

Chairs Coordinating Council
Meeting at the Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 3:00pm

Present: Sharon Herbert (chair); Tim Harrison, Andy Vaughn, Neal Bierling, Chuck Jones, Erin Darby, Elise Friedland, Andrew Smith, Chuck Jones, Sten LaBianca, Suzanne Richard.

- I. Call to Order. 3:00pm
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes: Deferred approval of minutes from October 25 phone call to next telephone conference call.
- IV. Oral reports from chairs. Written reports are available online at the following URL:
<http://www.asor.org/hidden/board-info/2012/2012-11-handouts.html>
 - a. Erin (Jr. Scholars): Described meetings from last year and this year's panel on publications. Have stopped providing boxed lunches for the panel discussion, and that has had an adverse relationship to attendance. There continues to be much interest on the parts of students.
 - b. Andy (reporting for membership): We have had 8% growth for six years. We are now approaching 1,600 members. Kevin Cooney did a membership survey that was highlighted in the Newsletter. There was much discussion on the benefits of student membership and the cost of that membership. Questions were raised about revisiting the cost of student membership.
 - c. Neal: Reported that secondary school teachers often feel alienated from ASOR. The Saturday session is run by volunteers, and there is not financial support from ASOR. The workshops and summer institutes have been positives. There are 32 people registered for Saturday's workshop. There was much discussion on the scope of the outreach committee and how ASOR can support the work of the committee. Several people made reference to the strategic plan and that outreach was an important component of that plan. Several people suggested that we devote a phone call to the outreach committee.
 - d. Elise and Andrew (Program Committee): 463 papers in 90 sessions. Both of these are record numbers, and we'll have a record number of registrants as well. The program book was redesigned this past year. We will have a new session chair breakfast on Saturday so that the chairs will be able to provide feedback directly to the program committee. The call for papers for 2013 has already gone out (posted in Sept. 2013) so there was adequate notice for the various deadlines. The PC has been involved in making suggestions to the CCC for the plenary sessions. There are several openings for the committee that will be filled in the next year. Another important issue is the size of the annual meeting. There was also much discussion about the workload of the program committee and the chair(s) of that committee.
 - e. Chuck Jones (Publications Committee): Much work during the past year has been spent on NEA and BASOR. NEA has a new editor and many new members of the editorial committee. BASOR has been moved to color and is currently moving to twice per year with an increased page count. BASOR is receiving more

submissions, and BASOR is becoming one of the few journals that will consider longer articles (of more than 50 manuscript pages). Thomas Schneider (NEA editor) has introduced a content management system. Both NEA and BASOR are struggling these issues and whether there is another publication venue. We have published 4 books in the past six months, and these are available from ISD or directly from the ASOR website. Last year COP was given a charge by the executive committee to do a self-study. That directive was postponed, but Chuck plans to move that forward.

Sharon made a comment that past minutes indicated that all committees were supposed to develop action plans and guidelines.

- f. Sten (CAP): Wanted to emphasize the snapshot page on the website. This showcases the diversity of our research. Another concern is to showcase best practices, and this new website will facilitate sharing theory development and best practices in theory development. Sten raised the question of whether or not there should be a theory section on the application for CAP affiliation. Discussion then followed as to what kind of theory and that different disciplines have different theoretical approaches. Andrew Smith observed that the theory session at the annual meeting is one of the sessions that has the highest demand. There was much discussion on the place for theory in ASOR (in the annual meeting and in ASOR publications).
 - g. Regional Affiliations (Suzanne): Certain regions have a critical mass while other regions struggle to have adequate interest in regional meetings. The lecture committee and regional affiliations combined their funding to award grants of \$500. Four awards have been made, and there is \$1,000 left.
- V. Plenary session: Since there had not been a quorum of votes submitted on the revised 2013 plenary proposal circulated after the Oct. 25 call/meeting and re-circulated prior to this meeting. Sharon called for discussion and vote on the revised proposal. Chuck moved that we vote on the motion as distributed by e-mail. Elise seconded.

Following the guidelines for the Plenary session we would ask the President and Executive Director to identify a thoughtful scholar to address ASOR membership on the topic of cultural heritage protection with attention to the changing roles of (North American) scholarly/learned / professional / societies, organizations, and their members through periods of crisis in Western Asia, the Mediterranean and North Africa. The speaker would be encouraged to consider multiple points of view and to respect the practical “facts on the ground” that sometimes make compromise the best solution. Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Discussion of committee guidelines, action plans, and term limits. Various people commented on the need for written guidelines, action plans, and term limits for

committees. There was also some question about the mission of different committees and how to handle overlap. There was general agreement that these guidelines, action plans, and term limits were very desirable and that we should move forward in producing them. There was much discussion about a timeline for these items and whether or not they should be discussed all at the same time or one-by-one. After much debate, it was decided that the action plans, guidelines, and term limits would be due on April 1, 2013. Sharon (as chair) would suggest that best date, time, and place for the committee to evaluate the proposals and offer feedback. Agreed by consensus.

VII. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15pm.