

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
February Conference Call  
Monday February 13, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

**Present:** Teddy Burgh, Erin Darby, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Kate Larson, Kevin McGeough, Kiersten Neumann, Marta Ostovich, Allison Thomason, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Vanessa Workman

**Absent:** Steve Falconer

**1. Report on Executive Committee Meetings (Sharon, Chuck, Andy)**

Chuck gave a synopsis of the recent Executive Committee meeting.

- New membership software demonstration: starting in May, useful for committees. Andy noted that there will be a couple of days when ASOR will not be able to process online transactions.
- Virginia Herrmann joined the EC to discuss the Climate Impact Report. CAP provided responses that support the recommendations put forth by the climate impact committee (hybrid on the east coast or every other year). The EC discussed the report, but no action can be taken until the Board meeting in April.
- Schedule for upcoming annual meetings.
  - Andy and Arlene have been working on options for San Diego in 2024 and it is not financially feasible.
  - Andy and the staff are charged with looking for another hotel for 2024.
    - Boston Park Plaza asked whether ASOR would be interested in 2024 and 2028 as a package.
    - Baltimore and Crystal City are other possibilities.
  - 2025 is definitely in Boston (with SBL). 2026 is Chicago. 2027 we are hoping for Washington DC area (with SBL). Sharon noted that 2025 is also ASOR's anniversary. There could be some combined programming with SBL.

There was further discussion of the Climate Impact Report.

- West coast cities are double the impact of the east coast. The DEI Committee felt strongly about the perception that ASOR was abandoning students on the west coast and asked how to manage this situation.
- Andy shared EC's resolution: "**BE IT RESOLVED** that the EC has determined that ASOR has made all reasonable efforts to meet in San Diego for 2024 and it is not economically feasible, as such, the EC charges the ASOR Staff to pursue alternatives."
- Discussion of a possible repeat year in Boston.
- All meetings will be hybrid moving forward and ASOR should focus on making hybrid experience first class.
  - Learn from the challenges faced by the AIA/SCS hybrid meeting.
  - Facilitators in all rooms who receive scholarships for their service.
  - Allocating more staff time and hardware dollars on the meeting.

- Increasing scholarship dollars available for students. The March fundraising campaign will focus on raising money for student scholarships for the annual meeting.

Sharon reported on new committees.

1. Ad Hoc Committee on Governance: Emily Miller Bonney (chair), Randy Helm, Sarah Costello, and Matt Adams. This committee will be considering the Officers Nominations Committee Report from last year about restructuring terms for leadership.
  - Look at other organization models
  - Structure of ASOR Committees: will be in touch with committees about their guidelines/terms.
  - Institutional memberships and representation on the Board of Trustees.
2. Ad Hoc Committee on Work in Contested Territories: Geoff Emberling (chair). Still working on other members of this committee.

## 2. Committee Reports

Chuck said that Steve sent comments from CAP on the climate impact report.

### *CH*

Jane reported that the CH Committee met in January.

- Language for policy on when ASOR decides to sign petitions and making this process clearer.
- FOA Seminar in the fall.
- Application approved for workshop at AM23

Andy mentioned cooperation with National Humanities Alliance, AIA, AAA, and the US committee of Blue Shield to put together a one-page briefing sheet for NHA advocacy day.

### *DEI*

Kate stated that the DEI Committee is convening today. At their January meeting, the committee formed working groups.

- Land acknowledgement (AM and Alexandria office).
- Inclusive practices for moderating sessions.
- Mentorship and cohort building at AM.
- Communication and outreach: Erin and Teddy have some ideas about systematizing communications.

Erin asked about staff time devoted to DEI.

Kate noted that the committee had a conversation about the Climate Impact Report and liked the alternating year model. She will write a summary.

### *ECS*

Tiffany asked about recording at the hybrid meeting. There is concern about Early Career Scholars' unpublished data being available via these recordings. Allison replied that the intention is to have hybrid meeting recordings available. There will be an opt-out for the

paper presentations. Jared is going to edit out those who do not want their presentations available. Tiffany asked about scholars who are okay sharing in the room, but perhaps not willing to broadcast to world. Allison noted that these recordings are only available to those who have registered. Andy stated that ASOR has honored all requests to take down presentations and will continue to do so.

Allison responded to Erin's comment reminding attendees that information is not allowed to be shared without specific permission from authors. The PC is working on session slides and paper presenter slides.

Chuck asked about which recordings are popular. Andy said that ASOR has this data.

Erin asked about how these recordings can be incorporated into course content. Andy replied that Felice will be working on this when she returns from the FOA trip.

Tiffany asked about the poster session for this year's hybrid meeting. Allison replied that it is still being worked on. There was discussion of how best to facilitate discussion in the poster session.

#### *H&A*

Lynn reported the deadline for new Honors & Awards Committee member nominations is Friday. Marta has one application that she will send to Lynn.

#### *COM*

Teddy had nothing to report.

#### *PC*

Kiersten noted that the PC is busy sending out session/workshop approvals. There are a couple of rejections. The committee is still looking for a few new chairs. Right now, there are around 50 sessions/workshops, though there may be some attrition. The response to the hybrid meeting has been positive.

Andy wondered if increase in workshop proposals was because there is no recording requirement. Allison noted that the workshops are a shorter time slot.

Kiersten stated that the PC meeting next week to discuss plenary speaker recommendations for 2024. Allison said that the PC is considering the fact that ASOR is in the same city as SBL when they think about the plenary speaker for 2025. Chuck also mentioned joint sessions and contacting the SBL program committee.

#### *COP*

Kevin reported that he is sending Erin and Kate info on journal submission discussion.

COP met and discussed Climate Impact Report.

- Much of the publication issues are things that Andy deals with.

- Monograph editors are meeting to discuss what they want to do in terms of printing books.
- Jessica raised the issue of green webhosting for ANE Today
- Shipping journals shipping in plastic and whether UCP can change this. In the past editors have asked for this packaging, but UCP might like to save money.
- Annual Meeting
  - Most of the committee is from outside the Northeast US, and therefore these locations are not ideal. COP members have concerns about the alternating years possibility, and they feel like they would just go to a different conference. They would rather have the meeting every year.

### **3. Other Matters**