

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
December Conference Call
Monday December 12, 2022, 12:00-1:00pm

Present: Erin Darby, Helen Dixon, Jane DeRose Evans, Steve Falconer, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kate Larson, Kevin McGeough, Kiersten Neumann, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman

Absent: Teddy Burgh, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni

1. Introduction

Chuck encouraged people to reply to the Doodle poll for spring meetings.

Ad Hoc Climate Impact Committee Report

Chuck will circulate the Climate Impact report for feedback from all committee members. Andy asked Marta to share the report link with the CCC. Sharon will write an introduction for Marta to post with report on the website.

Sharon is hoping to come to a consensus on what course of action to take. She discussed options for how committees assess. Steve asked whether the report indicates how the decision will be made. Sharon replied that the Board will make the decision. She is looking for a recommendation from the CCC to send to the Executive Committee and then the Board.

2. Committee Reports

CAP

Steve noted that CAP is preparing for a busy season for scholarships and grants. Marta is working with Steve and Pat on applications and deadlines and they want to avoid pushing the application deadlines this year. There is a single application for fieldwork scholarships and a single application for project grants. The committee is only considering apps for those working on ASOR-affiliated projects.

There are a couple of open spots on the committee that will be filled soon.

Andy mentioned the “Find One, Fund One” email that is set to go out in early January. The email asks for funding for scholarships and lets students know about opportunity.

CH

Jane stated that the committee had a hybrid meeting in Boston. She has sent CVs for three new members to the CCC via email. The committee is asking people to write in support of renewals for MOUs in the Balkans. On-the-ground statements from archaeologists have big impact. The committee is also discussing a policy on when ASOR should get involved with certain cultural heritage issues/signing petitions.

ECS

Vanessa reported that this is a quiet time for the committee. They are working on virtual Brown Bag events for the spring, and on recruiting some new committee members.

H&A

Lynn reported that this is also a quiet time for the Honors & Awards Committee. There is an opening one the Wright book award subcommittee and a call will go out soon.

DEI

Kate announced that the DEI Committee is meeting immediately after the CCC today. She has circulated CVs for new members, both of whom are on the ECS committee as well (Avary Taylor and Laeticia Rodriguez).

Both new members are approved unanimously.

Sharon reported on her meeting with Beth Nakhai last week to discuss how to integrate and sustain ISAW within the framework of the DEI Committee

(Teddy joined the call)

Sharon gave a brief history of the ISAW. The consensus now is that the best model would be integrate ISAW into the standing DEI committee. The best model for comparison is that of the ECS committee-subcommittee model, some of which have independence. The ISAW steering committee will meet in early January to discuss this integration. ISAW will become a subcommittee of DEI and write guidelines/follow norms (term limits, chair, etc.).

PC

Allison welcomed Kiersten as the new PC Co-Chair. The PC met in-person in Boston. All members signed a DEI pledge, which she is happy to share with other committees.

The committee is discussing the 2022 VAM, and they are considering the format. This includes reviewing the climate impact report.

There is an opening for one PC committee member. The field is open, but the new member should demonstrate how they will compliment current members.

The 2023 in person meeting will be in Chicago. The 2023 VAM will be October 18-21st, (day less than last year). Allison noted that the for the 2022 VAM, the prerecorded video deadline led to a lot of last-minute cancellations, therefore in 2023 all the sessions will be live (not pre-recorded). Each session will have a 2-hour time slots. All standing sessions automatically have a time slot. Member-organized sessions will be asked to do either virtual or in-person, and only one time slot is allowed if they do virtual. There are as many time slots as they need for in-person. The call for sessions and workshops will go out very soon.

There will be two PC meetings in January-one to review session proposals, and one to consider plenary speakers for 2024. A subsequent meeting will cover the climate impact report. New email for Allison, Kiersten, and Arlene: pc.chairs@asor.org best way to contact all three.

Chuck asked about 2022 attendance. Allison replied that it was around 950 for in person, and much lower for virtual.

Allison asked for comments and thoughts on AM22. Jane thanked the PC for the amount of thought they put into the AM.

COP

Kevin reported that the committee is working on the *Ma'arav* design. Nomination of a new committee member will be sent via email shortly.

COM

Teddy announced that COM is planning to meet in January.

3. Other Matters

Marta asked people to update her as committee members cycle off so that she can update committee webpages at the end of the year.

Sharon noted that Ad Hoc committees have completed their work and can be taken down.

There was discussion of how to access past committee membership lists. Marta explained how committee pages are updated and archived on the website. Lynn noted that past committee members are also listed in the program book and Sharon asked whether these are available online. Andy said that staff can work on this.

Meeting adjourned early 12:43.