

**ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council
February Conference Call
Thursday, February 26, 2026, 3:00-4:00pm**

Present: Susan Ackerman, Georgia Andreou, Jane DeRose Evans, Debra Foran, Kate Larson, Kevin McGeough, Laura Mazow, Kiersten Neumann, Luiza Osorio G Silva, Marta Ostovich, Rocco Palermo, Julia Troche, Andy Vaughn

Absent: Eric Kansa, Sarah Kansa, Avary Taylor, Fred Winter

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda approved (Susan moved, Deb seconded)
3. Approval of January Minutes (Julia moved, Luiza seconded)
4. Report from the ASOR Office and Executive Director
Andy gave an update on ASOR office renovation.
5. Committee Reports
 - Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy (Georgia Andreou)
Georgia stated that it is a busy time for grants and fellowship. The committee is also handling lots of affiliation renewals and it typically takes 4-6 weeks to assess applications.
 - Committee on Growth, Innovation, and Visibility (Katherine Larson & Julia Troche)
Marta reported on ACLS grant for cultural competency videos. There are two sets of videos: one for project directors and one for fieldwork participants.
Julia noted that the committee is meeting tomorrow. They are working on pedagogy workshops and initiatives for the Annual Meeting.
There was discussion of the video project and coordinating with CAP. All scholarship and grant applicants will be required to watch the videos. The AIA will also require their applicants to watch the videos.
 - Honors and Awards Committee (Susan Ackerman & Rocco Palermo)
Rocco stated that the committee has accepted three new members: Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, Danielle Fatkin, and Eric Cline. Susan noted that this is a quiet time of year for the committee.
 - Membership and Outreach Committee (Laura Mazow)
Laura reported that the committee is meeting next week and they are going to set up subcommittees (education, virtual archaeology, etc.) They are also working on reorganizing Friends of ASOR.
Laura brought up advertising and marketing membership.
There was discussion of ASOR's institutional members. The 53 current members have 6 seats on the Board (same as membership-elected trustees). Laura is thinking about ways to grow the number of institutional members and whether it is worth it.

Kate left

Students from institutional member schools are able to apply for fieldwork scholarships without having to purchase individual membership. Laura is thinking about reaching out

to CAP-affiliated project directors since their projects are getting the scholarship awardees. This could be a possible area for growth.

Andy clarified the costs: if schools have 15-20 students using their membership, it costs ASOR more.

Deb brought up print delivery of journals as most libraries do not want them. Early access to online publications might be more attractive. Laura suggested access to online materials such as past FOA webinars.

Julia noted that her graduate school's institutional membership was her path to ASOR, as it helped her attend her first ASOR annual meeting. She suggested that Institutional Membership could cover up to 10 graduate students. She also suggested scaled pricing.

Susan suggested a change to 3 institutionally-elected trustees. The other 3 would become membership-elected trustee positions. This decision would have to come from the Board.

- Program Committee (Debra Foran & Kiersten Neumann)

Kiersten noted that committee received 34 proposals for member-organized sessions and workshops and 30 were accepted. Some of the reasons for rejection are single-site sessions, too much overlap with other sessions, and incomplete proposals. We are not restricted by space in Chicago.

She also mentioned the guidelines on affiliations in occupied territory as there was some confusion as to whether this applies to non-university institutions. This will be the case going forward.

Deb stated that the Call for Papers is out and the deadline for abstract submission is March 15th.

The committee is meeting to discuss 2027 Plenary Speakers soon and will bring their ideas to CCC. The PC is still looking for a chair for the Reports on Current Excavations session.

Kiersten will email a list of possibly plenary speakers with brief bios and possible topics to the CCC. Once the CCC makes a decision, Jane will invite the speaker and suggest possible topics. There was discussion of covering travel expenses for the speaker. Andy voiced concern over AM travel not in budget.

- Early Career Scholars Committee (Luiza Osorio G Silva & Avary Taylor)

Luiza noted that there are lots of committee members who cycled off this year. A call for new members is out, and they have received 10 applications thus far. They will begin reviewing March 1.

The committee is planning spring Brown Bag & Research in Action talks. The Brown Bag will focus on archaeological science.

The committee has selected two people who will receive small honoraria to serve as social media content writers to increase outreach to early career scholars.

6. Adjourned 3:45