

Chairs Coordinating Council
Saturday, November 18, 2023
8:15-11:15am, McCormick Boardroom, 4th floor, Hilton Chicago

Present: Erin Darby, Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, 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

Call to order 8:21

Discussion of CAP Chair Nominee: Georgia Andreou

Chuck said this nomination comes from CAP to the Chairs Nominating Committee which is unanimously in support of the nomination.

All in favor of candidate. Nomination now goes to Board.

Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee reports

Ad Hoc Committee for ASOR Language and Guideline for Work in Contested Territories

Sharon noted that this committee represented a spectrum of opinions/specialties. The formation of the committee stemmed from issues with particular university in contested territory. There was also a need for guidelines for both the PC and COP.

- Issues of affiliation, listing nation-states on session titles
- Discussion of contested vs. occupied territories, areas of conflict.
- History of PC and COP discussions and attempts to come up with shared language.
- Using UN or US terminology

Sharon reported that the committee did not want to provide language to use. The overarching theme of their report is to do no harm to do those who want to do work.

Kevin and Allison noted that this does not change what COP and the PC are already doing.

Chuck stated that ASOR should keep talking about this topic.

Kiersten suggested some sort of group who can be consulted when these situations arise.

Ad Hoc Governance Committee

Sharon noted that this committee came about as a result of discussions of the length of terms for the President and the relationship between the Vice President and President terms. Some ideas discussed include:

- Shortening the term from three to two years: shorter term lengths attract more people.
- Defining the Vice President's role:
 - Doing other things to move into President's role
 - Vice President is not the presumptive President.
- History of the formation of the CCC.

- The role of the Past President:
 - Not serving the full term of the current President, but would switch to one year.
 - Past President goes off the Board for at least one year.
 - Serving only first term of President
- Volunteerism, compensation, and university buyouts
- Discussion of those who are interested in these positions and what they are hoping to gain from them.
- Concerns about a rotating presidency and the need for continuity.

There was discussion of open calls for committee membership and how to make them more visible on the ASOR website.

Chuck invited committees to consider the size of their memberships.

Committee Reports

Chuck invited reports from those who have actionable things.

COP

Kevin reported on interviews held for the *JCS* Editor yesterday by COP and the Baghdad Committee. They recommend Seth Richardson, Petra Goedgebure, Paul Delnaro as co-editors of *JCS*. There were two other applications, and other expressions of interest.

Allison asked about being *JNES* and *JCS* Editor and Kevin noted there is precedent for this. CCC is in favor.

Andy asked about transition to the new editors by June and Kevin confirmed this will happen.

Kevin mentioned a few issues surrounding ASOR books including free copies of books for review and the size of book manuscripts being at the discretion of the monograph editors.

CAP

Steve reported on the growth of project affiliations both in number and geographically. He also noted the growth in types of fellowships and grants ASOR offers. Georgia Andreou is taking over as chair. Pat Fall will continue to chair of the fellowship committee. It might be an option to expand the size of the committee—particularly the fellowship committee.

DEI

Erin is cycling off as DEI co-chair. Kate invited comments and thoughts on how the DEI can be helpful to other committees. The committee received good feedback from Hansberry Society and are pushing forward BIPOC scholarships. Kate thanked committee for sharing DEI actions in their reports. The DEI committee is working on resource videos with CAP, AITC, and the Hansberry Society.

Kate reported that a land acknowledgement statement is in the works. There was discussion of a land acknowledgement and case studies from other countries (e.g., welcoming ceremonies in Australia, an increase in First Nations participation at events in Canada).

ECS

Vanessa reported that ECS programming is hitting its stride with 2-3 virtual events per year, Annual Meeting events, the Digging Up Data series, and social events. This fall featured a Brown Bag on speed-networking. The next topic will be the intersection of AI and archaeology.

Tiffany reported that there were 100+ people at the ECS reception last night.

Current ECS needs include support for students doing non-fieldwork research and a cash prize for student paper award.

Vanessa noted the committee is working on producing resource videos on preparing for careers in cultural heritage.

Allison offered a couple of ideas for resource videos: an updated video on “how to put together member-organized session/workshop” and a new video on “what does it mean to be on a committee?”

PC

Kiersten and Allison reported on the hybrid meeting, both its challenges and positive aspects.

- The process for opting out of recording is working well (15-20% opted out). Vanessa thanked the PC for making this process clear.
- Wednesday’s Field Museum (60 people) event was successful.
- Tonight is the ISAC reception and ASOR is providing buses.
- Issues with the submission of power points to be loaded onto a single laptop: only 75% did it.
- Lots requests for changes.
- Issues with welcome slides playing at the start of each session.

Allison and Kiersten invited comments from the CCC:

- More training for assistants
- More training for session chairs
- Problems with papers not being submitted (people thought this about vetting talks)
- Sessions running over/rushing to next session block
- Email maps were not super helpful.
- The Oxford Abstracts/Rhythm/other systems/business schedule will be sorted out next year.

There was discussion of political tensions and how they manifested at the meeting.

CH

Jane reported that the CH committee is composing letters, one with the AIA and SAA, in support of Memorandums of Understanding in three ASOR areas. Jane is writing another letter about coins. The committee’s draft statement on advocacy has been given to Sharon. The committee hosted a successful panel at the Annual Meeting. The sub-committee on grant writing will work with Andy and other CHI staff. The committee is also involved with hiring a new staff member to help with grant writing efforts and Jane is working on job description.

H&A

Lynn noted that the awards ceremony went well; it was the first time almost awardees were present. There is discussion of the size of the committee, and they are planning to reorganize and bring on some new members. Lynn also mentioned bringing on a co-chair.

The committee also wants to address the issue of nominations, both increasing numbers and quality. They want to streamline the process and may put together a subcommittee for nominations. The committee does not want to add new awards until process is set.

Chuck mentioned that some of the posters were hard to read and Lynn acknowledged there are visual accessibility issues with posters. There is a need for guidelines and/or requirements.

Matters Arising

Sharon thanked the members of the CCC.

The next meeting scheduled for Dec. 8th

Adjournment 10:56am