

ASOR Chairs Coordinating Council  
Annual Meeting, San Diego  
November 22, 2014 8:00am

**Present:** Sharon Herbert; Charles Jones, Geoff Emberling, Danielle Fatkin, Erin Darby, Robert Darby, Randy Younker, Andy Vaughn, Susan Ackerman, B. W. Ruffner, Laura Mazow, Matt Adams

**Absent:** Oystein Labianca

Sharon called the meeting to order at 8:16am

Charles Jones: COP had a quiet meeting. BASOR is undergoing a change in editors, and that is going smoothly. The editorial manager online system for BASOR and NEA is in full-swing and going well. COP also discussed a set of guidelines. Chuck drafted a preliminary draft for the guidelines, and those were discussed. The issue of who were voting members and non-voting members of COP was discussed. The editors and the executive director volunteered that they could be non-voting and leave the meeting if needed for certain discussions. It was also agreed that the author agreement should be modified to allow people to post articles immediately as long as the article contains a footer describing where people can subscribe or join ASOR. Robert Darby asked a question concerning online reviews; it was explained that COP is in the exploratory phase, but BASOR is actively considering moving to online reviews.

Annual Meeting Program Committee: 496 papers were accepted, and 13% were withdrawn as of Monday. 431 papers were presented. The PC has decided to enforce the already-existing rule that requires conference registration when the paper is proposed. Last year we had 21 posters, and this year we had 46 posters. The additional posters were viewed as a positive thing. Many issues related to the annual meeting were discussed in the PC meeting. A discussion of the plenary speaker was held. There was also a discussion about the desire for a meeting app, and the committee discussed the question of whether or not abstracts should be online. Three members of the PC agreed to stand for a second term. It was commented that the scope of meeting has expanded.

Jr. Scholars: Decided to hold off on survey until Atlanta because of attendance. The junior scholars are glad that we do not require conference attendance to search for jobs. There was a discussion about whether or not we could get data about job possibilities for ASOR Jr. Scholars. Robert summarized the discussion for Friday night (there were 25-30 attendees). The questions that were raised by Jr. Scholars on the ethics policy were different from other groups. Erin said they would like to have a Facebook page, and Andy suggested that they contact Kaitlynn about how best to do this. There was also discussion about how to increase broader committee involvement by the larger ASOR membership. Erin briefly described ASOR Global Challenges and suggested that we consider an ad hoc committee. There was considerable discussion about whether or not it was better to have a committee or another mechanism to promote this initiative.

Membership and Outreach: The committee passed a resolution to form an advisory subcommittee to make recommendations for the Friends of ASOR program. Steve Dana was selected as the chair of this sub-committee. The membership and outreach committee also agreed to set a goal of recruiting 2,500 new “Friends” by February 15, 2015. The membership and outreach will create an advisory committee to review and give advice on the online content. J. Ebeling and T. Burgh will service on the sub-committee, and others who are not on the M&O committee will be recruited. Motion was made and passed to explore ways to attract non-North Americans as ASOR members and possibly having an international meeting. The M&O committee also passed a motion urging CAP to remove the non-North American limitation for ASOR affiliated digs. The committee felt that this policy (of CAP) prevented them from undertaking initiatives outside North America.

CAP meeting: Susan Ackerman reported because Sten was not present. One of the items at the CAP meeting was guidelines for CAP that had terms for committee that were not consistent with the ASOR guidelines. The dig affiliation for non-North Americans was discussed in the CAP meeting, and it was decided to form a sub-committee to further study this issue and come back with a recommendation next year.

Honors and Awards: We had the most nominations this year for the book awards and more nominations for other awards. Two new awards were announced—poster award and popular book award. Still discussing naming of popular book award and poster award. Several names were discussed. It was agreed that the write-ups for the awards should be archived and saved in a systematic manner. The committee gave push-back about taking on the fellowship task for this year (2015), but they said they might consider it in future years. Laura said that she would be willing to help on such a committee (fellowships), and Sharon said that she would work with Andy to come up with some other names.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am