

Chairs Coordinating Council
Conference Call
September 26, 2017 1:00 PM EDT

Present: Helen Dixon, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Cynthia Rufo, Laura Mazow, Heather Dana Davis Parker, Geoff Emberling, Susan Ackerman, Andy Vaughn, Tom Levy

Absent: Randy Younker

1. Approval of May Minutes

Minutes approved.

2. Committee Reports

Committee on Archaeological Policy

Sharon reminded the committee that this is Tom's last year. There is a nominee for a new chair: Steve Falconer. He has agreed to serve pending the approval of the board in November.

The chair says he has been trying to contact Matt Vincent. Once they connect, CAP will be in a position to hand over CAP's on-line materials to the central office. CAP thought it would be good to involve Falconer in this process.

Andy reminded the chair that the office has been waiting for the committee to provide a list of the currently approved digs, which ones will be expiring, and those that will need to be reapproved this fall.

The chair said that all directors were asked to re-up in light of the new ethics policy.

Andy said that we have heard from some directors that are not sure if they are approved for this year. As soon as the office gets the up-to-date list, we are ready to contact chairs who still need to apply for re-approval.

Susan reinforced the importance of the updated list. She recently updated it to reflect some changes of which she was personally aware, but we need the official list. She does not see a problem with involving Falconer, even though he has not been officially approved yet.

Publications Committee

Earlier in the summer the committee recommended Thomas Schneider for a third term for editor of *NEA*. A term is three years. This is pending board approval in November.

In our previous meeting we discussed the issue of *ANEToday*. During the summer, Alex Joffe contacted Chuck with a list of names for the advisory committee. When this list is finalized, Chuck will bring it to COP for approval.

Bill Caraher proposed to the committee a co-publication between ASOR and the digital press at the University of North Dakota, which he directs. The proposal uses Sarah and Eric Kansas's Open Context to go one step further in the experiment to create archaeological monographs linked with online 3-D data. Open Context is able to host the data for this project. The proposal came to the committee, but there has not been a lot for discussion yet. This would be entirely produced at the University of North Dakota, and ASOR is not being asked to provide any funding support.

Susan stated that this helps fulfill one of the goals outlined in the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for publications, which was to explore digital publications.

This is Chuck Jones' final year as chair. The nominating committee will begin to talk about what happens next. Chuck has been on the committee for nine years and six as the chair. He is pleased to say the committee is in a very good place compared to when he first arrived.

Honors and Awards Committee

The book award nominations closed two weeks before the September 26 CCC call. The committee received 11 nominations for Wright, 6 for Cross, 4 for Lapp. Nominations are down a little, but not by much. The committee will be one member short on the Cross committee due to a conflict of interest. For the Wright award one of the books is an ASOR publication, but the Honors and Awards Committee has discussed this in the past and decided that ASOR publications are eligible.

Service award nominations close Monday. The committee does not have any nominations right now, so the CCC is encouraged to nominate people. We have 3 service awards, a field archaeology award, the Harris award (which must go to an officer or a trustee), and the Scheuer medal.

Junior Scholars

The speaker for the Jr. Scholars luncheon will be Vanessa Juloux. She will be talking about digital humanities. We have moved that luncheon to Thursday to accommodate people being able to attend the Members' Meeting, which has been moved to Friday.

Susan and Andy have made the presidential suite available to the junior scholars on Friday night for the junior scholars social. This is in lieu of the pub night, as a more formal event, better for networking, was requested. There will be refreshments, though the details have not been worked out yet. We should be able to accommodate about 35 people. This will only be advertised on the Junior Scholars Facebook page and at the luncheon, not in the program book.

The Programs Committee chair asked if that would prevent the event from being a networking event.

The Junior Scholars Committee chair replied that the goal is to keep it smaller this year because there is not sponsorship for the costs of providing refreshments, but the hope is to grow it in the future to be more of a networking event.

Susan mentioned that the social is happening during the Legacy Dinner, which is a big event for donors. We will be letting the senior scholars at the Legacy Dinner know that they are welcome to come back to the suite after the dinner, which will actually facilitate networking.

Programs Committee

The meeting planner compiled some stats: the program is at 120 sessions after some cancellations. This is max capacity of all of our available hotel rooms. There are 608 papers and 74 posters. The max for sessions in the past has been 96. This is going to be a year of growing complaints about scheduling conflicts. Hopefully this is a one time thing. We had two session cancellations. They shrunk below 3 papers, so the papers were redistributed to other relevant sessions.

There may need to be a strategic decision made when applications for sessions start to come in next year. We may want to think about whether the conference will be more selective and how to let people know that in advance. One reason the committee gave into the flood of papers for 2017 is because there is no precedent for rejecting 30% of paper submissions. However, the strategic plan said the meeting should stay the same size, so we may need to think about some kind of notification in which people are informed that the meeting may become more selective.

We have 3 members rotating off the Programs Committee (Casey Elledge, Jonathan Rosenbaum, and Alex Nagel), and the committee is nominating Goyko Barjamovic (Assyriologist at Harvard, specializing in Old Assyrian networks in Anatolia); Jennifer Gates-Foster (Classical Archaeologist at UNC-Chapel Hill, working particularly on Roman Egypt); and Chris Rollston (West Semiticist at George Washington) to replace them.

The Members' Meeting has been moved to Friday. The goal is to include the people who fly in on Thursday morning so that as many people as possible may attend.

Andy stated that there are 992 people registered. The final count was about 900 last year, we are on track to have over 1,000 for the first time ever.

Susan stated that this is in line with the strategic plan, to run a vibrant Annual Meeting, and record attendance is definitely conducive to that.

Update on ANET Advisory Board

Chuck touched on this.

Andy said the committee has been contacted and they have begun to do their work.

Sharon asked how this advisory board will function.

Susan said that we tried to envision it as a group that can turn things over quickly. What Alex has done so far is to send out a list of what content he has coming in for the short and immediate future, and asking people to raise red flags if they see issues. The advisors might suggest new places for Alex to look for material.

Boston Office Update

The office moved in late May. That move went very smoothly, thanks to the staff. The spaces we moved into are next door to the old office. We moved from 2,500 square feet to 1,200 square feet at 650 Beacon, where the core staff is located. There is a 700 square foot space across the street at 665 Beacon for satellite activities. The lease for 650 expires in December 2017. The lease for the smaller space expires in December 31, 2018. We are in conversations for what to do about that. Some scenarios keep us in Boston, some do not. We are anxious, but confident that something will work. We have some solid leads.

Andy said that this is taking a fairly decent percentage of his time and Susan's time. He cannot give a list of all the options because the conversations are in various stages of development.

It was asked whether Boston University cut off institutional affiliation or if it is just a space issue?

Andy said we were able to hire work-study students this fall, and remain an affiliate of the BU College of Arts and Sciences. Some other services will eventually go away. We are continuing to have conversations with BU, and also discussing institutional affiliation with other institutions, including schools in the Boston area.