

**ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council**  
**April Conference Call**  
**Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 2:00-3:00pm**

**Present:** Georgia Andreou, Teddy Burgh, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Eric Kansa, Sarah Kansa, Kate Larson, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Laura Mazow, Luiza Osorio G. Silva, Marta Ostovich, Julia Troche, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Fred Winter, Vanessa Workman

**Absent:** Jane DeRose Evans, Kiersten Neumann, Allison Thomason

**1. Approval of March minutes:** minutes approved without changes

**2. Strategic Plan Task Force**

Sharon commented on the committee that has been assembled. The Board will be discussing what type of plan is needed.

**3. Committee Reports**

*COP*

Eric stated that COP is moving ahead with monograph changes, and the chairs have met with Mitch Allen, as well as with Bill and Jennie (series editors). There are lots of volumes in production.

*COM*

Teddy said that the committee is meeting soon, and Laura is the incoming chair.

*H&A*

Lynn noted that the book award nomination deadline has just passed. There are slightly fewer nominations than last year, which means an easier workload for the committee. The deadline for service awards is in September.

*ECS*

Vanessa reported on some ECS events that are being planned for the fall:

- “How to Get Involved with Field Projects” virtual event
- Brown Bag “How to Apply to ASOR Grants and Fellowships”: possibility of working with CAP/Albright on this?
- Community Building Initiatives

*GIV*

Kate circulated a document to the CCC. The committee is looking at ASOR’s sexual harassment policy and other organizations’ policies. The document has been shared with the Board as well, to start conversation around these topics.

*(Fred joined)*

Jane has sent Julia what the AIA is working on.

Sarah liked the inclusion of an end-of-season survey.

Kate invited people to send comments via email too.

*(Teddy left)*

Andy reported on the ACLS annual meeting where he took part in a session with lawyer on Supreme Court decision dealing with affirmative action. He spoke about how this could influence some of ASOR's donor-designated funds.

*CAP*

Georgia stated that all fieldwork scholarships and project grants have been awarded, as well as Shepard grants. There will be updates to the application process next year to reflect current situation.

*CHC*

Fred noted that the committee is meeting next week.

*PC*

Sharon reported that the AM26 plenary speaker (Kim Benzel of the Met) has accepted.

Allison provided some Annual Meeting numbers:

- 643 paper and workshop proposals (615 people). 67 are online.
- 784 people registered (100 more than same time last year).
- 46 member-organized sessions (only 1 cancelled due to low papers) and 36 standing sessions

We have 129 total time slots, which is pretty much the maximum we can handle (same as last year).

Chuck asked about concerns over travel to the US. Allison responded that this has been a concern this year, particularly from Canadian members. 10% of attendees are on online only.

She also noted the large number of papers on Egypt.

Andy encouraged people to make hotel reservations and invited people to attend the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday night.

Adjourned 2:32