

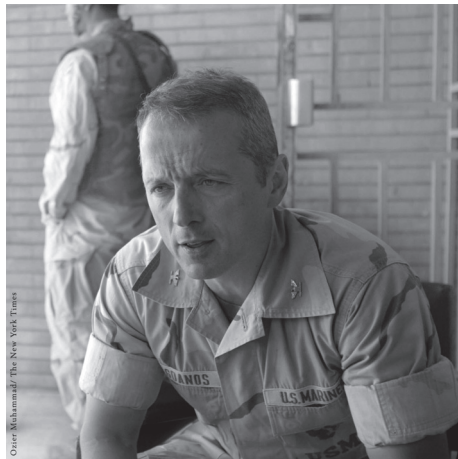


REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM (CAMP)

Rachel Hallote, CAMP Chair
Jennie Ebeling, Co-Chair Program
Yorke Rowan, Co-Chair Program

We are pleased to report that the 10th independent meeting of ASOR was a success, with 600 registered attendees from 20 countries and a full and diverse program in Washington, D.C. The Annual Meeting opened with a very interesting and energetic presentation titled "Thieves of Baghdad: One Marine's Passion to Recover the World's Greatest Treasures" by Colonel Matthew Bogdanos on his work to recover stolen antiquities from the Baghdad Museum. Other highlights of the AM included a public lecture hosted by the Smithsonian Institution featuring Ronny Reich, a workshop for teachers at the Smithsonian called "Daily Life and Trade in the Ancient Near East: What Archaeology Can Tell Us," and a presentation on "Near Eastern Scholarship - Open and Accessible in the 21st Century" by Sarah Kansa on behalf of the Alexandria Archive Institute at the ASOR Junior Scholars' meeting. Among the other highlights of the 2006 Annual Meeting was the Presidential Panel, organized by ASOR president Dr. Eric Meyers. In his introductory remarks, Dr. Meyers explained the topic of the

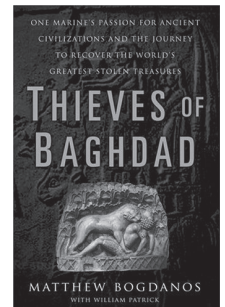
session, "Excavating ASOR." ASOR is embarking on a new archiving initiative that involves organizing and conserving our many letters, photographs, and other documents pertaining to excavations and research, some of which date as far back as 1900, when the organization was



Colonel Matthew Bogdanos.

founded. Some of the most significant archival finds were highlighted in the Presidential Panel. These included letters that document ASOR's involvement in bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls to light. Dr. Meyers discussed how ASOR purchased and rescued several Dead Sea scrolls, while two other panelists, Westin Fields, president of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, and George Kiraz, publisher of Gorgias Press, discussed other aspects

of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Rachel Hallote discussed the discovery of the original Turkish firman for the American Palestine Exploration Society, the organization that was ASOR's immediate predecessor. The academic program was strengthened this year by five new sessions: The Incense Trade Route, Current Issues in Palestinian Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Management, The Transition from the Late Bronze Age to the Iron Age at Megiddo and the North, The Archaeology of Lebanon, and The Bioarchaeology of the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean. The expanding depth and breadth of the meetings is clear in these five new sessions as well as the other 44 sessions held in Washington, D.C., which covered recent research in Cyprus, Israel, and Jordan, as well as Syria, Mesopotamia, Arabia, and Anatolia from prehistory to the Ottoman era.



Thanks to all of those who helped make this year's Annual Meeting a success. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego in 2007!

The 10th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan

“CROSSING JORDAN”

Under the patronage of
HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal

The tenth triennial conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan will convene at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in May 2007. This marks a remarkable continuity in the presentation of historical, anthropological, and archaeological research results from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, keeping scholars and the informed public up to date on the status of Jordan's considerable cultural heritage.

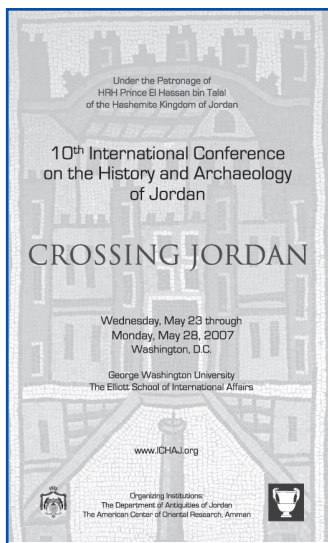
Initiated by HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal in 1980 at Oxford, England, the series of conferences has occurred every three years in a variety of international venues – Amman, Irbid, and Petra, Jordan; Tübingen, Germany; Lyon, France; Turin, Italy; Copenhagen, Denmark; and

The conference will occupy five days, consisting of several opening speeches by Jordanian and American dignitaries, a plenary lecture on opening day by an esteemed scholar working in Jordan who will focus on the conference theme of “Crossing Jordan,” 16 major sessions of papers (with time slots for 126 presentations), evening receptions, a gala banquet under royal patronage, and a half-day bus tour in Washington, D.C.

In Jordan, American and other foreign researchers are met with unconditional hospitality, and this conference is one way to acknowledge the spirit of international cooperation fostered in the country. It is also an important opportunity to convene and discuss current work and plans for the future. In addition to the conference theme of “Crossing Jordan,” presenters will concentrate on the conservation and presentation of sites and monuments. There are thousands of archaeological sites in Jordan, three of which are designated as World Heritage sites, most notably Petra. Site reports, updating conference attendees on excavation progress over the years since the most recent conference in Petra in 2004, will also be presented.

Planning for the conference takes place through the Department of Antiquities, directed by Dr. Fawwaz al-Khraysh, and the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR), whose director is Dr. Barbara A. Porter. Several committees are hard at work to ensure an exciting and productive event. Since ACOR's founding in 1968, more than 125 archaeological and anthropological projects have been affiliated with the center, which receives funding from the U.S. government for its programs, including support for fellowships for American scholars in Jordan. Given the role that ACOR has played for more than 35 years, the institution is

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Sydney, Australia. For the first time, in 2007, it will be held in North America, home to the scores of American and Canadian institutions sponsoring excavations in Jordan. More than at any other time or in any other venue, this series of conferences makes possible interchange among scholars from around the world and with their Jordanian counterparts who are often unable to attend conferences held outside the country.

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ASOR / SMITHSONIAN TEACHER WORKSHOP

Ellen Dailey Bedell
Chair, ASOR Outreach
Committee

One enthusiastic teacher at the all-day workshop sponsored by the ASOR Outreach Committee and the Smithsonian Institution declared: "Archaeology is all about context!" Another teacher wrote: "This whole day was fabulous! It left me excited about teaching Near Eastern archaeology." They were among twenty-three energetic teachers from public schools, private schools, and community colleges who attended the archaeology workshop entitled "Daily Life and Trade in the Ancient Near East: What Archaeology Can Tell Us."

Renata Wolyneć, professor of anthropology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and director of the Fort LeBoeuf Museum, started the day by asking teachers to focus on an artifact that connected them to their past. After the teachers drew their artifacts on butcher paper, Renata defaced them. The shocked teachers learned a valu-

able lesson in archaeological ethics that they can pass on to their students. Renata also taught lessons on context and categorizing from the Bureau of Land Management book *Intrigue of the Past*.

General concepts in archaeology were followed by specific archaeology projects. Ellen Bedell, Chair of the ASOR Outreach Committee and a teacher at the Ellis School in Pittsburgh, presented two online archaeology projects that required students to analyze archaeological data in order to answer research questions. The Uluburun Shipwreck Project* teaches students about trade in the Late Bronze Age, and the Tall Al-'Umayri Four-Room House Project** allows students to explore daily life in the Early Iron Age.

Don Ortner, a biological anthropologist at the Smithsonian Institution, spoke about the skeletal remains from Bâb edh-Dhrâ, Jordan. He regaled the teachers with fascinating details about paleopathology. It was from bones to pots with Kimberley Connors, who brought a collection of potsherds for the teachers to analyze. Kimberley, formerly of the Harvard Semitic Museum and a member of the ASOR Outreach Committee, explored the diagnostic aspects of pottery with the teachers. Stefanie Elkins, assistant professor of Art

and Design at Andrews University, continued the hands-on lessons with a project in ancient art. The lesson showed students that art can be interpreted only through the context of culture. The idea

of context kept surfacing throughout the day.

The workshop ended with a demonstration of Neal Bierling's powerful DVD-ROM *Petra: Lost City of Stone, a Vir-*



Teachers looking for diagnostic potsherds.

tual Tour. Neal, a member of the ASOR Outreach Committee and co-owner of PhoenixDataSystems.com, gave the teachers a way to bring the history of the ancient Near East alive for students.

The ASOR Outreach Committee believes that if you reach one teacher, you reach hundreds of students. The lessons on archaeology presented at the ASOR/Smithsonian workshop should reach thousands of students. We hope to continue presenting teacher workshops in conjunction with the ASOR Annual Meetings, a practice started by Gloria London. The ASOR Outreach Committee would like to thank Ann Kaupp, Education Director in the Department of Anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution, for her help in putting this workshop together.

* <http://sara.theellisschool.org/shipwreck>

** <http://sara.theellisschool.org/ironage/index.htm>



Ellen Bedell is demonstrating the use of an online project related to the ASOR-affiliated dig at Tall al-'Umayri, Jordan.

able lesson in archaeological ethics that they can pass on to their students. Renata also taught lessons on context and categorizing from the Bureau of Land Management book *Intrigue of the Past*.

Correction

The caption on the front cover of the last volume of the ASOR Newsletter (Vol. 56, nos. 3-4) should have read "The Late Bronze Age palace at Tall al-'Umayri," not "at Khirbat al-Mudayna on the Wadi ath-Thamad," as it was printed.

LONGTIME ASOR AND ACOR MEMBER HONORED WITH ENDOWED CHAIR

The Joukowsky Family Foundation has endowed a chair at Boston University's Department of Archaeology, honoring **James R. Wiseman**, founder (along with the late Professor Creighton Gabel) and former chairman of the department. Wiseman has been a longtime member of ASOR and ACOR, serving on ACOR's Board of Trustees since 1996.

The gift was announced at a reception held in November hosted by Jeffrey Henderson, dean of Boston University's College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. At the reception, Wiseman was installed in the Founder's Chair, which will be renamed for him when he retires.

Wiseman's contributions have benefited both Boston University and the field of archaeology, Henderson said. "Jim's vision led to the establishment, in 1982, of America's first, and still only, Department of Archaeology, where archaeologists define their own approaches instead of being part of an ancillary discipline attached to anthropology, classics, art history, or history. Through the department's teaching, scholarship, publications, and outreach, Boston University has become a premier venue for archaeology in America."

Artemis A. W. Joukowsky is chancellor emeritus at Brown University, a member of its Board of Fellows, and president emeritus of its Sports Foundation. He is chairman of the board of the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan, and a former trustee of the King Hussein Foundation and the Archaeology Institute of America (AIA). He has worked alongside his wife, Martha Sharp Joukowsky, in various archaeological undertakings, especially at Petra in Jordan.



Martha Sharp Joukowsky is professor emerita and former director of the Center for Old World Archaeology and Art, professor emerita of anthropology, and trustee emerita at Brown University. She has been a trustee at the American University of Beirut since 1987, was president of the AIA from 1989 to 1993, and Vice President of ASOR from 2002 to 2005. A lauded expert in her field, she has conducted excavations in Lebanon, Hong Kong, Turkey, Italy, and Greece, and for the last 10 years at Petra.

Wiseman is a Boston University professor of archaeology, art history, and classics.

He co-founded BU's Department of Archaeology in 1982 and served as its chairman from 1982 to 1996 and as the chairman of BU's Classical Studies Department from 1974 to 1982. He was founding editor of the *Journal of Field Archaeology*, published at BU, and its editor-in-chief from 1974 to 1985. He was president of the AIA from 1985 to 1988, and as a contributing editor to *Archaeology* magazine, he published a regular column for six years. He is author, editor, or co-editor of nine books; author or co-author of more than 200 articles; and a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, one of the world's premier archaeological societies.

Wiseman's primary research interests are in the archaeology of the Roman provinces, trade and the economy during the Roman Empire, the archaeology of Greek and Roman religion, town and countryside in classical antiquity, late antiquity in the eastern Mediterranean, and the application of scientific methods and techniques in archaeology, especially remote sensing. He has directed excavations in Corinth, Greece, and Stobi (Yugoslavian), Macedonia, and an interdisciplinary survey in southern Epirus, Greece, and is currently co-director of excavations at an iron-age site on Menorca, Spain, where he is co-director of BU's Field School in Archaeology. ✨

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honored to assist in bringing "Crossing Jordan" to the United States and to ensure that the published papers be a fitting tribute to American-Jordanian relations.

It is significant that of the estimated \$300,000 needed for this conference, several thousand have already been pledged or paid by the academics conducting research here. At this point (December 2006), funds in hand or pledged total \$225,000. We are looking to other donors and non-presenting attendees at the conference to help us complete our work of providing adequate funding for what promises to be a stellar conference.

The planning committees are also developing an outreach program for the general public in conjunction with the scholarly conference. This will allow major scholars in the field the opportunity to inform the public of the latest research in the history and archaeology of Jordan. In addition, a volume on

American contributions to the history and archaeology of Jordan will appear at the conference.

Dates: Wednesday, May 23–Monday, May 28, 2007

Place: Washington, D.C.

Host Institution: The Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University, Located at 1957 E Street, Washington, D.C.

Organizing Institutions: The American Center of Oriental Research; The Department of Antiquities of Jordan
In cooperation with: The American Schools of Oriental Research, Canada

Conference Web site: www.ICHAJ.org

EXCHANGE LECTURE PROGRAM IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

A new program of exchange lectures in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin, sponsored by the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, was initiated in January 2006, when S. Gitin, the Dorot Director of the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, lectured at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens on the subject of "Ekron of the Philistines: From Sea Peoples to Olive Oil Industrialists." A return lecture was given on behalf of the American School at Athens by John Camp, Director of the Athenian Agora Project, at the Albright Institute on "Recent Finds at the Athenian Agora Excavations." One of the results of this exchange is the development of closer ties between the two schools. For example, a tour of archaeological sites in Israel is being planned for the faculty, staff, and students of the American School at Athens and a comparable tour for the Albright in Greece is under discussion.

The purpose of the program is to present the most recent archaeological research of the various American schools to those who live and/or work in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin and thereby to help broaden the research perspectives of those interested in intercultural connections in the region.

The participating institutes in this new program are the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the American Research Center in Egypt in Cairo, the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, the Cyprus American Ar-



Albright Institute in Jerusalem. Seymour Gitin (left), AIAR Director, and John Camp (right), Director of the Agora Excavations.

cheological Research Institute in Nicosia, and the Albright in Jerusalem. The directors and senior scholars of each school will lecture in this series, providing 18 presentations over a period of four years. Four lectures have been scheduled for this spring, representing the second year of this initiative.

Gerry D. Scott III, Director, American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), will speak on "Preserving Egypt's Past: The American Research Center in Egypt's Program of Conservation, Excavation, and Documentation since 1993" at the Albright Institute, Jerusalem,

on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

Tom W. Davis, Director of the Cypriot American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI), will present his lecture "American Archaeology on Cyprus in the Golden Age" on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at the American Center of Oriental Research, Amman.

Barbara A. Porter, Director of the American Center of Oriental Research, Amman (ACOR), will travel to Nicosia to speak on "The Petra Church" on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the Cypriot American Archaeological Research Institute.

Seymour Gitin, Director of the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (AIAR), will speak on "Ekron of the Philistines: From Sea Peoples to Olive Oil Industrialists" at the American Research Center in Egypt, Cairo, on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. ❄



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE ASOR HONORS AND AWARDS 2006



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P. E. MacAllister Field Archaeology Award
Kenneth Holum

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Ann Killebrew

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Special Service Award
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Special Service Award
Arnold & Porter, LLP

KEY ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2006 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Eric Meyers, ASOR President
Andrew Vaughn,
Interim Executive Director

One of the biggest highlights from the 2006 November board meeting was the celebration of ASOR's strong financial position relative to last year. At the 2005 board meeting, we had to figure out how to reverse a projected \$320,000 deficit, and this year we were pleased to work within a projected balanced budget. ASOR is not floating in cash, but we do have adequate escrow funds to publish our books and journals, and we will have a balanced budget at the end of fiscal year 2007 (June 30) if we are able to raise a reasonable amount for the 2007 annual fund. Thanks are due to many in ASOR who donated large amounts of time and money. Many ASOR members who had never given to ASOR previously contributed in 2006, and many other ASOR members gave more than in the past. In addition, we made drastic cuts in our budget in order to live within our means. A special thank you goes to four long-time donors and friends of ASOR (P. E. MacAllister, Artemis and Martha Joukowsky, and Richard Scheuer) who made significant gifts without which ASOR would not have been able to climb out of debt.

Another highlight of the meeting was the announcement of the approval of another 5-year subsidized lease agreement at Boston University. A special thank you goes to Artemis Joukowsky and Prof. Jim Wiseman of Boston University who both played a crucial role in securing this continuation of our subsidized status at BU.

The board welcomed the following new members: Susan Akerman (Institutional slate), Mark Chavalas (Individual slate), and Sheldon Fox who will also serve as Treasurer, and Bill Arnold (Board slate). The following were re-

elected to the board: Ann Killebrew and Randall Younker (Institutional), Elizabeth Bloch-Smith and Susan Sheridan (Individual), and Austin Ritterspach and B. W. Ruffner (Board).

The board discussed several major items during its meetings that are summarized below. In the financial part of the meeting, the board approved a revised budget that included funds for a part-time, interim executive director. The Management Committee and Executive Committee had previously appointed Andy Vaughn to serve as interim executive director from January 1 – June 30, 2007. Andy will be on temporary leave from his tenured position at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. Development Committee chair Ann Killebrew announced that we are over two-thirds of the way towards our goal of \$100,000 for the Annual Fund for FY 07 due to a good response to our annual appeal letter. Ann will be working with her committee to raise the rest of the money well in advance of the end of the fiscal year. The Executive Committee also discussed the possibility of separat-

ing membership dues and subscriptions to journals, but it held off on voting on this topic because COP felt that such a move was unwise at this time. The Management and Executive committees will continue to monitor this area during the next year with the help of the editors of our journals.

Much of the board meeting was spent discussing a proposal that ASOR consider outsourcing its annual meeting to the Society of Biblical Literature. The main benefit of the proposal was to decrease the amount that ASOR spends each year on running the annual meeting, in order to move towards an annual budget that can be balanced without an annual fund drive to support operating expenses. Additional benefits of the proposal would have been increasing efficiencies by contracting with SBL to manage the annual meeting. The ASOR meeting would have remained separate from the SBL meeting, with more cooperation and coordination of events and lectures. The proposal was brought to the board by President Eric Meyers and

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THE ASOR ARCHIVES INITIATIVE

ASOR will soon be home to a remarkable resource for scholars working in the history of archaeology. ASOR, which was established in 1900, has been keeping records of its activities since its inception. Most of these records are currently in the Boston offices, while a few remain in the Albright Institute in Jerusalem. ASOR's goal is to make all these records accessible to scholars working on topics that concern the history of the discipline of archaeology and the history of American relations in the Middle East at the turn of the century.

This new ASOR initiative is a long-term project that will result not only in long-term preservation of materials such as old photographs and unpublished letters from figures such as Albright and Wright, but also in a finding-aid that will make the collections easily accessible to researchers. The project is currently in its initial phases, but it will be moving forward quickly this spring, as we apply for grants to make this archive a reality. Progress on the Archives Initiative will be posted regularly in the newsletter as part of a new section called "Archives Update." ❁

ASOR HERITAGE EXCAVATION GRANTS

ASOR's Heritage Excavation Grant program is funded directly by contributions from our Heritage Members. These grants are either designated for a specific excavation project or open to participants in any of ASOR's CAP-affiliated projects. Grant support will begin at \$2,000 to be distributed as designated by Heritage Members and/or Project Directors.

Grant Criteria

- * Individual applicants must be members of ASOR or be enrolled at an Institutional Member of ASOR. Directors of excavations may apply on behalf of their projects.
- * Applicants may only apply for funding at CAP-affiliated excavations. Applications from individuals must include a letter of support from the Director of the affiliated excavation project.
- * Upon completion of the field season, a report of 250-500 words and an appropriate onsite photo (digital, 300 dpi or higher) must be submitted to the Boston Office by Sept. 15, 2007. Reports and photos should be sent via e-mail to asor@bu.edu.
- * Grant recipients will be required to sign a waiver indicating that ASOR is not responsible for any injuries they might sustain during their time at the excavation they choose to participate in. They will also be required to sign a release of rights to ASOR for the inclusion of their report and photograph in one of ASOR's publications.
- * Applications are now available online at the ASOR Web site (www.asor.org/heritage_app.htm). Deadline for all applications is March 1, 2007.

About the Heritage Membership

Heritage Members work with the ASOR Committee on Archaeological Policy (CAP) to establish a Heritage Partnership with one of ASOR's affiliated excavation projects. ASOR will distribute funds to the designated project as advised by the Heritage Member, and in turn the director and staff of the project will establish and maintain liaison with their Heritage Partner(s). Heritage Members may choose to participate actively on field teams or with laboratory work or passively by providing grant support to enable student or staff participation, underwriting equipment purchases or publication costs, or offering other assistance according to their own wishes and arrangements with project leaders.

This membership category consists of a tax-deductible contribution to ASOR of \$2,500, of which \$500 goes to support the ongoing work of ASOR and \$2,000 goes toward the direct support of an excavation or publication project. These grants may either be donor-designated for specific projects or be applied to any CAP-affiliated ASOR project. Benefits of this membership category include:

- * A voice and vote at the Annual Membership Meeting (through an authorized representative).
- * Member discounts on all ASOR book and journal publications.
- * Discounts on Annual Meeting registration.
- * Access to the quarterly *ASOR Newsletter*, which provides general information about ASOR and its activities.
- * Recognition for their donation in ASOR publications such as the *ASOR Newsletter*, *NEA*, *JCS*, and *BASOR*.

Please visit the website for more information on becoming a Heritage Member: www.asor.org/asormemb.htm

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Andy Vaughn, who at the direction of the Executive Committee had entered into negotiations with SBL and others in an effort to lower our expenses. In order for the research centers to have more time to understand the proposal and consider the ramifications of such a move, the board decided to withhold action on any proposal until next year, when the Management Committee and Executive Committee could receive input from the three research centers. The board also decided to ask the chair of CAMP to solicit opinions and suggestions from the broader membership. At the time of the writing of this summary, it is uncertain if ASOR will be able to consider any proposal next year be-

cause of our need to enter into contracts with hotels for future years. The Executive Committee and board will update the membership following our spring board meeting.

The board also heard a proposal from Paul Flesher of BibleInterp.com and the University of Wyoming about ways that this group might partner with ASOR in order to increase our web exposure. It was pointed out that ASOR is not within Google's top 50 rankings for hits and searches, so we need to address this issue. The topic was referred to the Executive Committee for further investigation.

Finally, the board approved changes to the bylaws that have been in the

works for more than two years. The changes update our governing documents, bringing them into alignment with current practice. Many of the changes were initiated by past Executive Director Doug Clark. The other changes formalize the advisory nature of the standing committees of ASOR. The committees will recommend policy to the board, which in turn will instruct the Management Committee on how to carry out ASOR's goals and agendas. The day-to-day management of ASOR will be carried out by the Management Committee and the Executive Director. A special thanks goes to Eric Cline for gathering the many changes and seeing this process to completion. *

A WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASOR TRUSTEES

Charles “Jack” Sahlman

Charles W. “Jack” Sahlman comes to ASOR from Tampa, Florida. Jack became acquainted with ASOR last year while on an AIA Tour of Libya and Tunisia, encountering ASOR’s Chairman of the Board P. E. MacAllister and his wife, Fran, among the fellow tourists.

Jack’s major vocation has been in the shrimp industry. He serves as Chairman of Sahlman Seafoods, Inc., which is a fully integrated, international, shrimp production company that markets its products under the Bee Gee brand label. Having operated its trawler operations in Guyana and French Guiana, the company owns extensive shrimp farms and production facilities capable of processing over 60,000 pounds of shrimp per day in Nicaragua.

His business career includes Directorships in Katy Industries (a Fortune 500 multinational conglomerate with 35 com-



panies), MKT Railroad, Compagnie des Entrepôts Frigorifiques (the largest cold storage company in Europe), and Tampa Lakeland Cold Storage. His civic service includes Chairman of the Hillsborough County Hospital Council and the Policy Board for the County’s Public Hospitals.

Jack graduated from Florida Southern College with a B.S. degree in Organic Chemistry and has served on the college’s Board of Trustees. Interested in the classical world, he has served as a trustee and president of the Tampa Arts Center as well as a trustee of the Tampa Performing Arts Center (now the Tampa Museum of Art), trustee of the Tampa General Hospital (Tampa’s major teaching hospital), and Commodore of the Tampa Yacht Club.

His son is a tenured professor of entrepreneurial finance at Harvard; his wife, Ann, has her own business called Sahlman Williams Public Relations and Marketing. The Sahlmans are history enthusiasts, collectors of 19th-century American art and early black-and-white photographs by major American photographers, travelers, and underwater diving enthusiasts. ✨

Sheldon M. Fox

Sheldon M. Fox is Vice President and Investment Manager with Maynard Capital Partners in Raleigh, North Carolina. Maynard Capital invests in publicly traded equity securities in the consumer and financial services sectors. He joined Maynard Capital Partners in 2004, after serving almost five years as chief financial officer of two bank holding companies, CCB Financial Corporation and its successor by merger, National Commerce Financial. Sheldon is a CPA and spent the first sixteen years of his professional career with KPMG LLP in Raleigh. He was admitted to the firm’s partnership as a tax partner in 1993.

Sheldon graduated from Duke University in 1981. While at Duke, he participated in excavations with Eric and Carol Meyers. He has been married to his wife, Debbie, for over 20 years and has two sons, Bryan, 18, and Matthew, 16. He currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, and he is also a member of the Board of Directors of Safechild. ✨

Jeffrey A. Blakely

Jeffrey A. Blakely grew up in Madison, Wisconsin. He attended Oberlin College, where he earned a B.A. in Economics. It was while at Oberlin in 1971 that he first experienced an archaeological project, The Joint Archaeological Expedition to Tell el-Hesi, and this changed the direction of his study. Next he received an M.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and he passed the C.P.A. exam, although he chose not to practice. Then he went to Wilfrid Laurier University to study archaeology with Lawrence E. Toombs, and in the end received a M.A. in Religion and Culture. Finally he moved on to the University of Pennsylvania where he studied Palestinian Archaeology with James A. Sauer and earned both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Oriental Studies. He has worked on archaeological projects in Israel, Yemen, Jordan, Canada, and around the United States over the past 35 years. Tell el-Hesi remains his major research interest, but he has also published various books, articles, and reports on Caesarea

Maritima, Wadi al-Jubah in Yemen, and 19th- and 20th-centuries farmers and military bases in the United States. In addition, he has prepared studies of the history of Palestinian archaeology and the history of the Albright Institute.

He is associated with Archeological Assessments, Inc., in Nashville, Arkansas, and he also serves as a Lecturer for an annual course in “Biblical Archaeology” at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, near where he lives. He has twice served on the *Biblical Archaeologist*, now *Near Eastern Archaeology*, editorial board. He has served as a member of CAP and COP, as well as an ASOR trustee for six years. He currently serves as the Project Director for the Joint Archaeological Expedition to Tell el-Hesi. Over the past few years, he has managed the Blakely family farm in southwest Iowa. He is married to Brauna Hartzell and has two children, Matthew (17) and Alice (11). ✨

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THE 2008 ASOR DIGS CALENDAR COMPETITION

We want your dig photos for the first ever *ASOR DIGS CALENDAR*.

SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- A high-resolution (300 dpi or higher) digital photo
- Official project title & location
- A short description of the image, 100 words or less
- The project must have ASOR CAP affiliation
- Photo subjects may include (but are not limited to) excavated artifacts, landscape of and around the site, a particular aspect of the site or an architectural element.



Proceeds to help fund ASOR Excavation Scholarships

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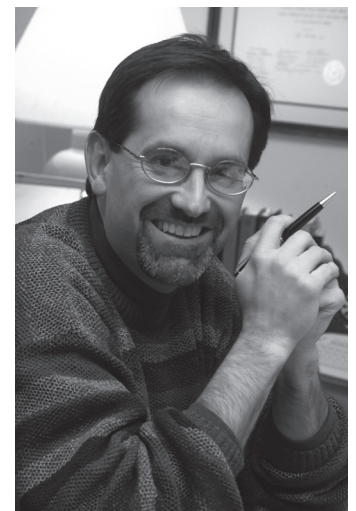
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R E G I O N A L

Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL/ASOR:

[AK, AB, BC, ID, MT, OR, WA]

May 4–6, 2007 – The joint AAR/SBL/ASOR Pacific Northwest regional conference will be held at the **University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Canada**. For further information, visit <http://www.pnw-aarsbl.org/index.htm>

Pacific Southwest Region of SBL/ASOR:

[CA, AZ]

March 24–26, 2007 – The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Southwest Region of ASOR will be held jointly with the Western Region of AAR and the Pacific Coast Region of SBL at the **Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California**. There will be two ASOR sessions, one on Archaeological Reports and one on Theoretical Constructs. In addition, there will be a special tour of the Bade Museum at Pacific School of Religion. Papers will focus on individual excavation projects, thematic or synthetic studies, and issues of method and theory, derived from all relevant geographic regions (Iran, Mesopotamia, Western Asia, Egypt, Cyprus, and the Aegean) and all relevant periods (prehistory through the Islamic era). For more information, contact Beth Alpert Nakhai: bnakhai@email.arizona.edu or visit <http://www.sjsu.edu/wecсор>

Central States SBL/ASOR Chapter:

[IL, IA, KS, KY, MO, NE, OK, TN]

March 25–26, 2007 – The Central States Regional conferences of SBL and ASOR will meet at the **Marriott West in St. Louis, Missouri**. For further information, contact the Central States Regional Coordinator Dr. Bradley Chance at chanceb@william.jewell.edu or visit http://www.sbl-site.org/Congresses/Congresses_RegionalMeetings_Central.aspx

Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS):

[OK, TX, AK, LA, MO, KS, NM, CO]

March 3–4, 2007 – The 2007 SWCRS Regional Meeting will be at the **Westin DFW Airport Hotel in Irving, Texas**. In addition to meeting sessions, the conference will include book exhibits, a graduate student luncheon, as well as a reception and awards ceremony. The Regional Meeting will also coincide with the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Southwest Regional meeting and the Institute for Biblical Research Southwest Regional meeting. For further information, visit <http://www.swcrs-online.org/>

Upper Midwest Meeting of ASOR/AAR/SBL:

[IA, MN, ND, SD, WI, ON, SK, MB, NT, NU]

April 13-14, 2007 - The Upper Midwest meeting of ASOR, AAR, and SBL will be hosted by **Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN**. Saturday will feature an ASOR-sponsored archaeology session. For further information, visit <http://www.umw-aarsbl.org/2007/>

Mid-West Meeting of AOS/SBL/ASOR:

[IL, WI, MI, IN]

February 16-18, 2007 - The Weber Center at **Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois**, will host the Midwest Regional meeting of ASOR, SBL, and AOS. The Friday evening plenary session "Temple and Shrine in the Ancient Near East" will feature Elizabeth Bloch-Smith (St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia) on "Identifying Israelite Sacred Space," Tim Harrison (University of Toronto) on "Tayinat in Light of Recent Investigations," and John Monson (Wheaton College) on the "Solomonic Temple." For further information, visit <http://www.midwestsbl.org/>

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR):

[FL, GA, AL, MS, TN, KY, NC, SC]

March 16-18, 2007 - The Southeastern regional conference of ASOR, SBL, and AAR (SECSOR) will be held at the **Sheraton Downtown, Nashville, Tennessee**. The meeting is sponsored with the help of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. This year's theme for the program will be "Religion and Public Education." Dr. Charles Haynes of the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center will deliver the Plenary address. Full details are available at <http://www.secsor.appstate.edu/>

Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society:

[PA, NY, East MI, OH, East IN, WY, East KY, MD]

April 12-13, 2007 - The regional meeting of the SBL & ASOR, in association with the CBA, will meet at the **Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center, Mount Sterling, Ohio**. The Society invites paper proposals from members of any of these organizations, scholars in higher education, ministers, students, and other interested parties. Plenary addresses will be given by our President, Professor Joan Cook, S.C., and by Professor John Kaltner of Rhodes College. For further information, visit <http://www.jcu.edu/bible/EGLBS/>

Mid-Atlantic ASOR Chapter:

[eastern PA, NJ, NY, MD, DE]

April 22-23, 2007 - ASOR's Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter will meet at the **Baltimore Hebrew University**. This year's meeting will be supported by the Eden Foundation. The theme will be "The Archaeology of Worship in Biblical Israel." Complete details will be sent shortly by email to all ASOR members. For further information, contact Dr. Barry M. Gittlen: gittlen@bhu.edu

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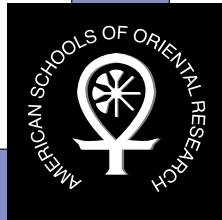
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