

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
October Conference Call
Monday, October 16, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

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

Absent: none

1. Sharon reported on ASOR's response to the events in Israel. The Executive Committee is meeting this afternoon and there will a statement out on ASOR's website by this evening.

Jane joined the meeting.

2. Approval of September minutes. Minutes approved.
3. Approval of nominees for Early Career sub-committee (CV's to be sent separately):
Luiza Osorio G. Silvia, A. Noelle Astillero, and Ashley Koca

Allison rased concerns about two of the committee being undergraduates. Vanessa replied that this is the first time undergraduatess have applied. They are working on a very specific task (cultural heritage resource professionalization videos).

Jane motioned to approve. Kiersten seconded. All in favor.

4. The Chair's Nomination Committee had received and endorsed the nomination of Julia Troche as co-chair of the DEI Committee.
Sharon and Tiffany voiced strong support of Julia. Chuck noted that Erin is finishing her term and thanked her.

All in favor. The nomination will go to the Board for approval.

5. Discussion of the draft Land Acknowledgment Plan from the DEI committee:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qj-kEs5UyCzn74AgkQa66x9jaeskTPOYJc5w0Xlv3jA/edit?usp=sharing>

Kate stated that the DEI Committee is working on an acknowledgement both for the Annual Meeting and the ASOR office in Alexandria, VA. While there are criticisms of land acknowledgements and some organizations have stopped using them, it is part of ASOR's journey.

Sharon asked about the timetable and if there is something for Chicago. Kate responded that there is a draft for Chicago that is still with the committee.

There was discussion of the land acknowledgement and its format. It was agreed that the proposed land acknowledgement statement should go to the Board for discussion in Chicago.

6. Cultural Heritage Committee Statement: As the Cultural Heritage Committee feels that Cultural Heritage initiatives are essential to ASOR's mission, CH Committee supports the allocation of unrestricted dollars to cultural heritage work and activities in the fiscal year 2025 budget-year process.

Jane reported that the committee met last week about use of unrestricted funds for CHI work and hiring another CHI staff person. Jane invited feedback from the CCC.

Erin asked about whether Board needs to approve statement on Israel. Sharon responded that the Board will see it, but not for comments. There was discussion of where to post the statement and its impact on Annual Meeting attendance.

7. Committee reports:

CAP

Steve reported that this is a quiet time of year. He is ending his second term as chair and is soliciting nominations for new CAP chair.

COP

Kevin reported that the *JCS* Editorship search is ongoing. Kevin invited the CCC to spread the word.

PC

Allison reported that two full sessions have cancelled. Arlene is asking chairs to check with presenters about whether they want to switch to another session. Chairs can also postpone to another year or opt for hybrid. The PC is trying to rearrange papers from cancelled sessions. Those who cancel are being offered a credit for 2024 meeting registration, a refund of their fee, or donating their fee.

Vanessa asked about postponing an individual paper. Allison said that they would probably have to resubmit.