee chairs.