



**ASOR Executive Committee Special Meeting
October 13, 2025, 11am-12pm EST, Zoom**

In attendance: Sharon Herbert, Jason Ur, Sheldon Fox, Kiersten Neumann, Kate Grossman, Eric Meyers, Jane DeRose Evans, Andy Vaughn (non-voting), Lynn Dodd, Charles Jones, Sarah Scott, Emily Miller Bonney.
Guest: Marta Ostovich

The purpose of this special meeting was to review a recommendation from Committee on Publications regarding the staffing of editorial vacancies at BASOR. Although a formal recommendation from the COP was not yet in hand, EC discussed best options for moving forward.

11:00 Welcome (SF) and thank you to the EC (SH)

Summary of the topic and overview of the special subcommittee meetings and discussions regarding the BASOR editors' desk rejection of an article with a salvage permit from Jerusalem and subsequent resignations of three of the four BASOR editors. (JE, SF)

Chair indicated that they hoped to have a recommendation from the COP for today's meeting on which to vote. (SF)

EC further discussed how to best support the COP and editorial team moving forward, including the benefits of waiting to make their own recommendation/vote prior to receiving one from COP.

Additional thoughts were shared regarding the procedures for staffing COP, crafting new language on ASOR and editorial policy, any potential communications/announcements regarding the desk rejection, subsequent resignation of 3 editors, potential future appointment of an interim replacement, and the history of editorial appointments for BASOR.

EC concluded it best to hold off on any action until receiving a formal recommendation from COP. It was determined that a vote could be conducted via email.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Email follow up:

On 21 October, COP shared a recommendation with the EC via email: "Based on the recommendation of COP, the ASOR Executive Committee appoints Jason Ur to serve as interim co-editor of BASOR with Marwan Kilani, for a term ending December 31, 2026."

Jane moved to accept.

Sharon seconded.

EC members voted in favor (10), with one abstention (Jason thanked the EC but did not a vote).