

Chairs Coordinating Council
Conference Call
April 10, 2018, 1:00pm

Present: Andy Vaughn, Cynthia Rufo, Chuck Jones, Laura Mazow, Susan Ackerman, Helen Dixon, Sharon Herbert, Geoff Emberling

Absent: Steve Falconer, Heather Parker, Randy Younker

1. Approval of March Minutes

Approved.

2. By-laws Revisions

As part of a project to revise the ASOR by-laws, Board Chair Richard Coffman and Susan identified several areas of the by-laws that needed more clarification. They have also proposed a few procedure changes. The areas most relevant to the CCC are certain routine matters that should be shifted away from the board to the CCC, such as the appointment of committee members. Currently the board has to approve appointments. The suggested by-laws revision is for committees to nominate members, and then the new members would be approved in the CCC and affirmed by the EC, leaving the board out of it.

The proposed revisions also suggests= that appointments to editorial boards would be better localized within the Publications Committee. The board will likely act on these proposed revisions in November.

3. Committee Reports

Programs Committee

The committee has been tracking cancellations. Cancellations are at less than half of what they were at this time last year, and are all international people who did not get funding. There are currently 98 sessions. The committee is proceeding with scheduling.

Committee on Publications

The committee has completed a review of shortlisted publishers. While it was not unanimous, the review favored the University of Chicago Press. Andy is negotiating with them.

Andy said they are on the second or third draft of the contract and negotiations are going well. They are currently trying to find language to state that the production quality of the journals will be maintained at the level it is at now. A finalized contract should be

available for the Board to vote on at the April 21, 2018, board meeting. The Publications Committee has only heard good feedback from others who use University of Chicago so we think it will be a good fit.

The Publications chair said the committee still needs to add two more members.

Honors & Awards Committee

The committee is still looking for a new member and has some names to follow up on.

The committee had a conference call with the Programs Committee co-chairs and the Poster Session chair. There have been challenges in having just one poster award and the committee may need to come up with categories. Multiple awards may be given.

The committee talked about the Scheuer medal and whether it should broaden the scope of the award. It was decided to keep it as is. What seems to be missing is a lifetime achievement award, which may be a new award.

The committee was planning to change the date for receiving service award nominations to May 1. Because the call for nominations did not get circulated, and because the website did not get updated to reflect the change, the committee set the deadline for 2018 at Sept 1.

The Honors and Awards committee never finished its guidelines, and they asked if other committees could send copies of their guidelines?

4. Office Updates

Susan said there is possible office space for ASOR to rent in Alexandria, as we move toward buying our own building there. This is an item on the agenda for the April 21, 2018, EC and Board meetings. It is our plan to continue to control office space in Boston until December 2018, while we build up in Alexandria.

Andy said the office staff is working on logistics for moving.