

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Conference Call Minutes  
March 24, 2021, 11:00AM-12:00 PM EST

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

**Absent:** Allison Thomason

1. **Approval of February and DEI Task Force Meeting Minutes:** Minutes approved.
2. **ECS Candidates** approved

### **Committee Reports**

COM

**Teddy Burgh:** Committee is meeting in April/May. How can committee support DEI Task Force?

PC

**Helen Dixon,** Grace period for submissions. 70-100 extra papers. Some confusion over postponed sessions.

552 total presenters:

29% of submitters (160) are planning to only present at the virtual meeting

40.2% (222) are planning to present only at the in-person meeting

30.8% of submitters (170) are planning to present at both

751 total proposals:

54.2% (407) for the in-person meeting

45.8% (344) for the virtual meeting

Solid numbers. Larger than last year. 400 for in person might require phone call/discussion.

Hotels? Andy brief call last week. No social distancing guidelines; anticipating full operations.

Ca. 500 for Chicago. When contract was signed, hope was 1200-1300.

Helen: potential problems. Not enough space in virtual meeting. Not what we expected in terms of hotel. Minority for only virtual meeting. (IAA no funding this year/international contingent).

Andy: non-NA attendees are being optimistic. 10 proposals from Libya. Hard to plan for those who won't be able to travel.

Jane: for those doing both-does that mean the same paper?

Helen: if session is both virtual and in-person, same exact paper can be given. Does account for workshops, etc.

Jane: if virtual gets to big, can we weed out the people who are doing it twice?

Helen: not a 1-to-1 correspondance. Some flexibility. Thematic division is the concern.

Andy thanked PC for putting together a program that can be flexible.

ECS

**Tiffany Earley-Spadoni,**

Planning panel at AM on job seekers. Two different panels (one virtual; one live). Live: 5 people in tenure track employment. What helped? Virtual: Success stories, help students post-docs. Brown Bag live meeting: still figuring it out also field trips in Chicago

CH

**Jane DeRose Evans**

Met yesterday with Andy and Will. Presented on CHI work and the future. Make sure ASOR membership is invested. Productive conversation. Andy & Will will keep committee updated. Jane will have committee revisit Strategic Plan.

CAP

**Steve Falconer**

Fellowship Committee is reviewing Harris/Seeger applications. Will turn to the student stipend apps. Kate and Steve are meeting with Erin Darby following the DEI Task Force joint meeting. Chuck asked about summer fieldwork. Steve: meeting in fall showed consensus that summer fieldwork was not happening. Being cautious. Still looks like field work isn't happening with few exceptions. Sharon says Abl-Macaah is excavating. Helen pointed out they have directors in country. Steve: directors of ORCs concurred that foreign projects should not travel/bring students into the country. Andy: Stipends allowed us to develop worthwhile projects, and not have to pivot during review process. Worry about international travel/do not encourage fieldwork. Be cautious. Don't want to promote work in only one country. Countries where we work have inequities in terms of responses to public health crises. Combined with economic crisis is so dire people are choosing to work. Acknowledge range of problems. Chuck: only one PSU overseas project with student has been approved

COP

**Kevin McGeough**

Charlotte Cable on subcommittee for BASOR abstracts in different languages. Need for COP member in the publishing industry. Seeking recommendation for a new member. Last year's JCS was all male-this year 6/13 are women, Iranian & Turkish authors. Bumped authors are male. Trouble with page count. Andy: ask UCP about page count-have a limit in our contract. Kevin: glad this issue has improved. Things are going smoothly.

H&A

**Lynn Welton**

Not a lot to report. Working on being more transparent in awards judging process (posters/student paper award). Formed subcommittees for poster and student paper awards. Lynn will send Meagan and Marta the new subcommittees/members.

**Other matters arising**

Andy: report from office: Northern Virginia is starting to make progress. July 4<sup>th</sup> more than one person will have had both doses. Will let more than one person in office after everyone has been vaccinated. May open after Labor Day.

Helen inquired about Will Berkery. Marta & Andy gave a little background.

Tiffany: ASOR contacted by SASA (student run organization). Youth-oriented, engagement and outreach. ECS members are involved. Committee discussed a formal relationship with them (lots of energy & enthusiasm). Will be in touch with them.