

Minutes of the Meeting of the ASOR Committee on Publications (COP)

ASOR Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2012

Charles E. Jones Presiding

Friday, November 16, 2012, 8:30-10:00am

In attendance: Chuck Jones, Jim Weinstein, Thomas Schneider, Piotr Michalowski, Kevin McGeough, Joe Greene, Sidnie White Crawford, Lynn Swartz Dodd, Bill Arnold, Kevin Cooney, Andy Vaughn, Tim Harrison

Absent: Mitch Allen, Sarah Parcak, Susan Ackerman

Call to order 8:35am by Chuck Jones.

MOTION: Approve the agenda as written, with conflation of two items. Seconded, approved unanimously.

Minutes of the 2011 meeting. It was noted that Kevin Cooney does not have the previous minutes, and that they must be in the hands of the previous chair.

MOTION: Approve minutes as amended. Seconded, approved unanimously.

Brief updates and acceptance of reports of Editors. Incorporating written reports by reference.

VERBAL REPORTS BY EDITORS:

Piotr Michalowski – JCS has enough articles for the next issue. 3rd volume of JCS Supplement. Is out and on the table.

Billie Jean Collins is typesetter and copyeditor for JCS and JCS supplement. She wants to take over the supplementary series completely. She would take over the printing, would look the same, ASOR would still be publisher. She would reap whatever profit/loss.

MOTION: COP supports ASOR's solicitation of a proposal from Billie Jean Collins of Lockwood Press to handle the production of JCS and JCS supplemental series. Seconded.
Approved unanimously.

Thomas Schneider - All is on track with NEA, which is building a backlog of contributions. Thomas will be issuing a call for papers, in order to enable ability to be more restrictive and to be able to better shape the future journals. The editorial management system was implemented as of May. ASOR had not budgeted for an editorial management system (the cost is \$5000). A deal was

worked out with Brill to use their system for \$1500/year for a single journal. Thomas reports that everything is centralized and makes it easier, and the process is smooth and efficient.

Joe Greene: No additions to his written report as presented. Joe's term as editor of the Annual ends in 2014. A short discussion of the periodicity of the Annual followed, and a discussion of how ASOE could more effectively handle thematic groups of articles hard to fit into the annual but requiring timely publication; the possibility of reviving BASOR Supplements; the fact that journals require no subvention, but book series do; print on demand possibilities; the expectation of color.

Kevin McGeough: Elise's Roman Marble Sculptures will soon be out. Balance of Empires – working to raise funds for color. Working with Pam Graber to get Idalion publishable. Humeima or Roman Aqaba under review. Good queue.

Jim Weinstein: BASOR is full for the next two years. There is nothing to add to the written report. Jim announced his intention to resign as BASOR Editor when his term expires on June 30, 2014. He is making a request that ASOR find a replacement to begin July 1, 2014. Jim offered to appoint the new Editor as Associate Editor and will give the person a 6 month immersion course in all facets of the business, to ensure a seamless transition if a suitable candidate can be found in time. 2013. There are a wide range of relationships and technical processes that Jim needs to pass along to the new editor. If new editor will be working in the field, he is willing to stay until September 1, 2014. Jim stated that he will not participate in the search in any way, even to talk to the search committee.

BASOR Editorial Board. Jan Cahill West and Chris Rollston will continue on the Board. Bethany Walker will join BASOR board as Islamic Specialist.

MOTION TO APPROVE BASOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS. Seconded and approved unanimously.

All member of COP joined in thanking Jim for his long and distinguished service.

MOTION: Commend Jim Weinstein for his extraordinary ongoing service as Editor of BASOR and express sadness at his decision to resign and wish him well in all his future endeavors. Seconded. Unanimous consent with one abstention (Jim W.)

MOTION: Charge the chair of COP to convene a committee and empower the committee to write a job description and initiate a search process immediately, and to communicate Jim Weinstein's various offers as recorded in the minutes. Seconded. Unanimously passed with one abstention (Jim W.)

It was noted that Sy Gitin is stepping down as director of the Albright, and that there will also be a change in the Board Chair and Presidency of ASOR

Revisiting the charge from the EC and Board. The CCC has asked committees to come up with action plans. Chuck will email.

Nomination for class of 2012/2013. Sarah Parcak had not attended a COP meeting and will not be recommended for reappointment.

MOTION: Lynn Dodd recommended for appointment to second term on COP. Seconded, passed unanimously. Another nominee will be forthcoming.

Lynn Dodd gave an introduction to the process of developing a holistic ethics policy. She solicited input and asked the committee to form a subcommittee to inform the working group. She explained the process on taking the various contradictory and partial policies and creating a draft of a holistic policy for ASOR is underway at behest of the President. This elicited a lively discussion of the history of COP, its policies and the documents recording those policies.

MOTION to create subcommittee to inform the Ethics Working group on COP's perspectives on topics relevant to creating a holistic ethics policy. Seconded and unanimously approved.

It was suggested that we may need a two hour meeting next time.

Motion to adjourn: 10:06am. Chuck Jones, Seconded, passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Chuck Jones, based on detailed notes taken by Lynn Dodd.

Supplement: Summary of the discussion and actions taken by COP by email since the 2012 Annual Meeting (based on the archive of ASOR--COP list traffic archived at <https://lists.uchicago.edu/web/info/asor--cop>]

December 10-13 2012: Nomination and approval of Sarah Kansa as a member of COP, class of 2015.

December 10-13 2012: Motion and approval to authorize Kevin Cooney continue (in consultation with the Executive Director) his investigation ASORs participation in JSTOR Books.

February 11-13, 2013: Discussion of draft and approval of the ad for the BASR Editor vacancy.

February 19, 2013: Editorship of BASOR vacancy advertised publicly.

April 2, 2013: Draft COP Action plan distributed.

April 18, 2013: COP report submitted to the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees in anticipation of their Spring meeting.

July 3, 2012: Notice to COP of the appearance of eight ASOR books at JSTOR Books
(<http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublisher?publisherCode=asor&contentType=book>) [n.b. there are now (Nov. 14, 2013) eleven books online].

July 22-23, 2011: Motion and approval that COP authorize the appointment of Larry Herr to serve as coeditor of BASOR along with Jim Weinstein, and that the two be jointly responsible for BASOR 370 (2013) and 371-372 (2014).

August 30, 2013: the deadline for applications for the position of Editor of BASOR was extended to September 16th.

September 3, 2013: Notice of the resignation of Kervin Cooney.

October 2, 2013: Notice to COP of the approval of the coeditorship of BASOR.

November 14, 2013: Motion to approve the recommendation by the search committee of Eric Cline and Christopher Rollston as co-Editors of BASOR.