

2004 NEAS Board Meeting Minutes

The Near East Archaeological Society (NEAS) Board of Directors met in Conference Room 8 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel, San Antonio, TX. Those in attendance were Ralph Alexander, Charles Aling, Clyde Billington, Gary Byers, Sara Fudge, Al Hoerth, David Merling, Steve Ortiz, Paul Ray, Keith Schoville, Robert W. Smith, Timothy C. Snow, Mark Wilson, John Wineland, Bryant Wood, Edwin Yamauchi, Ron Youngblood, and Mark Ziese. President Merling called the meeting to order, and Paul Ray opened with prayer.

After President Merling made opening remarks, Secretary Timothy Snow read the minutes of the 2003 meeting. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes be accepted as amended.

Treasurer Robert Smith presented the Treasurer's report and the proposed 2005 budget. Total funds in the checking account was \$12,636.48 as of November 16, 2004. Smith estimated \$10,000.00 in obligations leaving estimated funds available at \$2,636.48. He also emphasized the need for members to be current in the payment of their dues. Smith proposed a budget of \$7,758.00. Billington moved to accept the budget, Schoville seconded, and the motion carried.

Merling reported 177 paying individual and 75 paying institutional members. Schoville moved to raise the NEAS dues to \$30.00 per year effective January 2005. John Wineland seconded the motion, and it carried.

Paul Ray reported on the progress of the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* (NEASB). He distributed the table of contents for the Bulletin and stated it is ready to go to press. Ray anticipated the issue arriving to the membership in January. The offer of \$100.00 for all on-hand NEASB back issues still stands. Clyde Billington also reported on the progress of *Artifax*.

Keith Schoville reported on the progress of the *Mare festschrift*. He read correspondence between himself and the one getting it ready for publication (Kimberly). The edition will include obituaries for Mare and Glenn Carnagey, Sr. (since he was the editor of the festschrift).

Sara Fudge presented the Nominating Committee Report. Wineland moved, Aling seconded to accept the slate as presented and contact Seijun Koh concerning his desire to continue serving in a director in the Class of 2007. Motion carried. The following is the slate of officers and directors. Term expirations of officers are in parentheses.

PresidentRon Youngblood (2007)
 Vice President.....Edwin Yamauchi (2007)
 SecretaryTimothy Snow (2006)
 Assistant SecretaryClyde Billington (2009)
 Treasurer.....Robert Smith (Indefinite)
 Program Chair Bryant Wood (Indefinite)
 Nominating Committee Chair..... Sara Fudge (2005)

<u>Class of 2005</u>	<u>Class of 2006</u>	<u>Class of 2007</u>
Charles Aling	Clyde Billington	Ralph H. Alexander
Gary G. Byers	Rick Bullard	Gordon Franz
Mark W. Chavalas	John Davis	Seijun Koh
Robert E. Cooley	David Fouts	Ken Barker
Sara Fudge	Gerald L. Mattingly	David Merling
George Giacumakis	John McRay	Paul Ray
Alfred J. Hoerth	Timothy Snow	Keith N. Schoville
Walter C. Kaiser	Mark Wilson	Robert W. Smith
Steven Ortiz	Bryant G. Wood	John D. Wineland
Edwin M. Yamauchi	Ronald F. Youngblood	Mark S. Ziese

Program Chair Bryant Wood reported on NEAS program. He noted that the 2005 theme for the ETS was to be The

Early Centuries of Christianity. Wood suggests the 2005 theme for NEAS to be Archaeology of the Early Centuries of Christianity.

Schoville thanked Paul Ray and David Merling for their work for the NEAS. Ray noted two members of the editorial committee is deceased. Anyone desiring to be on the editorial board should contact him informing of areas of expertise one can bring to the task. Appointments to the NEASB editorial board are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Ron Youngblood closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy C. Snow