

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
December Conference Call  
Wednesday December 15, 11:00am-12:00pm

**Present:** Teddy Burgh, Helen Dixon, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman

**Absent:** Erin Darby, Jane DeRose Evans, Steve Falconer

Call to Order

1. **Approval of November Minutes:** postponed until next meeting as some did not receive them.

2. **Action Items:**

CH Report: All CH Committee member renewals are approved.

3. **Committee Reports**

*COP*

Kevin reported on the following:

- *NEA* is beta testing abstracts in other languages in an effort to work through the technical logistics and costs in order to put together a budget request.
- COP is asking Jane for help with a working group on numismatics to come up with a policy on publishing.
- The search for a new Editor of ANE Today will start in January as the committee would like the new Editor to shadow Alex. There was discussion surrounding the new editor and future directions of ANE Today. What are we looking for in terms of ANE Today? What qualities in new editor?

Sharon and Andy reported on conversations with Steve Dana about funding for ANE Today and making it generate revenue. Steve would like ANE Today to be headed by a journalist and for the content to be more popular. He would also like a Publisher to whom the Editor reports.

Helen and Allison recognized the value of the current articles and format as a teaching resource.

Other items discussed:

- ANE Today's audience
- Advertising
- How to market ANE Today
- ANE Today's growth and costs

Chuck asked whether the abstracts in other languages would be managed by ASOR. Kevin replied that the NEA Editor is getting them from the authors at the moment. This is a larger logistical issue.

Chuck invited the ANE Today discussion to continue over email. Allison noted that COP should look at who is active on twitter/social media for ANE Today Editor candidates.

#### *H&A*

Lynn reported that the virtual awards ceremony went well. The committee is meeting this week. Andy seconded Lynn and thanked her for the awards ceremony.

*(Teddy joined the meeting)*

#### *PC*

Helen reported that the PC is looking towards 2022. The call for member-organized sessions has a Jan. 15 deadline. The call for papers is Feb. 1-Mar. 15.

Allison stated that both components worked well. For virtual component there was more Q&A and fewer paper summaries. The workshops also had fabulous discussions. There were very few technological issues. People are more comfortable with zoom/open water. While the two components were successful, the workload for ASOR staff and the PC is unsustainable.

Andy said that Jared is still working on the statistics.

- 1100 people between the two components.
- 750-850 people participated in the virtual, and 85-90% of these did 1-2 sessions.
- The PC did a great job of organizing and helping staff sessions.
- Plenary had 70 people (200 last year)
- Sessions averaged 14-20 people.
- Participation was low for the virtual poster session.

The timing (3 weeks after the in-person meeting) affected attendance, and there was discussion of what would be better.

Helen asked about views per video of recorded sessions as people watch after the VAM. Sharon stated that sessions average participants 14-20.

Andy asked for CCC feedback on future locations.

#### *ECS*

Tiffany reported that the “Navigating the In-Between” ECS panel oriented towards post-docs that was part of the Virtual Annual Meeting had a solid showing (25 people), but lower than in-person meeting. The committee is working with the panelists to turn their presentations into videos for ASORTV. The ECS hosted a social hour during VAM meeting as well. Vanessa commented that ECS felt the timing of the VAM was difficult.

*COM*

Teddy looks forward to seeing statistics from the meeting. COM will meet in mid-to-late January.

Chuck invited input on the ANE Today call from COM.

#### **4. Discussion of the recently concluded Annual Meeting and future Annual Meetings**

Andy reported that the Hilton Chicago was very pleased with ASOR meeting. They are putting together an attractive proposal for 2023 and 2026—the years SBL is in San Antonio (2023) and Denver (2026). Andy plans to visit San Diego as a possibility for 2024 (SBL is there as well).

Andy invited comments on possible locations. The general consensus was that people really enjoyed Chicago. New York City is not a possibility at the moment. Philadelphia is still a possibility

#### **Matters Arising**

A Doodle poll about winter-spring meeting will be circulated soon.

Discussion of next year's plenary speaker will begin in early 2022.