

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
September Conference Call
Monday, September 23, 2024, 2:00-3:00pm

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

Absent: Georgia Andreou, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Kiersten Neumann

1. Approval of April minutes: Jane noted “hosts” not “hose”. Approved with this one correction.

2. Committee Reports

CH

Jane state that the committee had a good meeting and discussion about contested territories. Committee would like to continue the conversation, but feels it is not in ASOR’s best interest to make a policy statement.

Sharon noted that Ad Hoc Committee suggested a few small changes to the Policy on Professional Conduct, but the EC decided to leave it as is.

DEI

Julia reported on a number of committee initiatives.

- A sub-committee is working on cultural competency videos. They have good outlines of the video content.
- Service letters will draw from committee reports to recognizing service. These function as thank you and can be included in tenure/other documents.

Kate mentioned that the committee is recruiting members.

DEI at the Annual Meeting:

- Hosting a table at AM registration.
- Presentation on ASOR DEI committee work.
- List of activities/resources for Boston.
- Land acknowledgement is being finalized and should be on the AM website soon.

Julia noted that the committee is also working on suggested revisions to the Code of Conduct. These are primarily easy copy-edits to make the language more inclusive and accurate, though there are a couple of more substantive changes.

Lynn asked about service letters and tracking service. Marta replied that they will be logged in Rhythm and will be easy to track.

ECS

Tiffany stated that the committee's first meeting is happening on Wednesday. They are preparing for Annual Meeting programming and events.

H&A

Lynn noted that the nomination deadline for service awards has passed. The committee is busy collating service award nominations and voting on book awards. There were 13 nominations for service awards this year.

COM

Teddy stated that the committee met last week. A call has gone out for new committee members. The committee is thinking about how large it should be, given the expansion of ASOR and size of the Annual Meeting. The committee is also working on membership benefits and enhancing the Virtual Archaeology Initiative.

Sharon noted that the Board of Trustees authorized and raised money for new staff member in communications with an emphasis on social media, and managing Friends of ASOR.

Andy provided an update on the search for this position and offered extra support for committee chairs.

PC

Allison reported that the Annual Meeting Program-at-a-Glance was ready in May/June. The committee is working with Session Chairs to finalize paper lists. Announcements of Boston events (Harvard Art Museums and others) have gone out. The committee is also working on their committee guidelines.

Andy provided some numbers on registrations and the meeting hotel.

COP

Kevin stated that the *NEA* Editor search deadline has closed and there are eight applicants. Kevin is confident that the search committee will have a recommendation by the time of the AM.

Chuck invited other comments or announcements.

Sharon commented on the office reorganization. Marta is promoted to Assistant Director.