

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Conference Call Minutes  
September 17, 2019 2:00-3:00 EDT

**Present:** Susan Ackerman, Helen Dixon, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Steve Falconer, Sharon Herbert, Laura Mazow, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Andy Vaughn, Eric Welch, Randy Younker (joined part way through the call)

**Absent:** Geoff Emberling

1. **Approval of May Minutes:** Approved

2. Sharon announced new committee chairs starting January 1, 2020.

Membership and Outreach: Teddy Burgh, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Honors and Awards: Lynn Welton, Durham University, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow (pending approval by the Board of Trustees).

Co-Chair Program Committee: Allison Thomason, Southern University Illinois Edwardsville, Professor and Chair, Department of Historical Studies (pending approval by the Board of Trustees).

Starting in 2020, Chuck Jones will assume the office of Vice president (pending approval by the Board of Trustees) and be chairing the CCC.

Sharon proposed inviting the new CCC members for a meet and greet during the CCC's Saturday meeting in San Diego.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### a. *Program Committee*

The co-chair (Helen) reported that the PC was way behind with finalizing the AM schedule this year, in part because there were many requests to accommodate schedule conflicts. While the PC will start working on the schedule sooner next year, the PC needs to be a better way of managing scheduling conflicts.

Helen suggested that software that had the capability to generate the meeting schedule would be desirable. However, when Arlene has investigated software possibilities, she has found that the available packages are either way out of our price range or are integrated with the abstract submission software, meaning we would have to leave Oxford Abstracts.

This year's AM offers 100+ sessions with 522 papers and 41 posters. The program is now online for session chairs to review.

Geoff, Helen, and Arlene have also talked about future Annual Meeting locations, for years in which ASOR may be unable to meet in the same city as SBL.

*b. Honors and Awards*

The chair (Laura) stated that Service and Book Awards nominations have closed and that the committee received a really good bunch of nominations. For books, there were 17 Cross, 15 Wright, and 11 Lapp nominations. The changes to the description of Cross Award resulted in a better selection of books that more accurately reflect the work that ASOR members do. Laura did mention that, through her networking, she was driving a lot of the nominations, and that this resulted, for example, in many Late Bronze/Iron Age volumes nominated for the Wright Award, as LBA/IA scholars are who Laura knows.

*c. Early Career Scholars*

The ECS had a number of points for discussion for the CCC, which co-chair Tiffany presented.

i. ECS Brown Bag Luncheon at 2019 AM featuring Helen and Morag talking about, respectively, putting together a good member-organized session and creating good posters: Tiffany asked whether live-streaming is permitted?

There was discussion of the cost of a stable internet connection versus using cell-phones, and ASOR cannot pay for the internet connection.

Andy pointed out that individuals are not allowed to live stream sessions according to ASOR's policy. Susan responded that the brown bag lunch is not a session and it is not submission-based, therefore ASOR's policy need not apply and there is some flexibility. Both Helen and Morag are okay with live-streaming. Sharon asked for a proposal from the ECS to the CCC regarding live-streaming of the lunch, to be voted on during the next call.

ii. The ECS Reception is scheduled in a meeting room at 8:30 on Friday evening. What does this entail?

Andy said that a budget is needed and he needs to check with Arlene. There was discussion of an open-bar versus a ticketing system (ticket given out at registration) and how much food and drink to order. Tiffany stated that it is hard

to get a sense of how many will attend. In the past there have been around 60-70 people.

iii. The ECS is organizing a cruise on Wednesday before the meeting -- will not conflict with the plenary.

iv. The ECS is preparing for the 2020 AM and planning a speed mentoring lunch event.

Co-chair Eric stated that there was lots of good discussion at the Albright about ECS this past summer. The goal is to make sure ECS members are still ASOR members in 10 years. There was discussion about opportunities for mentorship with senior scholars, with the possibility of inviting senior scholars to the ECS reception.

#### *d. Publications*

The chair (Kevin) announced that the call for a new *BASOR* editor has gone out. Eric and Chris are staying on an extra six months until Dec 31, 2020, to aid the transition. Susan will take their appointment to the Board for approval in November. So far, there has not been much of a response to the post. Kevin asked for the committee's aid in advertising the editorship. There was discussion about the editor's stipend and how it can allow for a course release. Andy indicated that ASOR could negotiate this directly with a faculty member's institution, assuming that using the stipend for salary relief would comply with IRS regulations, etc.

Kevin also reported that Hanan Charaf's term ends next year, and ASOR will need a new editor for the Archaeological Reports Monograph Series. The successful candidate needs to have a strong background in field archaeology.

#### *e. CAP*

The chair (Steve) brought up the Getty Conservation Event happening on Sunday at the AM. He is encouraging CAP excavation directors to attend but was concerned that they were not receiving an acknowledgement when they register. Andy will check with Marta and Arlene about the acknowledgment. At this point, no one has gotten a confirmation.

Steve asked whether there was an incentive for directors to attend the Getty event and how should it be phrased. Could directors of ASOR-affiliated excavations who attend the Getty event receive preference for ASOR fellowships? Steve is going to talk with Kate Grossman (chair of the CAP Fellowship Committee) about this.

Beth Nakhai's field safety survey is out and Steve is circulating it to ASOR-affiliated dig directors. Steve hopes this will generate better response than the request for responses that appeared in *News@ASOR*.

*(Randy joined the call)*

The Code of Conduct for Fieldwork Projects has been adopted and projects that apply for affiliation should adhere to it and post in on their project websites. Sharon raised the issue of enforcement.

Starting with the 2020 excavation season, fellowships are now going only to people participating in ASOR-affiliated projects. Marta will update the fellowship webpages.

#### *f. Membership and Outreach*

According the chair (Randy), planning for the conference in Sicily has halted, but there is still hope for something in the future. Still, nothing can happen until Teddy takes over as Membership and Outreach Chair.

Randy has not heard from Regine about the conference in Strasbourg and will follow up with her.

Randy is working with Teddy (the new chair) as he starts at the end of the year.

### **3. Administrative Matters**

Susan stated that interviews for the Office Assistant have been completed and the successful candidate has accepted the job. Andy identified the candidate as Meagan Shirley. Meagan will start Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and will be at the Annual Meeting.

Susan discussed the future of the Annual Meeting location and ASOR's relationship with SBL. SBL is meeting in San Antonio (2021 and 2023) and Denver (2022), and ASOR has not been able to identify venues in those cities suitable for our needs. So ASOR will have three years separate from SBL. Locations for these years are being considered, and there are a number of good opportunities for programming, such as programming with the Oriental Institute if ASOR meets in Chicago. Andy stated that the 2021 will be the first independent meeting since Napa Valley in 1997 and also the first time we will not be meeting within driving distance of the SBL meeting.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Sharon brought up the session about ASOR's name, which had generated some feedback. She asked for report from Danielle Fatkin to be circulated for next month's call.

Laura asked about the status of the Code of Conduct for the AM. Helen replied that it is in the works, but a new draft needs to be done. Susan will check in with Emily Bonney about the status of the code. Ideally, the Executive Committee should approve a provisional version of the code (via conference call) before the 2019 meeting. This version does not need to be the final one.