

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
April Conference Call
Thursday April 28, 2022 11:00am-12:00pm

Present: Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Chuck Jones, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Helen Dixon, Erin Darby

Absent: Jane DeRose Evans, Steve Falconer, Sharon Herbert, Vanessa Workman

1. Approval of March Minutes: delayed until May meeting.

2. Committee Reports

ECS

Tiffany stated the second part of the “Turn Your Dissertation into a Book” even went well, with 150 people registered overall between the two parts.

The first “Research in Action” lecture, showcasing the research of an Early Career scholar, will feature Katie Paul’s lecturing on advocacy and tracking antiquities trafficking on social media.

The Committee is busy planning Annual Meeting events (panel, field trip to a Boston museum on the Wednesday before the meeting).

Chuck noted that all ECS committee candidates are now approved via the email vote.

Andy state that next year’s budget includes funding for ECS stipends to help with development of online resources and there was discussion on growing these resources and compensating the ECS scholars who help with these efforts. Marta will work more on this.

H&A

Lynn stated that the book award deadline is tomorrow (April 28th). So far, there are 22 nominations for the Wright Award, 19 for Cross, and 9 for Lapp. The early deadline has not affected the numbers, though Lapp nominations are slightly lower. Lynn encouraged submissions, particularly for the Lapp Award.

COM

Teddy reported that the subcommittee for virtual archaeology has met and is developing a pilot program for next year.

Helen asked about feedback from COM about not listing institutional affiliation on name tags? Chuck opened the questions up to everyone and there was discussion of what information should be on the name badges.

Erin joined the meeting.

Topics discussed included:

- Stickers for areas of interest/expertise
- Feedback on not having institutional affiliations last year (mixed)
- Checking with international scholars about how they feel about listing affiliation.
- What do other international conferences do?
- Listing research areas vs. affiliations
- People can decide how they want to identify

PC

Helen reported that the committee is working with the new timeline for plenary speakers and they are considering names for AM23 plenary. Allison will send list of 4 speakers about a week before the May 12th meeting to discuss the plenary.

AM22 latest session counts:

- In person 93
- Virtual 82
- Boston 112 time slots
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These counts include both ASOR standing and member-organized sessions. Paper acceptances/rejections will go out in early May.

There was discussion of the relationship between member-organized and standing sessions that overlap and the role of committees. In the past certain committees have been responsible for a particular session (the Damascus Committee and the Archaeology of Syria session, for example). Erin reported that the DEI committee is considering how DEI is approached in various sessions.

Erin proposed discussing non-academic program options at the Annual Meeting and may meet with Allison, Helen, Tiffany, and Vanessa to discuss.

COP

Kevin circulated the CV of a potential new COP member, Jennifer Singletary (Penn State, formerly of Eisenbrauns).

All voted in favor. Singletary confirmed.

Kevin reported on abstracts in other languages for *NEA*. Stephanie Budin has submitted a report. The budget still needs to be figured out. Abstracts languages include Arabic, Hebrew, Farsi, Turkish, and Greek. Most authors can submit their own abstract. There was discussion of who should be responsible for editing these abstracts (not the editor, possibility of paying graduate students to do this work).

Translated abstracts will be available in the next digital version of *NEA*.

Kevin reported that ASOR is in the process of acquiring *Ma'arav* as an ASOR publication (journal of NW Semitic epigraphic and linguistic studies that has been around for 25 years).

- UCP was interested in acquiring the journal before the pandemic.
- Team of faculty at the University of Chicago who would like to be the editorial team (though the editors may not always be from Univ. Chicago)

- Funding from anonymous private foundation to support transition cost to UCP for first 5 years.
- Online access would be included as part of ASOR membership.
- Sales would count towards our royalty.

Kevin and Andy were charged by Exec Comm to work on this with UCP.

DEI

Erin is working on confirming the committee and setting the agenda for the current year.

Important areas to cover are:

- Annual Meeting: improving the welcoming experience
- Climate Survey: requests from ASOR members/ASOR entities about a DEI climate survey. Collecting demographic data is sensitive. Needs to come from ASOR-office level, be an ASOR survey. There was discussion on collecting survey data and human subject research.

Andy noted that the Climate Impact committee also wants a survey

Erin voiced concern about over-surveying people and communicating the content in way people understand. The committee will start working on a draft by June.

3. Matters Arising: none