



**ASOR Executive Committee Special Meeting  
August 25, 2025: 2:00PM–3:00PM EDT  
Zoom**

**In attendance:** 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

2:00 Welcome, approval of agenda, etc. (SF)

2:05-2:15 (SH and AV) Review of information received and researched after April 19. Including conversation with Kevin McGeough, former Chair, ASOR Committee on Publications.

Discussion ensued regarding on practices regarding desk rejections and an article with a salvage permit from Jerusalem. There was extensive discussion especially concerning whether the issue is one of governance or one of interpretation. The issue of how editorial freedom intersects with governance and ASOR policy was also discussed.

After considerable discussion, **Kate moved** to postpone further discussion until we have had a chance to talk with heads of COP and the Editors. The EC charges the President to contact them as soon as possible to arrange a meeting after September 10, 2025, to include COP chairs, editors, and majority of the EC.

Vote:

10 in favor

1 abstention (Grossman)

Meeting adjourned at 3PM. Some members of the EC remained on the Zoom call for informal discussion.