

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
January Conference Call
Monday, January 22, 2024, 3:00-4:00pm

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

Absent:

1. **Approval of October and November minutes.** Teddy moved to approve. All in favor. Minutes approved without changes. Julia abstained as she was not part of these meetings.
2. **Introductions.** Chuck welcomed Julia and Julia introduced herself.
3. **Office Matters**
Andy reported on 2 ongoing job searches:
 - CH Programs Manager: search committee has met and selected four candidates to interview next week.
 - Office Coordinator: applications are under review.

Marta mentioned fellowship and grant deadlines are approaching (end of February).

Tiffany joined

4. Committee Reports

COP

Kevin stated that the new *JCS* Editors have started. This is also the last year for Stephanie as *NEA* Editor.

Kevin mentioned *COP*'s digital publication policy, which he hopes to bring to the CCC in February and then to the Board for their spring meeting.

Andy asked whether there was any action needed for the *JCS* Editors. Marta will draft a webpost based on the previous call for a *NEA* Editor.

PC

Allison reported that the *PC* is reviewing session/workshop proposals.

- 30 new member-organized session/workshop proposals.
- 19 approved/continuing from last year.
- 49 total-looking like a full program for Boston.

The *PC* is meeting in early February to vote on proposals and get the call for papers out.

The committee is still gathering attendance data from sessions at AM23.

The PC will also meet in February to consider a plenary speaker for 2025. They are also working on improving and revising guidelines and putting together a handbook for session calls and proposals, which outlines the process.

Kiersten joined.

Allison hopes to bring the 2025 plenary candidates to the CCC in the March meeting.

COM

Teddy reported that the committee met last month and set some goals, including working on recruitment. There are lots of questions surrounding this year's fieldwork season. It is another opportunity to develop more for virtual archaeology initiatives.

H&A

Lynn stated that the committee is recruiting one new member and an open call will come out soon.

The book awards deadline is at the end of April.

Lynn is working on finding a co-chair and asked about procedure. She will bring the name to Chair's Nominating Committee (CNC), then to the CCC, then to Executive Committee. Andy noted that the CNC has helped choose chairs in the past.

ECS

Vanessa announced that ECS has a few events in the works.

- Spring Brown Bag: AI & Archaeology
- New Research in Action Series Event featuring the Antiquities Coalition on building careers in cultural heritage.

The Committee is meeting in the upcoming week.

Tiffany reported that there are 3 open applications for Digging Up Data cohort.

Jane noted that the AIA is hosting a virtual career day for cultural heritage management in the upcoming weeks.

DEI

Julia reported the full committee is convening at the end of month. Subcommittees have already been meeting. One of these subcommittees is working on cultural competency videos for project directors. Julia has reached to Alex Jones (AITC) and things are moving forward.

CH

Jane stated that the committee has been busy.

- Helping with the CH Programs Manager job search.
- Subcommittee is looking at different places for ASOR to apply for grants, especially as federal grants are uncertain.
- Letter in support of Algeria's MOU. Jane invited others to write letters.
- Application for a panel at AM24 for repatriation in a global context.

The committee has a new member for consideration, Nancy Serwint. Chuck circulated Nancy's materials and a vote will be conducted via email.

CAP

Andy noted that it is busy time for fellowships and grants. There was discussion of fieldwork in Israel. The deadline for fieldwork scholarships is Feb. 28th. Most grants and fellowships can be to any country.

Teddy left the meeting.

There was further discussion of fieldwork outside of Israel and the consensus was that most projects outside of Israel are proceeding with fieldwork for 2024.

Sharon joined.

Sharon gave a report on the November Board meeting. Discussions of reports from the Ad Hoc Committees were postponed.

- Contested territories: not the right moment.
- Governance: still working on this. The hope is to have a discussion following the EC retreat in February.

The PC will be in touch with Marta about doing a profile on the AM24 plenary speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.