

**2004 NEAS General Members Meeting Minutes**

The 2004 NEAS General Members meeting was held at Luciano’s Ristorante near the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio, TX on November 18, 2004. Twenty-five members attended. President Merling opened the luncheon meeting with prayer.

President Merling opened the meeting with remarks. Secretary Timothy Snow distributed the minutes of the 2003 general members meeting. Clyde Billington moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Keith Schoville seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer Robert Smith presented the Treasurer’s report. (See attachment for report and 2005 budget). Smith reported that the Society is solvent. He also reported the motion to increase the member dues to \$30.00. Smith moved the report and budget be accepted. Billington seconded, and the motion carried. Schoville moved, Hoerth seconded that the individual and institutional member rates increase to \$30.00. Student member dues are to remain the same. The motion carried.

Merling expressed his thanks to *Artifax* and encouraged members to contribute articles and meeting announcements as they are appreciated. Keith Schoville reported that Gordon Govier is now at InterVarsity. He is still involved with the editing of *Artifax* as well as his radio program.

Sara Fudge presented the nominations committee report. She noted the three directors who passed away in 2004: Harold Mare, Reuben Bullard, and Bastiaan Van Elderen along with the ones nominated to replace them. Fudge noted the changes in officers, notably Ron Youngblood as President, Edwin Yamauchi as Vice President, and Clyde Billington as Assistant Secretary. She asked for those willing and able to serve as director to let her know. Fudge moved, Schoville seconded that the report and accompanying slate be accepted. Motion carried. The following is the slate of officers and directors. Term expirations of officers are in parentheses.

- President .....Ron Youngblood (2007)
- Vice President.....Edwin Yamauchi (2007)
- Secretary ..... Timothy Snow (2006)
- Assistant Secretary .....Clyde 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 Giacomakis	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

Bryant Wood reported the NEAS will meet next year in Valley Forge, PA. The theme is to be Archaeology of the early years of Christianity. He encouraged members to submit papers on the theme as well as papers of general interest. Merling noted the necessity of meeting in a larger room.

Keith Schoville reported on the progress of the W. H. Mare fescschrift. He noted that things are moving ahead, and it should be finished in the not-too-distant future. Billington noted the good work that Gordon Govier does with *Artifax* and the contacts he has with archaeologists.

Paul Ray reports that the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* (NEASB) will go to press on Monday November 22. Members should receive their issues in January 2005. Members in attendance gave a round of applause to Ray for his work on the *Bulletin*.

President Merling closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy C. Snow