

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
Conference Call Minutes
September 10, 2020, 2:00-3:00 PM EST

Present: Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, , Helen Dixon, Jane DeRose Evans, Steve Falconer, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Eric Welch, Lynn Welton

Absent: None

1. Approval of August Minutes: Minutes approved

2. Update from Sharon

Name Change:

The Ad Hoc Committee on ASOR's Name has turned in a final report, which recommends a vote between the Association for Archaeological Research, Cultural Heritage, and Education (AARCHE) and a name that keeps the ASOR acronym (the American Society for Overseas Research or the American Schools for Overseas Research). The Board is having a special meeting on Sept. 24th to discuss the name change.

DEI Task Force:

Erin Darby has agreed to chair the DEI task force. Teddy Burgh, Kara Cooney, and Michael Holman have all agreed to be on committee. The call for nominations for the task force is out and the charge has been circulated. The goal is to have 10-12 people on the task force. Please send any suggestions to Sharon.

3. Committee Reports

a. CAP

Steve reported that the inaugural Shepard Urgent Action Grant has been awarded to Tobin Hartnell for restoration of the gate at Ashur. Andy stated that the grant donor is pleased and committed to supporting work for the next year. There are three applications in the queue, but they are not feasible right now due to COVID.

A zoom meeting about fieldwork in summer 2021 is in the works. The meeting will be for ASOR-affiliated project directors and allow for discussion about fieldwork prospects. The meeting will also include reports from the directors of ACOR, AIAR, and CAARI. Steve will work with Andy and Marta on setting up this meeting.

The committee is looking at ASOR fellowships and grants and how to repurpose them for next summer given fieldwork may not be possible. There was discussion of what type of funding ASOR can provide and what kind of projects could be funded. There was also discussion of funding in-country scholars and the issues surrounding this type of funding.

b. CHC

Jane said there was nothing new to report from the committee.

c. H&A

This is a busy period for the Honors & Awards committee according to Lynn. Nominations for service awards are due tomorrow. There are 11 nominations for the 9 awards. Thanks to Meagan for her hard work in coordinating the award nominations. Book award nominations close next Friday and so far there are 10 Wright, 10 Cross, and 9 Lapp nominations. The numbers are slightly lower than expected, though nominations might be a bit delayed this year.

The poster award submission deadline is Nov. 2nd. Lynn is working with Eric and Tiffany on the student paper award rules for nomination and deadline.

d. EC

Tiffany reported that the most recent EC meeting focused on programming for annual meeting. The brown bag lunch will be held as a zoom webinar in October and the subject is getting published. It will include a panel of 3 journal editors. The EC has discussed reinventing their field trip as virtual tour. There was discussion of various Boston area museums that might be options for a virtual tour. The October lunch panel will be made available on ASORtv.

e. COM

Teddy reached out to the committee about the Strategic Plan and has gotten no pushback on the changes. Andy mentioned the FOA webinar happening on Sunday, which Teddy is hosting/moderating.

f. PC

Helen reported that the PC had a meeting on guidelines for preparing presentations and what will be allowed in workshops. This year's program is smaller, but still robust. Allison is working on Strategic Plan feedback from the PC and it is on the Google Drive. The feedback includes initiatives for programs related to DEI. A draft schedule for the meeting is in the works. Lynn inquired about the members meeting and how awards will work this year.

g. COP

Kevin said that the committee is thinking about the name change and its implications for publications. Most of the moves are temporary now and things will be difficult with BASOR. The committee should have a recommendation for a new *ARS* Editor soon.

Andy commented that changing the name is a legal process, as the articles of incorporation must be changed. It cannot be accomplished through a board vote. Publication names are run through the Library of Congress and still need to include American Schools of Oriental Research.

Andy circulated his report via email and it included a bit more information on the name change. There were 27 comments on removing Oriental—half pro and half con. The majority of the negative responses were from overseas members.

4. Matters Arising

Allison asked about the process for working towards a final draft of the Strategic Plan. Sharon will be the one coordinating the revisions and the deadline is the spring Board meeting. Once the draft is ready, the CCC will meet to review it, before sending it to the Executive Committee. The goal is to have a rough draft this semester and it is possible that the Executive Committee and the CCC may have a joint call to discuss the Strategic Plan.