

**ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
March Conference Call
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 3:00-4:00pm**

Present: Teddy Burgh, Jane DeRose Evans, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Eric Kansa, Sarah Kansa, Kate Larson, Kiersten Neumann, Marta Ostovich, Luiza Osorio G. Silva, Allison Thomason, Julia Troche, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Fred Winter, Vanessa Workman

Absent: Georgia Andreou, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman

Guest: Pat Fall (CAP Fellowship Committee Chair)

1. Approval of February minutes: Minutes approved w/o changes

2. Discussion of Friends of ASOR

Sharon provided background on Friends of ASOR. The FOA committee is not in bylaws, and it is a subcommittee of Membership & Outreach. Teddy announced that Laura Mazow will be the next chair of Membership & Outreach. Laura starting as chair of FOA subcommittee.

Sharon commented on FOA events and goals.

- Outreach
- Webinars
- Tour
- Attract new members plus interested members of the public, potential donors,
- Generate revenue

There is a possibility of another tour in Israel focused on the Negev and sites in the south. The CCC felt that it would be better to do a tour in a different country (Cyprus, Morocco). There were concerns over the difficulties and optics of running a tour in Israel.

Chuck and Sharon confirmed that future conversations will involve COM and the FOA subcommittee.

Sharon also commented on the Carolyn M. Strange Committee for Growth, Innovation, and Visibility, which will be discussed at the Spring Board meeting.

3. AM26 Plenary Speaker Discussion

Allison introduced three candidates, a couple of whom have been discussed in the past. It is important to make sure the topic/area change from year-to-year. She invited discussion on the three candidates. ASOR gives some suggestions of the topic, but ultimately it is up to the speaker. A poll of CCC members produced a potential speaker to be invited as well as an alternate.

(Vanessa left)

4. Committee Reports

COM

Teddy mentioned moving Laura's nomination along as next chair. He will share Laura's CV with Chairs Nominating Committee.

CAP

Pat reported that the committee is busy continuing to review project affiliations, Shepard Grant applications, and 35 project grant proposals from 11 different countries. This year there are 138 fieldwork scholarship applications (40% undergrad, 60% grad/post-grad) representing 39 different projects (some dedicated generally to Israel and some specifically to Hazor). Results will be announced by early April for grants, and mid-April for scholarships.

DEI (GIV)

Julia gave more information on the committee name change. Members are considering listing their names on website. This change does not reflect on ASOR's commitment to DEI, but helps those who are on the committee. The new name reflects what committee is doing. Julia invited chairs to share with committees and others about why this change was made.

Kate added that the committee is firmly committed to their objectives.

Andy also added that Carolyn's family is honored and pleased.

CHC

Fred reported that the CHC is conducting outreach to other cultural heritage committees and centers. The "Humanities on the Hill" event is in early March. A member of the CHC was also nominated for Smithsonian's repatriation committee.

ECS

Luiza announced the upcoming "Research in Action Talk" on Sudan. The committee is reviewing possible new members.

H&A

Lynn encouraged nominations.

(Eric left)

PC

Kiersten reported abstract submission numbers are at 50 online and 496 for in person. These will most likely go up over the weekend ahead of April 1st deadline. Right now, there are 641 registrants-ahead of last year. The 125th Anniversary Event will happen on Saturday evening.

COP

Sarah stated that the chairs met with the NEA Editor and ECS chairs about a publishing mentorship program. This year will be a pilot year for the program.

(Allison left)