

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Conference Call Minutes  
May 5, 2020 11:00 AM EST

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

**Absent:** Sharon Herbert

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

Chuck noted that the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees meetings are happening next week via Zoom.

**2. Committee Reports**

*a. CAP*

Steve sent 80 emails to project directors about their summer fieldwork plans and received 60 responses. Only 1 project is moving forward with a field season, and the majority are not conducting fieldwork this summer.

Two applications for Shepard Urgent Action Grants (one from Jordan, one from Egypt) have been received. As fieldwork is not feasible right now, Steve will discuss asking the PIs to wait and revise their proposals when travel becomes possible with Andy and Marta. Andy reminded all that the decisions for these grants are made in 4-6 weeks and the grants are for projects taking place in the upcoming couple of months.

*b. COM*

The chair (Teddy) announced that 7 new members have been submitted to the Board for approval. The committee has a call scheduled for late May. The working agenda includes discussion of international members, getting members from other disciplines, virtual archaeology, FOA, and other membership matters.

*c. COP*

Chair Kevin stated that the committee needs to discuss the future of the ASOR Monographs series editorships. The committee needs to find a replacement for Hanan Charaf, who is chair of the Archaeological Reports series, by the end of the year. One of the options being discussed is an editorial board to help lighten the workload. Journals and publications are in good shape.

*d. Honors and Awards*

Lynn, the chair, reported that she is working through the 2019 awardees to

be featured in News@ASOR, which will be happening throughout the summer. She asks that all begin to think about people who have recently finished ASOR service as possible nominees for service awards. Nominations are due in September.

Chuck pointed out that there may be delays with the book awards this year, both in terms of the number of submissions and in terms of getting review copies. Lynn hopes to have books received by August and recognizes that many publishers may have furloughed staff. There was discussion of getting PDF review copies and of using home addresses (as opposed to university addresses) for shipping books.

*e. Early Career Scholars*

Co-chair Eric reported that the committee met last week. This is a slower part of the year as the academic schedule winds down and no fieldwork is happening this summer.

The virtual brown-bag event was a success and the committee is thinking about another event entitled “Now What?” to address the difficulties in the current job market. The goal is to present both academic and non-academic options and analyze the skills many recent graduates have and how they can be applied to a variety of careers. This event would focus on those in graduate school and those who have recently graduated.

There is concern about making sure Early Career Scholars will be able to attend the Annual Meeting without funding from their universities.

*f. PC*

The co-chair, Helen, stated that the AM is moving forward. A record number of papers (676) have been accepted and there were no rejections for quality concerns. Acceptance notifications have gone out and things are ahead of schedule. The Early Bird Rate was extended this year. No requests for cancellations/refunds have been received yet. Discussions about what to do if the pandemic forces changes are preliminary.

Discussion ensued surrounding the scheduling of the Annual Meeting.

- Universities are not funding or allowing travel.
- In-person meeting vs. something else if the pandemic forces changes to our original plans: what is best for members?
- International travel restrictions to the U.S.

*g. Cultural Heritage*

The chair (Jane) stated that there was not much to report.

### **3. Central Office Report**

Discussion surrounding the Annual Meeting continued. Topics covered include:

- Developing online resources now so that ASOR has the capability and infrastructure to host online content in the future. Andy provided the CCC with some information surrounding a grant proposal ASOR is submitting to help develop online resources.
- Cost and logistics of having a synchronous meeting vs. an a-synchronous meeting
- Registration fees
- Deadlines, timing, and adjustments that may need to be made
- Virtual and hybrid meetings with examples from other learned societies
- How would participation in the AM count towards promotion and tenure?
- Use of social media as part of the AM: Twitter Q&A, Facebook/Instagram live, streaming services.
- The social aspect of the meeting.
- The future of big meetings in a world where everyone is adapting to meeting and teaching virtually.

Chuck introduced the option of having another CCC call over the summer.

**4. Matters Arising:** None