

## President's Report November 2024

As you can see From Andy Vaughn's Executive Director's report, ASOR is in a good place financially thanks to our generous donors (and that includes all of you on the Board of Trustees, who also contribute generously of your time). Thanks are also due to Andy's astute money management aided by Emily Bonny as our Treasurer and sage advice from Sheldon Fox, Chair of our Board of Trustees. Under the able leadership of our Development Chair , Lynn Dodd, we are well in sight of meeting our ambitious ASOR 25 fundraising goals. Our programs are doing well as we endeavor to meet the aspirations of our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. You can see much of that success in this year's Annual Meeting Program and our standing committees' reports.

We do face some serious challenges, however. As you all know, this has been a tough year politically, as some of ASOR's members are suffering in the midst of war against each other. ASOR strives to provide safe and welcoming venues where all our members can come together to discuss and publish their work. This is not an easy task. We have not pleased everyone, and we have lost members. The war has forced many of our field projects to go on hiatus. We fund a certain amount of our cultural heritage programs with the help of U. S. federal funds. The landscape is changing there, and we will need to adapt as it develops.

Our working philosophy in these difficult times at home and abroad is to keep our heads down and our sleeves rolled up. We are committed to continuing to support all our members and colleagues as they pursue their studies of the past wherever and whenever we can.