

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
November Meeting Minutes  
McCormick Board Room, Hilton, Chicago, IL  
Saturday November 20, 8:15-11:45

**Present:** Erin Darby, Helen Dixon, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Lynn Welton

**Absent:** Teddy Burgh, Steve Falconer, Kevin McGeough

Call to Order

1. **Approval of October Minutes:** Minutes approved

2. **Nomination of Chair for new standing DEI Committee**

Chairs Nominating Committee brings the name of Erin Darby forward as the nominee for Chair of the new standing committee for DEI. The creation of the new committee is among the business of the EC and Board today and tomorrow. Erin has been invited to attend this meeting of the CCC. Chuck welcomed Erin.

3. **Committee Reports (including the nomination or renewal of members of this committees)**

*H&A*

Lynn reported on the awards presented during the Members Meeting. There was a good number of nominations for book awards this year (20 Wright, 20 Cross, and 11 Lapp).

Erin asked about an award for open access publishing. Lynn replied that Cross Award is open access. There was a discussion of how to acknowledge the value of open-access publications, and show universities the value of these contributions.

- AHA/AIA statement on public history project.
- Possible peer-review committee for open-access publications. Does this process fall under COP?

There was discussion of adding awards.

- Recognition for other types of service: mentorship, community engagement.
- Increased workload; might be prudent to add another sub-committee.
- Need a good slate of nominees.
- Timing of awards: many books come out in September.
- Digital award would require people with different expertise.

The CCC also discussed the difference between reviewing books that are intended to be read as a physical copy versus those designed to be digital. Lynn noted that publishers are

sending fewer hard copies, which makes evaluation more difficult for committee to evaluate. Physical copies are also a benefit of being on the committee.

There needs to be more publicity surrounding the awards.

- Announce winners in advance of the awards ceremony so that friends/family can attend.
- Erin asked about an announcement to institutional member schools if someone at their school wins.

Committee terms & members:

- Mahri Leonard-Fleckman starting second term.
- Lawson Younger is cycling off the committee, and a new text person is needed for the Cross Award. There was discussion of possible candidates.

*PC*

Allison provided some numbers on the annual meeting

- Ca. 500 attendees
- Papers dropped from 458 down to 316.
- 106 time slots down to 68.
- Lots of last-minute changes and cancellations.
- 39 workshop presentations.
- Lots of people switching to virtual. Not enough time slots for virtual meeting.

Great to have dual component meeting, but it is lots of labor for Arlene and PC chairs. Hard deadlines for switching are needed, but this was impossible due to travel restrictions this year.

Timing of the virtual meeting in December coincides with final exam time. For 2022, the timing will remain the same, but we need to start looking forward to 2023.

Committee terms & members (Helen)

- David Ilan cycling off.
- New Committee Member: Felix Hoflmayer.

Simultaneous Arabic translation is happening for some virtual sessions this year and the PC is thinking about advertising the call for papers in Arabic.

There was discussion of paper program book. Pros and cons?

PC & DEI

- Helen reported that the PC discussed adding people to committee to work on DEI. Subcommittee will put together a pledge and present community standards at the start of each session. Erin asked for liaison to the PC.

- Presenter institutional affiliations that are on an occupied territory. The PC is forming a subcommittee to study this issue and will send recommendations to the Executive Committee and Board.
- Allison brought up a native land acknowledgement statement. The DEI Committee is also discuss these further.

**The CCC confirms Felix Hoflmayer as a member of the PC.**

## *CH*

Jane reported that the committee has been working with AIA to write letters of support for MOUs, and in support of banking secrecy act.

Committee terms & members:

- Class of 2021 will all serve a second term.
- New member: Andrew Cohen (congressional advisor to IRS, CPA, expertise in MENA duties).

**The CCC confirms Andrew Cohen as a member of the CH Committee.**

## *ECS*

Tiffany reported that the ECS Committee has split in subcommittees that are busy generating lots of academic and professionalization content.

- Creation of online community.
- The ECS Brown Bag webinars all on ASORTV.
- Digging Up Data workshop series this fall. Next step is development of mentorship cohort to work on public-facing digital project. Erin: process of negotiating digital scholarship. Tiffany: cohort of ten. Offer specific help. Posting profiles of projects on ASOR website.
- 70 people at the in-person Brown Bag in Chicago.
- ECS Reception was successful, good reaction.
- Expanding social media accounts to include Instagram. Twitter take-overs featuring early career scholars.
- ECS Panel “Bridging the In-Between” is happening right now.
- Building of resource page on ASOR webpage.

There was discussion over who participates in ECS events. ECS self-define. Is there a separate group of “mid-career scholars”?

There was a discussion of mentorship. Chuck suggested linking first-time meeting attendees with a sympathetic ally. Speed-networking/mentoring event is being discussed for the future. Numerous people are working on mentoring efforts.

Tiffany made note of the ECS-DEI pulse survey, which is gathering data on how to make meetings more welcoming.

Tiffany shared some ECS concerns about the virtual meeting, one of which is leaving recordings up for 6 months. People can request their video be taken down. There was discussion of the reasons for taking down videos.

### *COP*

Chuck stated that while Kevin cannot be present in Chicago, he brings, on behalf of the Publications Committee, the names of Stephanie Budin for renewal of her term as *NEA* Editor, and Alex Joffe for a one year extension of his term as *ANE Today* Editor to accommodate a search for a successor. There was discussion of benefits of *ANE Today* as a teaching resource.

#### **The CCC recommends renewal for Stephanie Budin.**

Sharon discussed the search for *ANE Today* editor and future direction of *ANE Today*.

#### **The CCC recommends appointment of Alex Joffe for one-year term.**

#### **4. Updates and Remarks by the President and Executive Director**

Sharon reported on the new Ad Hoc Climate Impact Committee. The committee is meant to serve one year and its focus will be on the Annual Meeting. There is one member of the PC on the Climate Impact Committee (Helen).

Andy thanked everyone for being here.

#### **5. Matters arising**

Adjournment