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ASOR BROADENS AND EXPANDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORT FOR EXCAVATIONS

Beginning with the Summer 2007 excavation season, ASOR will be making its most aggressive effort yet to help support both excavation projects and individual volunteers. For over 107 years ASOR has maintained its mission to initiate, encourage, and support research into, and public understanding of, the peoples and cultures of the Near East from the earliest times to the present. With this in mind, two new fellowship programs have been created to help foster new research in the field and give individuals a firsthand experience with the tangible past. In addition to these new fellowships, ASOR will continue to support excavations through its Harris Grant program (more information on the Harris Grant is available at www.asor.org/ASORCAP.html).

PLATT FELLOWSHIPS

Through the generous gift of the late Mrs. Katherine Barton Platt, fellowship funds have been designated to support the participation of ASOR members as volunteers or staff on excavation projects. During this inaugural year for the Platt Fellowship program, seven fellowships will be given in the amount of \$1,500 each. Deadline for all applications is April 10, 2007.

Platt Fellowship Criteria

Applicants must be current members of ASOR or students enrolled at an Institutional Member of ASOR. We encourage Platt Fellows to participate in ASOR-affiliated excavations. (See list of Institutional Members online at www.asor.org/corpmem.html.)

Preference normally will be given to individuals who have not received support through the Heritage Grant program or other funding sources. Additional prefer-

ence normally will also be given to applicants who would not usually receive funding (for airfare, lodging, or a stipend) from the excavation.

Applications are available online at the ASOR Web site (www.asor.org/platt_app.htm).

HERITAGE 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 CARP-affiliated projects. Grant support will normally begin at \$2,000. At least six grants will be distributed for excavation work or participation during the summer of 2007. Deadline for all applications has been extended to April 10, 2007.

Heritage Grant Criteria

Heritage grants support excavation work – either some aspect of the excavation or funds to pay for a volunteer or staff member to participate in the excavation.

All applicants must be current members of ASOR or enrolled at an Institutional Member of ASOR. Directors of Excavations may apply on behalf of their projects.

Applicants may apply for funding only at ASOR-affiliated excavations. Applications from individuals must include a letter of support from the Director of the affiliated excavation. If one excavation has more than one application from the excavation itself or from individuals, then the letter(s) from the excavation director should give a ranking of the applications and brief explanation.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MEYERS TRAVEL GRANTS – 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

Yifat Thareani-Sussely, *The Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology*
Anatomy of a Caravan Town in the Desert: The Case of 'Aroer on the South-Arabian Trade Route

Jeremiah Cataldo, *Drew University*
The Medley of Yahwism: A Chorus of Voices Joins the Persian-period Jerusalem Cult

Amelia Brown, *U.C. Berkeley*
Greek, Phoenician, or Cypriot?: Identity and Ethnicity on Classical Cyprus

Justin Leidwanger, *University of Pennsylvania*
Integrating Shallow and Deep Water Investigations around Cyprus: The 2005-2006 Institute of Archaeology Survey

Darrell J. Rohl, *Andrews University*
Culture Contact and Parochialization: A Theoretical View of Culture Change in Roman Transjordan

S. Rebecca Martin, *U.C. Berkeley*
Cypriote Art and the Interpretation of Foreign Influence on Cult in the Southern Levant

Jason T. Herrmann, *University of Arkansas*
Deep Subsurface Geophysical Prospection and Photogrammetric Topographic Modeling on Near Eastern Tell Sites

Kevin Fisher, *University of Toronto*
Life in the Big City: The Cityscape and Social Interaction in Late Cypriot Bronze Age

Jonathan Ferguson, *University of Toronto*
Masuh and the Byzantine to Early Islamic Transition on the Madaba Plains of Jordan

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In an effort to find more cost-effective ways to keep our membership informed, we are considering making the ASOR newsletter a digital publication. Our members would receive the newsletter by e-mail as a digital file that could be viewed on their computer or printed.

We would like to know how you, the membership, feel about this proposal. Please e-mail the ASOR Boston Office with your suggestions and comments. Changes in the newsletter format will be contingent upon the responses we receive.

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AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH 2007 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina,
November 14-17, 2007

I. General Instructions

Members of the American Schools of Oriental Research are invited to submit abstracts of papers for the 2007 Annual Meeting of ASOR in San Diego, California, November 14-17.

A. Individual Submissions

Individual submissions should be directed to the Section Chair most appropriate to the research. See the list of academic sessions.

Presentations that do not fit into established sections are also invited. Such papers should be designated for the "Individual Submission" section on the online Participation/Abstract form. If you have questions about the appropriateness of your paper for this section, please contact the chair of the Individual Submissions section: Laura Mazow, 225 Flanagan, Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, 27858, E-mail: mazowl@ecu.edu. Deadline for submission of presentation proposals to Section Chairs is April 1, 2007.

B. Rules for Participation

1. *Membership:* Membership in ASOR (either Individual or Institutional) is a prerequisite for participation in the Annual Meeting program. Participants must include their membership number or list their affiliated member institu-

tion on their Participation/Abstract Form. A list of member institutions is available at www.asor.org/corpmem.html.

2. *Preregistration:* Preregistration is a requirement for all participants in the Annual Meeting Program. All program participants must submit a Preregistration Form (with payment) to the ASOR Boston office prior to April 1, and proof of their preregistration and current membership status will be checked and approved by the ASOR Boston Office. Visiting non-North American scholars and scholars whose main area of research is not Near Eastern archaeology may be exempted from one or both of the membership and registration requirements but only if they have not participated in the Annual Meeting in recent years. It is the Section Chair's responsibility to review the Participation/Abstract forms for waiver requests and ask for approval of any waivers from the Vice President of Programs, Eric Cline (ehcline@gwu.edu).

3. *Two Appearance Policy:* Members may present one paper and either (1) chair or preside at one session, (2) be a respondent/discussant/panelist in one section, or (3) coauthor an additional paper. Persons may participate only two times on the program in any capacity. (Business meetings and receptions are exempt.)

4. *Normal Length of Presentations:* The Program Committee recommends that presentations normally fit into 20-30-minute time slots, allowing time for discussion if desired. All presenters and chairs are expected to attend the meetings. If a presenter cannot attend, he or she should submit the

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When the donor does not designate the grants, the fellowship committee will seek to distribute the grants evenly between the three regions where ASOR has research centers. Other areas are not precluded.

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 September 15, 2007. Reports and photos should be sent via e-mail to asor@bu.edu.

Applications are now available online at the ASOR Web site [www.asor.org/heritage_app.htm].

About the Heritage Membership

Heritage Members will 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 is designated for the ongoing work of ASOR and \$2,000 goes toward the direct support of an excavation or publication project through the Heritage Grant program. 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.

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paper to the session chair so arrangements can be made for it to be read. In the case of presenters who do not show up for the meetings, the session should not be rearranged or modified.

5. *Lindstrom Student Service Scholarships.* Students who wish to volunteer to work during the meetings are invited to apply for a Lindstrom Student Service Scholarship. The Lindstrom Scholarships will provide \$500 per student. Students will be expected to provide up to 20 hours work assistance at the meetings. Interested individuals should contact the ASOR Office.

6. *Dorot Annual Meeting Travel Scholarship:* ASOR Members who are permanent residents of the U.S. and Canada, enrolled in a program of graduate or advanced professional studies, and in ABD status or otherwise in the final year of candidacy for their degree program may apply for the Dorot Foundation Annual Meeting Travel Scholarship. These scholarships provide up to \$1,000 for expenses related to travel to and housing at the Annual Meeting. Interested individuals should consult the Annual Meeting Web page for more information or contact the ASOR office.

Deadline for Lindstrom Student Service Scholarships and Dorot Annual Meeting Travel Scholarships application is September 18, 2007.

II. Procedure and Deadline for Submitting Abstracts by Individuals

Section Chairs will accept papers for presentation strictly on the basis of the quality of the abstract and its conformity to the following guidelines regarding content, format, and deadline. Standards for acceptance will be the same for all abstracts submitted. The content of the paper should focus on the significance of the material or on proposed solutions to specific problems rather than on a descriptive narrative. Section Chairs who solicit papers for their sessions should inquire if the invitee has already submitted a paper to another session, and if so, should withdraw their invitation to avoid having the person give more than one presentation. Abstracts for all papers that fit into the sections described above should be submitted via the Abstract/Participation form on the ASOR Web site. The form will be forwarded to the correct Section Chair based on the section listed on the form. We strongly suggest that you telephone or communicate with the Section Chair in advance to determine the theme or other specific requirements of the section. Participation/Abstract Forms are available online at <http://www.asor.org/AM/am.html>.

Presentations that do not fit into established sections or new sections are also invited. Such papers should be designated for the "Individual Submission" section on the online Participation/Abstract form. See section IA above for more information.

Any further questions regarding the academic sections should be addressed to the chairs of the Annual Meeting

Program Committee: Jennie Ebeling (je55@evansville.edu) and Yorke Rowan (ymrowan@hotmail.com). Proposers will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their papers by the individual Section Chair, not by the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Any questions concerning the status of papers should be addressed to the relevant Section Chair and not to the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Participation/Abstract Forms must be submitted on or before April 1, 2007. Those participating must also preregister or ask for a waiver by this date.

III. Further Information

Additional information on the content and format of abstracts is available on the ASOR Web site at <http://www.asor.org/AM/2007call.htm>.

A Section Chair Packet containing all necessary information is available on the ASOR Web site at <http://www.asor.org/AM/am.html>. Deadline for submission by Section Chairs of Program Summaries, Participation/Abstract Forms, and Session Request Forms are due to the ASOR office by May 1, 2007. All participants must be registered and have an up to date membership by this time.

SESSIONS AT 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

- Ancient Inscriptions
- Ancient Mediterranean Trade
- Arabia
- Archaeology of Anatolia
- Archaeology of Cyprus
- Archaeology of Iran
- Archaeology of Israel – New Developments
- Archaeology of Lebanon
- Archaeology of Mesopotamia
- Archaeology of Religion and the Sacred
- Archaeology of Syria
- Art and Artifacts: Context, Content, and Contacts
- Artifacts the Inside Story
- Bioarchaeology in the Near East
- Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East
- Copyright Law for Archaeologists and Other Academics
- Current Issues in Palestinian Archaeology and their Heritage Management
- Eastern Mediterranean Diasporas: Cultural and Economic Implications
- Egypt and Canaan
- Ethnoarchaeology and Ancient Pottery
- Geographic Information Systems
- Hebrew Bible, History and Archaeology
- Individual Submissions
- The Incense Trade Road
- Israel's Political Landscape
- Landscape Archaeology
- Madaba Plains Project after 40 Years
- Maritime / Nautical Issues
- Material Culture and History

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- midor ledor bedor: New Insights from Tel Dor, Israel, in the Context of a Quarter Century of Excavations.
- New Technologies in Transition
- Order and Conflict: Roundtables on the Agency Role of Empires in the Levant
- Persian Levant in Transition
- Prehistoric Archaeology
- Problems in the Archaeology of the Central Transjordan
- Problems in Ceramic Typology

- Reports on Current Excavations – ASOR Affiliated
- Reports on Current Excavations – Non-ASOR Affiliated
- Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East
- The Tel Zayit Abecedary
- Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches
- The Ties that Bind: Social Integration in Near Eastern Antiquity
- Workshop on Caesarea Maritima
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ASOR AFFILIATED PROJECTS, 2006-2007

* Cyprus

Field:

Bronze Age Rural Ecology and Landscape Formation on Cyprus (S. Falconer – P. Fall, Arizona State Univ.)

Lampeter Archaeological Project (L. Steel, University of Wales Lampeter)

Excavations at Neolithic Ais Yiorkis (A. Simmons, UNLV)

Dreamer's Bay Ancient Port Project (J. R. Leonard and D.A. Parks, B.A. Ault, Lake Forest College, Brock University, and SUNY Buffalo)

The Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project (R. Moore and W. Caraher, Indiana University of Pennsylvania)

Souskiou Project: Community Integration in Prehistoric Cyprus (E. Peltenburg, University of Edinburgh)

Publications:

Excavations at Kourion's Amathus Gate Cemetery (D. Parks, Brock University)

Sotira Kaminoudhia (S. Swiny, SUNY Albany)

Troodos Survey Project (M. Given, V. Kassianidou, A. B. Knapp, J. Noller, University of Glasgow)

Vasilikos Project: Community Integration in Prehistoric Cyprus (I.A. Todd & A. South, Kalavassos)

* Egypt

Publication:

Wadi Tumilat Project (J.S. Holladay, Jr., University of Toronto)

* Israel

Field:

Aegean Interactions with the Levant at Tel Kabri (E. Cline, George Washington University, A. Yasur-Landau, Tel Aviv University)

Excavations at the Roman Fort at Yotvata (Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Gwyn Davies, Florida International University)

Excavations at Tel Kedesh of the Upper Galilee (S. Herbert, A. Berlin, University of Michigan)

Excavations at Tel Zahara (S.L. Cohen, Montana State University)

Khirbet Qana Regional Survey (D. R. Edwards, University of Puget Sound)

Lahav Research Project, Phase IV (O. Borowski, Emory University)

Tel Gezer Excavation Project (S. M. Ortiz and S. Wolff, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Israel Antiquities Authority)

Zeitah Excavations (R.E. Tappy, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary)

Publications:

Combined Caesarea Expeditions (CCE) (K.G. Holum, University of Maryland)

Caesarea Maritima Vault Project (W. J. Bennett, Archaeological Assessments, Inc.)

Excavations at Gesher (S.L. Cohen, Montana State University)

Gezer IV: Objects from Phases I and II (W.G. Dever, J. Seger, Hebrew Union College)

Gezer Gateway Project, Gezer Field III (J.S. Holladay, Jr., University of Toronto)

Joint Archaeological Expedition to Tell el-Hesi (J.A. Blakeley, Tell el-Hesi Board)

Lahav Research Project, Phases I-II (J.D. Seger, Mississippi State University)

Lahav Research Project, Phase III (P. Jacobs, Mississippi State University, O. Borowski, Emory University)

Neo-Assyrian Empire in the 7th century (S. Gitin, Albright Institute and CAORC)

Promontory Palace Excavations at Caesarea Maritima (K. L. Gleason, B. Burrell, and E. Netzer, University of Pennsylvania Museum)

Sepphoris Regional Project (E. Meyers, C. Meyers, J. Reed, Duke University)

Studies of the MB and Later Fortifications at Gezer (J.D. Seger and J.W. Hardin, Mississippi State University)

Tell el-Hesi Regional Survey (J.A. Blakeley and J.W. Hardin, Mississippi State University)

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM for ASOR Annual Meeting 2007

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Tel Miqne-Ekron (S. Gitin, Albright Institute, T. Dothan, Hebrew University)

Tell `Ein Zippori (C. Meyers & E. Meyers, Duke University, J.P. Dessel, University of Tennessee)

Tell el-Wawiyat Excavation Project (B. Nakhai, University of Arizona, J.P. Dessel, University of Tennessee)

✧ Jordan

Field:

Archaeological Expedition to Khirbet Iskander and its Environs (S. Richard and J. Long, Gannon University) (+publication)

Ayl to Ras an-Naqb Archaeological Survey (B. MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier University)

Bioarchaeology of North Jordan (Ya'amun) (J.C. Rose, University of Arkansas, M. El-Najjar, Yarmouk University)

Bir Madhkur Project (A.M. Smith II, Dowling College)

Edom Lowlands Project (T. Levy and M. Najjar, University of California at San Diego and Department of Antiquities Jordan)

Humayma Excavation Project (B. Reeves, University of Victoria)

Karak Resources Project (G.L. Mattingly and J. H. Pace, Johnson Bible College and Elon University)

Madaba Plains Project - Hesban Restoration Project (O.S. LaBianca, Andrews University, B. Walker, Andrews University)

Madaba Plains Project - 'Umayri (L. Herr and , D. R. Clark, La Sierra University with a consortium)

Madaba Plains Project - Tall Jalul (R. W. Younker, Andrews University)

Petra North Ridge Project (M.A. Perry, East Carolina University)

Petra Garden & Pool Complex Excavation (L.-A. Bedal, Pennsylvania State Erie/The Behrend College)

Tell Madaba Archaeological Project (T.P. Harrison and D. Foran, University of Toronto)

Wadi ath-Thamed Project (P. M. Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier University)

Publications:

Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain (R.T. Schaub, ASOR)

Hesban Final Publication Project (O.S. LaBianca, Andrews University, and L.T. Geraty, La Sierra University)
Publication of the Excavations at Tell er-Rumayth (N. Lapp, ASOR)

P.W. Lapp's Excavations at Araq el-Emir (N. Lapp, ASOR)

Roman Aqaba Project (S.T. Parker, North Carolina State University)

Tell Nimrin Project (D. McCreery, Willamette University, J. Flanagan, Case Western Reserve University)

Umm al-Jimal Project (B. de Vries, Calvin College)

✧ Syria

Field:

Renewed Excavations at Tell Qarqur (R.H. Dornemann, ASOR)

✧ Tunisia

Publication:

Carthage Child Sacrifice - Punic Project (L. Stager and J. Greene, Semitic Museum & Harvard University)

✧ Turkey

Field:

Tayinat Archaeological Project (T.P. Harrison, University of Toronto)

✧ West Bank

Publication:

Ta'anach Excavations (N. Lapp, ASOR/Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Hamed Salem, Birzeit University)

CORRECTION

Congratulations to James Strange, recipient of the 2006 Harris Service Award. This award was not included in our last issue with the other Honors and Award recipients from the 2006 Annual Meeting. We would all like to recognize the contribution Prof. Strange has made to ASOR over the years.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ANDREW VAUGHN - INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TAMMI SCHNEIDER - VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

- * The Executive Committee approved the resolution proposed by the Baghdad Committee for spending monies from the Nies Trust for FY07 and FY 08. Key items include money for a new JCS monograph series, support of a speaker for the annual meeting, and support of the Mesopotamian and Goetze fellowships.
- * The executive committee endorsed a proposal for the VP for Development to raise \$7,500 for the archives project as well as to finish raising an additional \$20,000 for the support of the annual fund. The executive committee also accepted with regret Ann Killebrew's resignation as VP for development effective June 30, 2007. A call for nominations for this position has been issued (see below).
- * The executive committee endorsed the legal interpretation of Arnold and Porter, LLC, concerning the Platt Fellowship funds. These funds will provide fellowships for ASOR. See page 1 of the Newsletter where the new Platt Fellowships are described – this summer they will provide seven fellowships of \$1500 each for participation by ASOR members on excavations.
- * The executive committee charged Joe Seger, Orly Nelson, and Andy Vaughn with forming an ad hoc grants and fellowships awards committee. The committee will help develop criteria for new awards (Heritage and Platt Fellowships) and oversee the selection of all awards and grants (Harris, Heritage, and Platt).
- * The executive committee approved the resolution to change the date for determining the amount of endowment funds that will be used each fiscal year. ASOR will move (hopefully within the next fiscal year) to a system by which endowment income earned in the previous fiscal year will be spent in a subsequent year.
- * The executive committee extended Andy Vaughn's appointment as interim executive director until December 31, 2007. Andy will remain a tenured professor at Gustavus Adolphus College and on leave through the calendar year. President Eric Meyers will oversee a search process for a permanent executive director who will begin January 1, 2008. It is hoped that the board can vote on the new executive director at its Spring meeting.
- * The executive committee continued Christopher Rollston's appointment as interim vice president for publications until December 31, 2007.
- * Rachel Hallote announced her decision to step down as vice president of programs in order to focus her energies on ASOR's archives project. The executive committee appointed Eric Cline to serve as vice president for programs until December 31, 2007.
- * Chair P.E. MacAllister appointed Jeff Blakely as chair of an ad hoc committee to oversee officer nominations. As described elsewhere in the Newsletter, ASOR solicits nominations for the following offices: president, vice president for programs, vice president for research and archaeological policy, vice president for membership, and vice president for development. The positions for development and research and archaeological policy begin July 1, 2007. All of the other positions begin January 1, 2008. Elections for all of the openings will take place at the spring board meeting. Chair MacAllister requested that ASOR members make suggestions for other members of the nominating committee; he will finish the appointment of the committee within the next few weeks.
- * The executive committee discussed the structure of the management committee and how it might be improved.
- * The executive committee appointed Sheldon Fox, Treasurer, to the management committee.
- * The executive committee discussed whether or not ASOR should publish materials from politically contested areas. The consensus was that for now ASOR should allow publication of book reviews of work in politically contested areas and book reviews of publication of unprovenanced artifacts. Vice president for publications Christopher Rollston was charged with organizing an ad hoc sub committee that would study this issue further (examine whether or not ASOR should modify its policy) and report back to the executive committee and board at the fall meeting.
- * Vice president for programs Rachel Hallote led a discussion on the annual meeting. It was discussed that the annual meeting does not come close to breaking even when staff salaries and travel are included. Options discussed included cutting our food and beverage expenses (i.e., cutting the number of receptions and coffee breaks), ways to increase further registrations, and ways to better involve the 3 research centers. The executive committee passed a resolution that the program committee would be charged with developing the framework of the annual meeting, and the ASOR office would handle the final organization of the convention schedule in consultation with the vice president for programs and the co-chairs of the program committee.

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✧ Because vice president for research and archaeological policy Burton MacDonald was not present, a discussion of these areas was led by CARP members Eric Cline and Carol Meyers. There was a discussion whether or not ASOR-affiliated excavations should be directed or co-directed by an "American." The executive committee passed a resolution charging the new vice president for archaeological research and policy with the organization of a retreat to investigate this and other issues. This new

vice president will be charged with this task after beginning a new term on July 1, 2007.

✧ At the recommendation of President Eric Meyers and the unanimous support of the executive committee, Chair P.E. MacAllister appointed Rachel Hallote as Chair of the ASOR Archives Initiative.

✧ The treasurer, Sheldon Fox, announced that ASOR will end the year with a balanced budget.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASOR CORPORATION

The Officers Nominations Committee of the American Schools of Oriental Research announces a General Call for Candidates willing to serve as Officers of the Corporation. Elections for new officers will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 28, 2007, in Indianapolis. The term of office for each position is three years, beginning January 1, 2008, except for the positions of Vice President for Archaeological Research and Policy and Vice President for Development. Both of these positions are for three years but begin on July 1, 2007. Nominations should include the candidate's name, the position for which the candidate is nominated, a one-paragraph academic biography, a brief statement as to why the candidate is interested in—or why he or she would be appropriate for—the position, and the candidate's contact information. Nominators should make sure that all candidates have agreed to serve if elected; self-nominations are encouraged and should include the same information.

All inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Jeffrey Blakely (jblakely@wisc.edu), Chair of the Officers Nominations Committee. Nominations should be submitted via e-mail to the ASOR Boston Office (asor@bu.edu).

A full description of each position is given in the ASOR bylaws, available online at www.asor.org/bylaws_approved.htm. The following offices are open for nominations:

President (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010)

Vice President for Programs (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010)

Vice President for Membership (January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010)

Vice President for Development (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010)

Vice President for Archaeological Research and Policy (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010)

ARCHIVES PROJECT UPDATE – MEET OUR ARCHIVIST

Over the past several months ASOR has had archivist Dr. Martha R. Mahard working at the Boston Office making a general assessment of our archive collections.

Martha R. Mahard teaches at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and recently retired from a thirty-five-year career in the Harvard University libraries. She is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University, and holds an M.A. degree in Theatre History from Tufts and an MLIS and a Doctor of Arts in Library Administration from Simmons College. During her career at Harvard, Mahard was Manuscript Cataloguer and Assistant Curator in the Harvard Theatre Collection of Houghton Library, Visual Resources Librarian at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and most recently Curator of Historic Photographs in the Fine Arts Library.

Dr. Mahard has been teaching at Simmons for fifteen years, specializing in courses on the management of photographic archives, film archives, and preservation. She is the author of numerous articles and is actively involved in several professional organizations, including the Art Libraries Society of North America, the Association of Moving Image Archivists, and the Society of American Archivists.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT - ASOR FINANCES ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

	30-Jun			30-Jun	
	2006	2005		2006	2005
Assets			Liabilities and Net Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$299,761	\$155,572	LIABILITIES:		
Investments	\$884,934	\$752,873	Accrued expenses	\$39,378	\$70,131
Accounts Receivable	\$106,706	\$128,774	Deferred revenue	\$265,960	\$307,713
Memberships and subscriptions, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$35,000 and \$0 at June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively			Other liabilities	\$12,018	\$13,295
Book Sales	\$20,492	\$9,511			
Contributions receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0 and \$9000 at June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively	-	\$5,826	Total Liabilities	\$317,356	\$391,139
Other receivables	\$75	\$10,311	NET ASSETS:		
Inventory and capitalized costs	\$36,491	\$71,797	Unrestricted:		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$7,008	\$7,231	Operations	\$54,358	(\$137,940)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	\$8,523	\$23,493	Board designated	\$115,552	\$55,638
Total Assets	\$1,363,990	\$1,165,388	Property and Equipment	\$8,523	\$23,493
				\$178,433	(\$58,809)
			Temporarily Restricted	\$441,530	\$407,336
			Permanently Restricted	\$426,671	\$425,722
			Total Net Assets	\$1,046,634	\$774,249
			Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,363,990	\$1,165,388

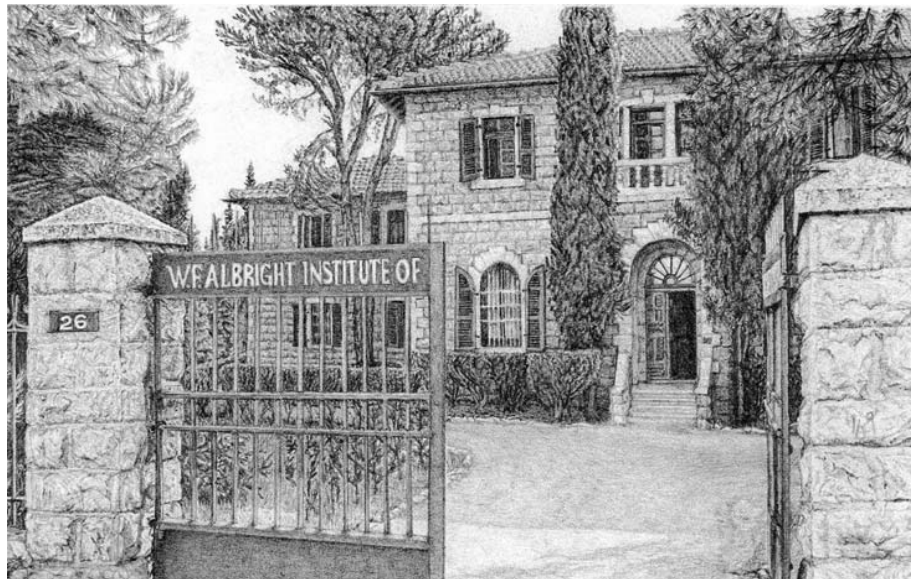


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March 3-4, 2007

SBL's Southwestern Regional Meeting is to be held in the Westin Hotel at Dallas Fort Worth Airport.

March 16-18, 2007

SBL's Southeastern Regional Meeting is to be held in the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel.

March 18-19, 2007

(SBL)The Western Jewish Studies Association Conference will be hosted at Portland State University.

March 23-24, 2007

(SBL) The Rocky Mountains - Great Plains Regional Meeting at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

March 24-26, 2007

The Pacific Coast Regional Meeting will be held at The Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, CA.

April 2-6, 2007

Computer Applications in Archaeology 2007 - Computer Applications and Quantities Methods in Archaeology.

This conference will be held in Berlin Germany. <http://www.caa2007.de/index.html>

May 8-11, 2007

The 1st International Congress of Eurasia will be held in Izmir, Turkey. Registration deadline is on February 2, 2007.

May 20-22, 2007

(AIA)The Rethymnon International Conference on the Ancient Novel will be held at The University of Crete, Department of Philology. Rethymnon, Crete.

October 11-14, 2007

The 33rd Annual Byzantine Studies Conference will be held at the University of Toronto. The conference is the annual forum for the presentation and the discussion of papers on all aspects of the Byzantine Studies. Deadline for the submission of proposals is March 15, 2007.

November 17-20, 2007

The America Academy of Religion - 2007 Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, California, USA. Registration opens May 15, 2007.

September 22-26, 2008

(AIA) XVII International Congress of Classical Archaeology. The Conference will be held in Rome, Italy. http://www.aiac.org/ing/congresso_2008/home.htm.

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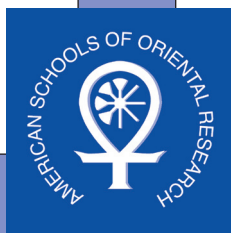
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