

Minutes of the Meeting of the ASOR Committee on Publications
Boulder, CO, November 15, 2001

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by James Weinstein.

Members of the Committee Present: Peter Feinman, Nancy Lapp, Ted Lewis, James Weinstein, Eric Cline, Michelle Daviau, Andy Vaughn, Anne Killebrew

Ex-Officio: Billie Jean Collins, Director of Publications

Absent: Al Leonard, Jonathan Tubb, Gloria London, Piotr Michalowski

Visitors: Stuart Swiny, Larry Herr, Eric Meyers, Beth Nakhai

Approval of minutes from November 2000. Minutes were approved unanimously.

In light of the fact that no nominations had been brought forward for replacing the outgoing editors, James Weinstein made a recommendation to extend the terms of the BASOR, Annual and Archaeological Reports editorships for one additional year. Andy Vaughn made the motion. Michelle Daviau seconded. The motion carried by a vote of six to one, with Peter Feinman opposed.

COP Member nominations.

Ann Killebrew and Michele Daviau were nominated for appointment to a second three-year term each. The motion was carried unanimously.

Report from BASOR Editor (JMW)

Report from NEA Editor (TJL)

Ted submitted for approval the names of four individuals for the editorial board of NEA: Jack Sasson, Amnon Ben-Tor, Jodi Magness, and Wayne Pitard. Nancy Lapp made the motion to accept these appointments. Anne Killebrew seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Report from JCS Editor (BJC for PM)

JCS vol. 53 for 2001 is now published. Thus JCS is caught up, and well within budget because the typesetting was done inhouse rather than through Eisenbrauns.

James Weinstein asked BJC by what authority she posted full text pdfs of three recent ASOR Books series titles to the web. BJC responded that marketing books is part of her job of Director of Publications. A discussion followed regarding the appropriateness of this form of marketing. Collins provided documentation from another publisher (published in the CHE) testifying to its success with this form of marketing. Beth Nakhai complained that she had not been consulted prior to her book being posted. A discussion of copyright and author expectations followed. The resolution of the discussion was that books should continue to be put online as appropriate, but that ASOR must ensure that authors are aware of this possibility in advance. It was agreed that the Instructions for Authors pamphlet and the author contract should clearly spell out this possibility.

Status report on ASOR's book queue for FY01 and FY02

Collins handed out the book queue for FY01, along with a copy of the COP report to the Executive Committee and a copy of a resolution to be presented to the Executive Committee on the next day. She reported that the Executive Committee would be approving the use of the Publications "Opportunity Fund" as a supplemental source of funding to support the cost of producing these titles. [The Executive Cmmtt. did approve the resolution as written, with the amendment to add the word "supplemental" in the first sentence of the resolution.]

Publications budget and finances

BJC provided the following handouts: ASOR Budget to Actual FY01 and Projections for FY02; First quarter report FY02; Circulation figures. She advised the Committee on the problems with Academic Services sending out renewal notices late or not at all and the resulting shortfall in income in the first quarter.

COP meeting schedule

BJC raised the issue of scheduling a COP meeting during the ASOR Trustees' Spring meeting. P.E. MacAllister for one, has expressed a desire to see COP meet more often. Discussion was generally favorable. The question of possible partial travel support for the members from the publishing budget was raised. BJC was instructed to bring to the Executive Committee a request for information on adding a full day COP meeting to the schedule and the possibility of setting aside additional funds for travel.

New Business:

COP wishes to have on record its gratitude to Victor Matthews for his years of service to the Committee.

Peter Feinman raised the issue of publishing something similar to the SBL Seminar Papers.

Submitted by BJC