

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
April Conference Call
Monday April 17, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

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

Absent: Steve Falconer, Kevin McGeough

1. Introduction

March minutes approved.

2. Report from Board and EC meetings

Chuck asked the chairs to address the Climate Impact Report, either by establishing a subcommittee or in some other way.

Sharon stated that the annual meeting format is set. Everyone agreed that hybrid meeting is best option. ASOR is unable to meet with SBL in San Diego, and will be meeting east of Chicago for the foreseeable future. The west coast should not be ruled out entirely.

There was discussion of issues related to climate impact and sustainability:

- How to promote and incentivize sustainable choices
- Negative comments on carbon offsets
- ASOR's Sustainability Fund has a donor who has offered \$20K in matching funds
- Fellowship/grant program for sustainable projects: very open in terms of scope
- Forming a separate fellowship committee (CAP has a lot going on)
- Pilot project?

Chuck introduced the silent phase of fundraising effort, "ASOR 2025 Strengthening Our Foundation Broadening Our Horizon". Sharon noted that the goal is set at \$5 million, and about half has been raised so far.

Andy shared the one-page description of the fundraising initiative as well as some information on ASOR's grants and fellowships:

- \$250K in grants and fellowships this year
- 26 grant applications, 6 funded

Chuck stated it is nice to see donors supporting grants and fellowships directly.

Andy thanked the chairs for volunteer work they do, stating they are the reason ASOR is successful. He also asked for volunteers for the climate impact project fund.

3. Committee Reports

CH

Jane stated that the committee has not met since the last CCC meeting.

DEI

Kate reported that the committee is working on a mentorship/listening breakfast event at the Annual Meeting. There is a general desire for more mentorship, particularly amongst underrepresented groups. The committee is still figuring out the format and they are talking to the PC about logistics. A land acknowledgement statement and training for sessions chairs are other points of interest in terms of the annual meeting.

The committee is also undertaking an audit of the ASOR website through a DEI lens.

ECS

Tiffany reported on the recent ECS Brown Bag event featuring Eric Kansa of Open Context that was organized by Vanessa. The topic was data management and the event was well-attended.

A second cohort of the Digging Up Data mentorship program is underway and features seven projects from people who are new to ASOR. This program is a good way to bring new people into the ASOR community.

ECS is in ongoing discussions with the PC about the long-term digital presence of annual meeting videos on ASOR website. They are discussing issues of consent and digital content. There was discussion of annual meeting recordings and balancing the benefits of an online library with requests to remove videos, as well as whether or not someone who is in person will be required to turn their presentation into a video.

Kiersten stated she has been working with Jared, Arlene, and Andy on this and on how to communicate with people.

Andy wants content available as long as possible, though ASOR will continue to remove presentations as people request it. ASOR cannot guarantee removal of just a few slides.

There was a discussion about the importance of communicating regarding online recordings of paper presentations and how best to do so in the future, as well as the removal and addition of these presentations and who can see/access them.

PC

Allison said that the PC has not met since the March CCC call.

- Session chairs reviewing abstracts
- Moving abstracts between sessions
- Notify presenters by May 15th
- Reviewing presentations from occupied territories

With over 600 abstracts, this year is looking to be largest meeting ever.

The 2024 plenary speaker vote will be done via email in the next few days.

H&A

Lynn said that the committee is in discussions regarding the selection of a new member for Wright Award subcommittee and they are waiting on a CV. The committee also might have someone for the Cross Award subcommittee, but it is a tough slot to fill.

There are 26 nominations for book awards thus far. She encouraged committees to spread the word about the deadline, April 28. The publication date needs to be 2021-2023. Marta noted that there are 16 for Cross, 5 for Wright, and 4 for Lapp.

COM

Teddy announced the committee is meeting this week

4. Other Matters

None arising. Meeting adjourned.