

**ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
October Conference Call
Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 1:00-2:00pm**

Present: Georgia Andreou, Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Katherine Larson, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman, Julia Troche

Absent: Kiersten Neumann

1. Approval of September minutes: Unanimously approved.

2. Committee Reports

COP

Kevin reported on the *Near Eastern Archaeology* Editor search. There are three people on the short list and the subcommittee is conducting interviews this week. COP should have a nomination ready for Board approval by the November annual meeting. There were eight applications in total.

CAP

Georgia noted a letter about selection criteria for funding projects that has also been shared with CAARI. The letter reports on new regulations with NSF and NEH, aimed at recognizing indigenous rights when publishing datasets.

Georgia also reported on emails from CAP members expressing discomfort with reviewing applications from certain countries. The CCC discussed how other committees respond in situations like this.

(Julia left)

The conclusion was to have committee members provide the countries in which they do feel comfortable reviewing applications.

CH

Jane reported on an idea brought to the committee by Andy and Will Raynolds for affiliating conservation projects, organizations, and museums with ASOR. The CHC is willing to assess these applications for affiliation.

(Kevin left)

Sharon brought up the new President-Elect position and the process of putting together a new strategic plan. CCC had a large role in crafting the past strategic plan.

Jane also noted that there is a lot of turnover on the CH committee this year: 5 people who were part of the original committee are done with their terms of service. There are nine applications for the committee.

DEI

Kate reported that the committee is focused on their Accessible & Inclusive Annual Meeting flyer, which also highlights ECS events, family space at the meeting for those with kids, gender-neutral restrooms, a lactation room, and the DEI welcome table. The Boston land acknowledgment on history is now on the website. The committee has also put together accessible presentation guidelines.

ECS

Tiffany stated that the committee met to discuss Annual Meeting programming as well as upcoming resource development.

H&A

Lynn noted that this is a busy time of year for Honors and Awards. Service awards are done and book awards are close. The student paper award and poster award are up next. The paper deadline is the same as the general deadline for submitting papers, which might impact the number of papers.

COM

Teddy reported that lots of people are cycling off of the committee and a call is out for new members. The committee will meet virtually after the Annual Meeting.

PC

Allison announced that the Boston program is on the website. There have been a few cancellations, and a few switches from in-person to virtual. This is a large meeting with lots of off-site events.

The deadline for paper recordings is Nov. 6th, so that presentations can be prepared and loaded onto laptops in advance. There has been some pushback about this deadline, but last-minute changes complicate matters.

This year there has been more training for Session Assistants and they will be staying in the same rooms. There has also been training for sessions chairs, with assistance from the DEI committee.

Vanessa noted that there are some students who are worried about the deadline and there was discussion of why the deadline was necessary.

Office Matters

Andy reported on the labor disputes at Hilton Boston Park Plaza. A letter from Andy and Sharon was sent to all of those registered for the Annual Meeting.