

2015 NEAS Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Hilton Atlanta hotel in Atlanta, Georgia on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

Vice President Clyde Billington called the meeting to order

Edwin Yamauchi opened with prayer.

Clyde Billington welcomed attendees and made opening remarks.

Minutes of the 2014 NEAS Board Meeting by Chris Jakway

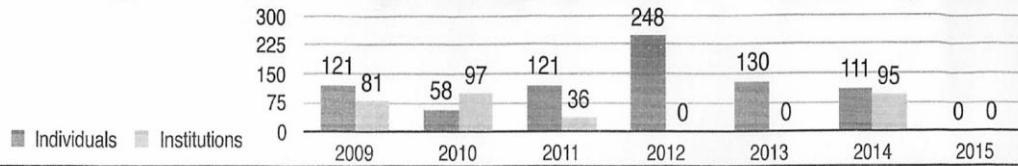
- Printed copies were provided to Board Members who were present.
- Minutes presented by Secretary.
- Motion to accept minutes by Bryant Wood.
- Seconded by Suzanne Lattimer.
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report by Suzanne Lattimer

- NEAS is in good shape financially and all bills are paid.
- All money received through December 2015 will be a surplus.
- PayPal is available and working well on NEAS website.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Don McNeeley.
- Seconded by David Chapman.
- Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report appears below.

NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104



Activity	Notes	Completed 2014 Budget	Notes	Current 2015 Budget	Proposed 2016 Budget
Beginning Balance	Jan. 1, 2014	\$14,232.48	Jan. 1, 2015	\$17,475.88	
Income/Deposits		\$5,832.60		\$5,227.60	
Interest		\$5.10		\$2.60	
Expenditures		\$4,617.86		\$5,171.75	\$6,250.00
Obligations - NEASB Volume 58		\$2028.66		(\$2,122.75)	\$2,200.00
Obligations - Artifax Volume 29		\$2,034.52		\$2,006.94	\$2,200.00
Bank Fees	checks, fees	\$10.50	fees	\$5.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	bank error	\$15.00		0	\$100.00
Program Expenses	Honorarium, booth	\$529.18	booth	(\$337.06)	\$1,000.00
Web hosting		\$0.00		\$200.00	\$200.00
Administration Assistance				(\$500.00)	\$500.00
Uncommitted Funds					\$11,284.33
Yearly Profit/(Loss)		\$1,214.74		\$55.85	
Current Balance	Dec. 31, 2014	\$15,447.22	Nov. 14, 2015	\$17,534.33	

Prepared by Suzanne Lattimer, NEAS treasurer

Nominating Committee Report by Don McNeeley

- Mark Wilson will be replaced by Boyd Seevers for 2018.
- Motion to accept Nominating Committee Report by Edwin Yamauchi.
- Seconded by Douglas Petrovich.
- Motion passed.
- Nominating Committee Report appears below.

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Annual Meeting, November 17-19, 2015

Nominating Committee Report

Hilton Atlanta
Atlanta, GA.

Nominating Committee Report: Donald McNeeley

The Nominating Committee offers the following for consideration for affirmation. Most are incumbents, but one is tendered to replace one Class of 2015 member who has requested to be removed.

We have one nomination presented for the Publications Committee Chair and another one to replace.

- The Executive Committee has set these conditions as determinants for renewal of Class participation: willingness to serve actively, NEAS dues paid up to date and attendance at the meetings at least once in three years.
- The Nominating Committee herewith designates the Class of 2015 as the Class of 2018 pending Board approval.

NEAS OFFICER CANDIDATES & Chairs	2013/2014
<u>President:</u>	Charles Aling
<u>Vice President:</u>	Clyde Billington
<u>Secretary:</u>	Chris Jakway
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Suzanne Lattimer
<u>Program Chair:</u>	Don McNeeley
<u>Publications Committee Chair:</u>	TBD
<u>Nominating Committee Chair:</u>	Don McNeeley

Nominees:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2016

Doug Petrovich	Randal Price
Gordon Franz	Paul Ray
Chris Jakway	Robert. W. Smith
Henry Smith	Merilyn Copland
Donald McNeeley	

Class of 2017

John D. Wineland
Edwin Yamauchi
Efrain Velazquez II
Sara Fudge
Seth Rodriguez

Charles Aling
Adeeb F. Mickahail
Gary Byers
R. Adam Dodd

Class of 2018

Suzanne Lattimer
Clyde Billington
David Graves
Boyd Seevers
Steve Collins

Bryant Wood
David Chapman
Eric Mitchell
S. Cameron Coyle

Tenures for Officers

President & Vice President: three years with possible re-appointment for an additional three years

Secretary: five years

Treasurer: no stipulated length of term due to need for a steady and reliable address

Committee Chairs:

Program Chair: no stipulated length of term

Nominating Committee Chair: three years with renewal

Publications Committee Chair: no stipulated length of term

Charles Aling, President: nominated, 2013
Clyde Billington, Vice President: nominated, 2013
Chris Jakway, Secretary: nominated, 2013
Suzanne Lattimer, Treasurer: nominated, 2011
Don McNeeley, Program Chair: nominated, 2013

Nominating Committee Chair: Don McNeeley, nominated, 2012

Publications Committee Chair: James A. Borland

Publications Committee Member: Terry Hofecker

NEAS EDITORS

TBD, Chair-- Publication Committee

Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin

Paul Ray, Editor; Sara Fudge, Associate Editor

Near East Archaeological Society Newsletter: *Artifax*

Gordon Govier, Editor

The Nominating Committee would like to invite your suggestions for eligible Board candidates to be considered for the Near East Archaeological Society in the future. A candidate needs to be a member of the NEAS and willing to sign the Society's Statement of Faith. If you have a suggestion for a candidate, please send the following information to Donald McNeeley.

Candidate's Name
Address
e-mail
Phone number
Professional affiliation (vita)
Archaeological and/or Academic Experience

Don McNeeley
don@cbrgroup.org

Vice President Clyde Billington gave Editor Paul Ray's Report on the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*

- Paul Ray resigned as *NEAS Bulletin* editor (letter appears below).
- Edwin Yamauchi thanked Paul Ray for his seventeen years of service as editor of the *NEAS Bulletin*.
- Seventy-six institutions now receive the *NEAS Bulletin*.
178 members now receive the *NEAS Bulletin*.
- The upcoming issue of the *NEAS Bulletin* Volume 60 is ready and will be sent to members soon.
- The *NEAS Bulletin* is asking Directors and Members to submit articles for next year's issue.
- This issue features three articles in addition to the book reviews.
- The Table of Contents for Volume 60 appears below.

Letter from Paul Ray

Dear NEASB Board of Directors:

After 15+ years of housing both the NEASB editorial offices and the NEAS subscription services, we at the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University/the Horn Archaeological Museum respectfully ask that we be relieved of these responsibilities.

Specifically, I am asking that the current issue of NEASB (vol. 60, 2015), which is almost finished, be the last one that I edit, and that the NEAS subscription service be terminated as soon as possible when another venue is found.

In terms of my own reasons, my responsibilities have changed significantly in the last couple of years, with considerably more teaching and graduate dissertations and theses committees, as well as the fact that Institute of Archaeology has been moving into a heavy publication mode in terms of our excavation projects, and so there is a need to refocus our energies in other directions.

In addition, I have had some health-related issues in the last couple of years or so which has complicated things a bit. Although I have tried to push forward with the editorial responsibilities under the current circumstances for the last couple of years, the pressure of doing so is making life overly stressful, and I fear the consequences of continuing to do so.

Therefore, I ask that at this week's board meeting, alternate arrangements be seriously pursued.

I have sincerely enjoyed my involvement with the editing of the journal for all these years and hope that God will continue to bless both the society and the journal as it moves into its next phase of existence.

Sincerely

Paul Ray

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Vice President Clyde Billington gave Editor Gordon Govier's Report on *Artifax*

- *Artifax* continues to grow and has gained twenty new subscribers this year.
- *Artifax* is in good shape financially.
- Members of the Board of Directors were encouraged to submit articles to *Artifax* for publication.
- Gordon Govier was acknowledged for his fine work as Editor of *Artifax*.

Program Chair Report by Don McNeeley

- Papers must be submitted at ETS website.
- Discussed whether NEAS should keep the same time format for papers. Bryant Wood suggested keeping one day of twenty-five-minute sessions (rather than the standard thirty-five min.) to accommodate more presenters.

- The ETS theme for 2016 meeting in San Antonio is “The Trinity.”
- One possible NEAS theme mentioned for next year was archaeology relating to acts of worship.
- Contact Don McNeeley for suggesting ideas for next year.

NEAS New Business

- Bryant Wood suggested using the NEAS \$1,200.00 surplus for student dig scholarships (and possibly for special speakers at the annual meeting).
- Treasurer Suzanne Lattimer said the NEAS surplus would probably be \$500.00 – 1,000.00 per year.
- Motion by Douglas Petrovich to allocate \$500.00 – 750.00 for a special speaker, and an additional \$500.00 for a student dig scholarship.
- Seconded by Suzanne Lattimer.
- Motion passed.
- Edwin Yamauchi suggested Eilat Mazar as a presenter for next year.
- Douglas Petrovich will contact some potential speaks at ASOR.
- Douglas Petrovich will chair a committee, which will include Boyd SeEVERS, Edwin Yamauchi and Clyde Billington, to evaluate applications for student dig scholarships.
- Requirements for scholarship recipients will include NEAS membership, the submission of an article to *NEAS Bulletin* or *Artifax* for publication, and/or attendance at the annual meeting to present a paper.
- James Borland will chair a new publications committee, which along with Terry Hofecker, Suzanne Lattimer and Don McNeeley will seek a new editor for the NEASB to replace Paul Ray.
- Bryant Wood stressed the importance of guidelines for qualifications in the search for a new editor of the *NEAS Bulletin*.
- Don McNeely stressed the need for appropriate academic credentials.
- Douglas Petrovich volunteered to be considered as the new editor.
- Clyde Billington will speak with Gordon Govier about ideas for publishing the *NEAS Bulletin*.
- Steven Collins announced that he will continue at Tall el-Hammam with an eight-week dig in 2016. Details can be seen at www.tallelhamman.com.
- Clyde Billington announced that he wrote a history of the Maccabees for a Messianic Jewish group, and an Orthodox Jewish group appreciated it and plan to distribute it to their people.

Vice President Clyde Billington closed the meeting

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Don McNeeley.
- Seconded by Edwin Yamauchi.
- Motion passed.
- Bryant Wood closed in prayer.

Minutes by Chris Jakway, Secretary
Send corrections of minutes to jakwayc@kellogg.edu