

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

Present: Susan Ackerman, Jane DeRose Evans, Debra Foran, Eric Kansa, Kevin McGeough, Laura Mazow, Kiersten Neumann, Luiza Osorio G Silva, Marta Ostovich, Rocco Palermo, Avary Taylor, Julia Troche

Absent: Georgia Andreou, Sarah Kansa, Kate Larson, Andy Vaughn, Fred Winter

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda Deb moved, Julia seconded
3. Approval of February Minutes. Susan noted removal of non-university in parentheses in the Program Committee section. Luiza moved. Julia seconded.
4. Report from the ASOR Office and Executive Director
Email update from Andy. Marta updated on the renovations in the ASOR office.
5. Discussion of Plenary Speaker (Annual Meeting 2027)

Kiersten noted that 2027 meeting is in Crystal City. The Program Committee provided the CCC with some potential speakers. There was discussion of plenary speaker candidates.

Laura joined.

There was discussion of selling tickets to the plenary and marketing it to a broader audience.

Laura brought up outreach events involving K-12 students and/or other teachers.

There was discussion of providing travel and hotel support for the speaker. Hotel and registration have always been covered by ASOR. The President will follow the precedent set by the previous President to pay for travel to the conference if the speaker has no other means of support. We expect this arrangement to continue.

There was consensus on a first choice for plenary speaker, and further discussion ensued to select a second-choice speaker.

Jane is charged with contacting the first candidate and the second candidate if necessary. Kiersten moved. Luiza seconded

6. Committee Reports

Program Committee (Debra Foran & Kiersten Neumann)

Deb reported that 408 abstracts submitted which is bit lower than previous years. The same is true of registrations, which are at 495.

Eric joined

There was discussion of social media, and whether this is negatively impacting Annual Meeting numbers. There are also problems with travel in terms of obtaining visas. The final deadline for papers is April 1st. The CCC also discussed meeting location and how it impacts numbers. Jane noted that many departments are dealing with budget cuts.

Committee on Growth, Innovation, and Visibility (Katherine Larson & Julia Troche)

Julia stated that the committee is meeting next week.

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

Avary noted that ECS has three new members. The committee is focusing on mentoring. ECS has an upcoming Brown Bag event on April 3 featuring Danielle MacDonald lecturing on scientific publishing in archaeology

Honors and Awards Committee (Susan Ackerman & Rocco Palermo)

Rocco reported on conversations with ECS about joint appointment and H&A would like to have ECS be part of Student Paper Award judging. Luiza added that there is already one person who wants to do it. They are looking for 2-3 members from ECS to join H&A.

Susan has reached out to publishers for book award nominations.

Membership and Outreach Committee (Laura Mazow)

Laura reported that the committee has been discussing institutional membership and Board representation. They are also thinking of programing for institutional members & students at the AM in Chicago. She discussed encouraging these students to remain ASOR members after they graduate.

Laura met with David Danzig of SASA last week as a number of ASOR members are SASA ambassadors. They discussed outreach and cross promotion. Laura will discuss more with Andy.

The committee is planning an event for K-12 teachers on Saturday at the Annual Meeting based on the “museum in a box” concept. She asked about a one-day registration fee.

Kiersten added that the Friends of ASOR Working Group met last week. They are recommending the Board establish a new standing FOA committee. The committee is comprised of a mix of Development Committee and M&O Committee members, the chairs of these committees, the ASOR President or their designee, ASOR staff, the Editor of ANE Today, and Steve Dana.

As the M&O chair is co-chair of FOA, the FOA committee would have representation on the CCC.

There was discussion of lines of reporting. The M&O chair reports to CCC, and the Development Committee chair reports to Board.

Publications Committee (Eric Kansa)

Eric stated a new contract for monograph series (AASOR and ARS) is under review. A synopsis of the contract will be circulated to COP for a vote.

COP is hosting a workshop at the annual meeting to discuss AI, open access, data curation, and improving diversity of voices.

Eric asked what the next steps are for the ECS publishing mentoring program. Marta noted that the program has been discussed between ECS and some members of COP. The next step will be discussion in the CCC, and Jane asked Eric to send proposal to Kevin.

Jane reported that the Strategic Plan Taskforce has been meeting and they are close to having a values statement that will be attached to the plan. The goal is to have a draft plan and statement for the Board to vote on in May.

The Taskforce for Policy on Professional Conduct Review is a large group, representing people who work in different countries.

Susan asked whether this is just the general code or also the ones for the AM and fieldwork?

Jane replied that this is still under discussion.

7. Adjourned at 4:00pm: Eric moved