

## Chairs Coordinating Council

November 19, 2016

San Antonio, TX

**Present:** Susan Ackerman, Sharon Herbert (Chair), Andy Vaughn, Geoff Embezzling, Danielle Fatkin, Randy Younker, Chuck Jones, Laura Mazow, Erin Darby, Robert Darby, Lynn Swartz Dodd (for Tom Levy)

**Absent:** Tom Levy

Opening (8:22AM): Sharon thanked everyone for attending, and asked that we go around the table and describe how things have gone.

- Danielle is ending a term as Program Committee co-chair. Geoff Emberling is continuing for a second term. Helen Dixon is being nominated to the Board for the other co-chair position.
- Erin and Robert Darby have finished their second term. Heather Parker will be nominated to the Board as the new chair of the Jr. Scholars Committee.
- Randy Younker (Membership and Outreach) and Laura Mazow (Honors and Awards) are concluding their first term and have agreed to continue.

### Program Committee

Danielle Fatkin and Geoff Emberling reported on the meeting. Several papers were withdrawn at the last moment.

- Myth, History, and Archaeology has been dropped because it hasn't had enough submissions. Andy raised a question about whether or not this was a hole in the academic program. Geoff and Andy agreed to talk about recruiting someone to make a proposal for a member-organized session.
- Appearance policy: there was lengthy discussion about the change to the program to allow people to present more than once. As of this year, only the person presenting is listed in the program book's Index of Presenters. There is not a limit on how many co-authors may be named in the abstract. There are concerns about this policy because co-authors sometimes rely on being listed in the program book when applying for funding and excavation permits. The Program Committee decided to postpone a decision until they can discuss it further in their next meeting.
- Plenary address: Geoff reported the discussion about this year's plenary address. The CCC discussed the feedback that they had received on the plenary speaker.

### Membership and Outreach Committee

- Randy outlined the membership of the committee and new committee members.
- Friends of ASOR: Progress was made on the development on a marketing plan for 2017. There was a decision made to move ANE Today to four times per month, with a reshuffling of essays and articles issue to issue. The amount of content will stay approximately the same.

- Membership categories: there was discussion of a new category for early career scholars and discounts for non-North Americans. The committee encouraged the executive office to come up with a discount for these groups.
- Non-North Americans: there had been discussions about ways to increase membership and participation. These ways include scholarships and workshops or gatherings in Europe and/or the Mediterranean region. The CCC discussed issues relating to workshops or gatherings and how these would be vetted, especially if the ASOR name were used. Randy suggested that there be a process for the vetting of workshops and gatherings and for the sponsorships of other events. Sharon suggested that she work with Susan and Andy to come up with a proposal for discussion during the December CCC call.

### **Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy (CAP)**

- Membership of the committee: there was a reshuffling of members with equal classes.
- Fellowships: there is a five-member committee to evaluate applications. There has been an increased number of applications. This year we granted \$2,000 fellowships, as opposed to \$1,000 in past years.
- Affiliation process: There was a technical issue with the application process this year, and there have been delays.
- Motion: CAP requests that ASOR formalize the practice of CAP oversight of fieldwork fellowships and grants to the extent allowed by donor agreements. The CCC moves that this be recommended to the EC. Moved by Lynn and seconded by Chuck.
- There was a separate desire that all fellowships and grants (assuming there were not violation of donor agreements) go to ASOR-affiliated excavations. This will be discussed by the CCC during a later conference call.
- Tom Levy does not plan to seek a second term as chair. There was discussion that Steve Falconer will be suggested to the Chairs Nominating Committee for consideration.

### **Jr. Scholars Committee**

- Had an amazing Jr. Scholars lunch that discussed alternative careers outside academia.
- The unofficial gathering during the evening was also successful.
- One suggestion was to set aside a room for consultations.
- There were concerns about price for the conference hotel and the difficulty in finding alternatives for lodging and food.

### **Publications Committee**

- Everyone is continuing for another term, and that is being forwarded to the Board for approval.
- Thomas, the current *NEA* editor, will end his second term on December 31, 2017. A new editor will need to be found.
- Chuck requested to make Alex's editorship of *ANE Today* a formal part of COP.
- The committee moved that the Levantine Ceramics Project should be overseen by the Publications Committee. Sharon Herbert will take this to the Board.

### **Honors and Awards Committee**

- Award recipients were pleased with the write-ups of the awards.
- Nominations: we need more nominations.
- Diversity of book award recipients. The committee decided not to formalize any preference for junior or senior scholars. There have been relatively few women who have received book awards, so the committee is encouraging nominations of books by women.
- Conflict of interest statement: the committee has discussed such a statement and that will be distributed to the CCC for feedback.
- Should the awards be a surprise or not? The committee still likes the idea of a surprise and suggested a few things: a) moving the members' meeting to Friday; b) to send out notification that they have received an award but not tell them which award.
- Poster judging: it might be a conflict of interest for Jr. Scholars to take this on. It would also not give as much gravitas if that change was made. It will stay with Honors and Awards. We may require that PDFs of poster be submitted by November 1 of each year.