

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
January Conference Call
Thursday January 27, 11:00am-12:00pm

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

Absent: none

1. Approval of November & December Minutes: Both approved.

2. Action Items

New CH Committee Member: Barbara Anglisz is proposed as a new CH member. Jane voiced some concern over size of committee. The goal is to have one third of members be from countries where ASOR works. All are in favor.

Barbara Anglisz approved as a new CH committee member.

DEI Committee: Chuck welcomed Erin to the CCC. Erin received five responses for the DEI Committee nominees. The timing of call was not great and she will run another final call for members. Erin noted that one person is also on the ECS-DEI subcommittee, and asked whether this is a concern. It was determined that it is good to have communication between committees.

ANE Today Editor Advertisement: Allison has a few edits she will send to Kevin.

3. Annual Meeting Plenary Discussion

Helen introduced a two-part plenary proposal for this year's virtual and in-person meetings. The PC had early consensus around one candidate. Allison stated that the focus of the plenary is on Africa in the Mediterranean world, which fits with ASOR's vision of being more inclusive and expanding geographically. There is also a need for geographic, data-driven plenary, as the recent years have been more topic-driven. There was discussion of the possible candidates.

Allison suggested connections between the plenary and the collections at the MFA. The virtual event in October cannot be a response to in-person plenary, which is in November. She raised the possibility of having someone from the region (N. Africa) for the virtual event.

Chuck asked whether anyone had heard the first-choice candidate speak. Helen and Allison both had and had positive responses. Andy and Teddy are also familiar with the first-choice candidate and spoke positively about their scholarship and public speaking.

Sharon recommended moving ahead with a discussion of a speaker for 2023.

On the matter of inviting the PC's first choice to be the 2022 plenary speaker, one person abstained, all others were in favor.

Chuck and Sharon will discuss the next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.