

2005 NEAS Board of Directors Meeting

The Near East Archaeological Society met Wednesday November 16, 2005 in the Franklin Room at the Raddison Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. Board Members in attendance included Ralph Alexander, Charles Aling, Ken Barker, Clyde Billington, Gary Byers, David Fouts, Gordon Franz, Sara Fudge, Steven Ortiz, Robert Smith, Timothy Snow, Mark Wilson, John Wineland, Bryant Wood, Edwin Yamauchi, and Ron Youngblood.

President Ron Youngblood called the meeting to order. Charles Aling opened the meeting with prayer. Youngblood then made opening remarks. In his correspondence from Hershel Shanks, he expressed the desire to receive articles from evangelical scholars to the Biblical Archaeology Review and Bible Review. Youngblood also asked for volunteers to staff the NEAS booth in the exhibit area.

Timothy Snow read the minutes of the 2004 board meeting. Clyde Billington moved, John Wineland seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion to accept carried.

Robert Smith presented the treasurer’s report. The balance as of the annual meeting was 6392.84. The bill for publication of the Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin (NEASB) was to come after the first of the year. The booth in the exhibit area was free with \$105.00 for table rental and \$4.00 each for two chairs.

Estimated budget for 2006:

NEASB	\$3000.00
Artifax (500.00 each for 4 issues)	2000.00
NEAS Incorporation Fees	50.00
Web Page	200.00
Celeste Voit for NEAS Administrative Work at Andrews Univ.....	400.00

Smith reported that as of the annual meeting, there were 50 U. S. dues-paying members and 15 international. The number of dues-paying members was off by 3. He expressed concern that the number of dues-paying members be sufficient to sustain a budget of approximately \$6000.00 per year. Clyde Billington suggested sending out letters to those owing dues, and he offered to absorb the costs of sending out those letters.

Charles Aling moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Bryant Wood seconded, and the motion carried.

Sara Fudge presented the Nominations Committee report. All the Class of 2005 were contacted, and they consented to serve as the Class of 2008. Fudge consented to continue serving as the committee chair. She solicited names of those who are willing to serve on the board of directors.

Slate of Officers and Directors:

President	Ron Youngblood (2007)
Vice President.....	Edwin Yamauchi (2007)
Secretary	Timothy Snow (2006)
Assistant Secretary.....	Clyde Billington (2009)
Treasurer.....	Robert Smith
Program Chair.....	Bryant Wood
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Sara Fudge (2008)

<u>Class of 2006</u>	<u>Class of 2007</u>	<u>Class of 2008</u>
Clyde Billington	Ralph Alexander	Charles Aling
Rick Bullard	Gordon Franz	Gary Byers
John Davis	Seijun Koh	Mark Chavalas
Gerald Mattingly	Ken Barker	Robert Cooley
John McRay	David Merling	Sara Fudge
Mark Wilson	Paul Ray	George Giacumakis
Timothy Snow	Keith Schoville	Alfred Hoerth
David Fouts	Robert Smith	Walter Kaiser, Jr.
Bryant Wood	John Wineland	Seven Ortiz
Ronald Youngblood	Mark Ziese	Edwin Yamauchi

David Fouts moved to accept the Nominations Committee report, Billington seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Youngblood reported on membership matters. He noted 200 individual and 75 institutional members. If everybody were paid up, we would be in great shape. He urged that the directors who had not been attending the meeting be encouraged to attend.

Youngblood also reported that the proofing of the next issue of the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin (NEASB)* was done the week of the annual meeting. The bulletin was to be printed in two weeks, and it was projected to go out in January of 2006.

John Wineland moved that the *NEASB* report be accepted, Ralph Alexander seconded, and the motion carried.

Clyde Billington presented the *Artifax* report. He noted that the publication was being upgraded to color. He reported that new articles were being solicited. President Youngblood noted that Gordon Govier should be thanked for editing *Artifax*. Wineland moved, Aling seconded, and the motion to accept the *Artifax* report carried.

John Wineland called attention to the session in honor of Edwin Yamauchi. The papers presented in that session along with others will be published in a festschrift in his honor.

President Youngblood reported on the W. Harold Mare Festschrift. The volume, *Beyond the Jordan*, has recently been published by Wipf and Stock. The publisher had only brought 3 copies to the annual meeting.

Bryant Wood presented the Program Committee report. He stated that 2006 will be his last year as chair. Any suggestions for replacement should be forwarded to Sara Fudge. Looking forward, the theme of the 2006 ETS is "Christians in the Public Square." For the 2006 NEAS meeting, the theme would be "The Archaeology and Sociology of the City Gate and Forum in Antiquity."

Wood noted the special speaker for the Friday morning session for the 2005 meeting, William Tabernee. It was moved that special speakers should be paid \$500.00 if from overseas, \$250.00 if domestic.

John Wineland moved that the Program Chair report and accompanying motion be accepted. Steve Ortiz seconded, and the motion carried.

President Youngblood noted other business. A new registered agent was needed in Illinois since Al Hoerth is in Illinois half the time. Possibilities included Jim Estep and John McRay. Names of anyone interested in serving should be forwarded to Bob Smith.

Concerning the NEAS booth, he urged that it should be properly manned. As a society we should think about promotion at our annual meetings and through special mailings.

The NEAS website would be updated in January. The webmaster would be on sabbatical from teaching responsibilities for the Spring 2006 semester. He urged board members to look over the site for any errors or possible additions.

John Wineland closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy C. Snow