

**ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
September Conference Call
Thursday, September 18, 2025, 4:00-5:00pm**

Present: Georgia Andreou, Teddy Burgh, Sharon Herbert, Chuck Jones, Eric Kansa, Sarah Kansa, Kate Larson, Laura Mazow, Luiza Osorio G. Silva, Marta Ostovich, Julia Troche, Jane DeRose Evans, Kiersten Neumann, Allison Thomason, Vanessa Workman

Absent: Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Andy Vaughn, Lynn Welton, Fred Winter

1. Approval of April minutes: approved without changes

Chuck encouraged people to write annual reports.

2. Updates

Sharon noted that this is Chuck's last semester at chair of the CCC. The Officers Nominating Committee has put forth Kevin McGeough as the nominee for next Vice President. Sharon and Chuck commented on his past service to ASOR. The appointment is dependent on a Board vote in November.

Chuck brought up an objection to affiliation being removed from the Annual Meeting program. Sharon provided background on the situation. She noted the spectrum of opinions within ASOR members and the importance of communication between different groups. The Executive Committee provided some advice to Program Committee to allow scholars to present research that does not violate other parts of policy. The EC did not want to validate this university by putting its name on the program. Papers from scholars at this institution can be considered, but not with their institutional affiliation listed.

Presenters had been notified of this change in February. Allison and Kiersten confirmed that they would have heard about this in May when paper acceptances were communicated.

Sharon reiterated that ASOR is committed to reexamining the policies.

There was discussion of what other professional organizations are doing and that this applies to a number of institutions; not just this particular one.

There were concerns that people felt all Israelis were being targeted and how this is impacting annual meeting attendance.

The CCC discussed defining occupied territory, occupied vs. contested, competent authority, and salvage permits.

3. Committee Reports

COP

Sarah inquired about the annual reports and Marta will send her examples. She commented on the *BASOR* issues surrounding procedures and editorial independence. She asked whether there could be more stated for the editors on their roles. Kari Roane (UCP) has been in touch regarding AI policies. Eric and Sarah approve of what she has shared with them and the editors. They will model an ASOR policy off of this.

PC

Kiersten reported that the annual meeting is coming along well, and there are a good number of poster submissions. Deb Foran has been nominated as the incoming PC co-chair.

Allison brought up issues of visas and difficulties.

Lynn joined

COM

Teddy said that the committee hopes to meet soon. He is following up on the virtual archaeology initiative. Laura has been building up the FOA subcommittee. In the office, Rachel has been working on webinars as well as tours.

H&A

Lynn reminded people that the deadline for nominations for ASOR service awards is tomorrow (Friday), and encouraged them to make nominations, particularly for the MacAllister and Community Engagement Awards. If people have ideas of any individuals they would like to nominate, if they can email Lynn with the name. This will serve as a placeholder to give them time to submit a more detailed nomination. She noted that there are consistently low numbers for MacAllister

ECS

Vanessa reported that ECS fall programming is rolling along. There is a virtual Brown Bag in October on how to get involved in field projects. This is aimed at undergrad and grad members. The in-person Brown Bag at the AM will focus on applying for ASOR scholarships, and the committee is working with CAP, and also ACOR and AIAR. ECS has a new social media and community subcommittee that is focused on finding new ways to communicate. ECS is once again supporting the student paper award prize and hosting their reception. Luiza asked about redesigning the ECS page on ASOR website, so that it is not just a list.

CAP

Georgia reported that CAP is looking at affiliated projects and renewals.

GIV

Julia stated that committee met this week. They are focusing on updates to code of conduct and anti-harassment policies. They will share feedback as well as their working document with the CCC.

Kate noted that the committee is also putting together resources for international travelers for the website. They will host a welcome table again. She commented on the role of session chairs in helping keep dialogue respectful and collegial. Volunteers should not be responsible for doing this work. Kate shared thoughts from a member who was in support of a virtual-only meeting, citing the current situation as a "political pandemic."