

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

**Present:** Teddy Burgh, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kevin McGeough, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman

**Absent:** Helen Dixon, Erin Darby, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Steve Falconer

**1. Approval of March Minutes:** Minutes are approved without changes. April minutes will be ready for approval at the CCC's next call in the fall.

## **2. Committee Reports**

### *H&A*

Lynn introduced the new award for community engagement and public outreach.

**Community Engagement and Public Outreach Award:** This award recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations who have initiated outstanding educational, informational, or practical projects (including but not limited to classes, programs, exhibits, resources, events, platforms) with the goal of making subjects and information about the ancient world accessible to wider (particularly non-academic) audiences.

The H&A Committee is also considering an award for mentorship.

There was discussion of naming this new outreach award as well as some of the others.

Allison moved to approve. Teddy seconded. All in favor. Award approved. Marta will post the award on the ASOR website and announce it on social media.

### *PC*

Allison reported on the PC's discussion of a plenary speaker for the 2023 Annual Meeting. Discussion was moved to this year to provide a better timeline for scheduling the speaker. The PC voted on four candidates. Allison noted that this is an unweighted list.

Issues discussed include:

- ASOR support for international travel (airfare, hotel, etc.)
- Whether the plenary speaker should be an ASOR member
- Coverage of different time periods/areas
- Controversial/timely topics
- Past lectures that CCC members have heard from these potential speakers and their speaking styles.

Allison noted that the PC consulted older lists of potential speakers when putting together their list.

The next step in the process is for the CCC to put forward a name to the President who then extends an invitation.

*Sharon joined.*

Allison gave a brief recap of the AM23 speaker discussion.

*Erin joined the meeting.*

Allison put forward the name of a potential speaker. The CCC supported the selection of this speaker.

*Kevin and Teddy left the meeting.*

Allison asked whether a second choice was needed, but it was determined that there is enough lead time to move forward with the first-choice speaker.

Sharon and Allison will move forward with the invitation.