



**ASOR Executive Committee February Retreat
February 15-16, 2025
The James F. Strange Center, Alexandria VA
Saturday 9AM–5PM EST
Sunday 9AM-11:30AM EST**

Morning 2/15 Convene at Strange Center at 9:00 AM

Preliminary Matters 9:00-9:05 (Sheldon)

1. Welcome to new members Sarah Scott, Kiersten Neumann, Jason Ur
2. Approval of minutes and agenda

Morning Discussion Topic: Planning for the Next Strategic Plan

Introduction (Sharon 9:05–9:15)

Review of the targeted goals and programs in the current plan

Area 1: The Annual Meeting (Kiersten 9:15—9:30)

Area 2: Cultural Heritage (Eric 9:30-9:45)

Area 3: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Kate 9:45–10:00)

Area 4: Publications (Chuck 10:00–10:15)

Area 5: Public Outreach (Lynn 10:15–10:30)

Area 6: Supporting the Work of Our Members (Emily 10:30–10:45)

Break (10:45–11:00)

Rating the success of our current plan (Sheldon 11:00–11:30)

Next steps (Sharon 11:30–12:00)

LUNCH (12:00–1:00)

Afternoon, 2/15—4 Broad Topics: Communications and Outreach, Finances and Development, Publications

Topic 1 Communication and Outreach

125th celebration and logo (Sheldon 1:00–1:15)

Statement policy redux in light of ongoing events, particularly in Israel, Lebanon, and Palestine, and feedback. Recurring and new hot topics: contested Ariel University; Israeli Antiquities Law; “Conference on Archaeology in “Judea and Samaria” <https://arch-js.co.il>; proposed new Israeli antiquities law <https://main.knesset.gov.il/en/news/pressreleases/pages/press11225s.aspx> (Sharon 1:15–2:00)

Topic 2 Finances and Development

Current budget status. Reduction of federal funding and ramifications on staffing and programs. Strategies for dealing with reductions (Andy 2:00–2:30)

Development progress and plans. Should we establish a visiting committee? (Lynn and Sharon 2:30–2:45)

Topic 3 Governance

New CCC chair approvals—Fred Winter for CH and Luiza Osorio G Silva co-chair for Early Career Scholars—and other matters arising from the CCC (Chuck 2:45–3:00)

Break (3:00-3:15)

Topic 3 Governance (con’t)

Committee memberships and methods of selection (Sharon 3:15–3:30)

Procedures for identifying and recruiting Board appointed trustees (Sharon 3:30–3:45)

Enlarging the Personnel Committee (Sharon 3:45–4:00)

Topic 4 Publications

ANE Today, Substack, and other social media platforms (Sharon 4:00–4:15)

How to best support and fund our monograph series (Sharon and Andy 4:15–4:30)

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Revisit Strategic Planning—map out preferred timeline, procedures, information gathering methods, potential committee or task force members. (Sheldon)