The members of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Call to Order
- President Clyde Billington called the meeting to order.
- Steven Rudd opened with prayer.

Minutes of 2018 NEAS Board Meeting by Donald McNeely
- Printed copies (prepared by Chris Jakway, 2018 Secretary) were provided to members who were present.
- Minutes were presented by Don McNeely since Chris Jakway was absent.

Treasurer’s Report by Suzanne Lattimer
- NEAS is financially sound.
- Treasurer’s Report appears below. Printed copies were provided to members who were present.

![Treasurers Report Image]

Prepared by Suzanne Lattimer, NEAS treasurer
**Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin** Report by Mark Hassler, Editor

- Mark Hassler highlighted elements listed under “Recent Actions” and “Recommendations.”
- The *NEAS Bulletin* report and Table of Contents for vol. 64 appear below. Printed copies were provided to members who were present.

### 2019 Annual Report
**NEAS Bulletin**

Near East Archaeological Society, San Diego, November 20–22  
Report prepared by Mark Hassler, Editor (2016–2019), mhassler@vhs.edu

**Recent Actions**

2019
-Began to repopulate the editorial board (added Eugene Merrill, Rodger Young).
-Improved the bulletin’s findability by getting it indexed in:
  - *Old Testament Abstracts* (OTA)—600 archaeology, antiquities, and religion titles abstracted
  - *Christian Periodical Index* (CPI)—100 publications indexed
-Updated the bulletin in Logos Bible Software.
-Moved from single-blind to double-blind peer reviewing to increase objectivity.
-Started listing society-endorsed projects (cover 3).

2018
-Redesigned the bulletin’s covers and internal presentation.
-Created a new logo.
-Added a brief biographical sketch of each author on the first page of his or her article.
-Introduced ads and announcements: new books by NEAS authors, upcoming NEAS excavations, next year’s NEAS meeting.
-Improved the bulletin’s findability by getting indexed in the *Atla Religion Database* (*Atla RDB*).

2017
-Conformed the bulletin’s internal style to the latest editions of *CMS* and the *SBL Handbook of Style*.
-Revised the instructions for contributors and editorial policy.
-Added an abstract and a list of keywords to each article in the bulletin.

**Recommendations for Future Growth**

- Build a publication team in order to distribute the workload.
- Continue to repopulate the editorial board.
- Consider how the bulletin could be presented online if the society decides to create a new website (cf. *CMS* 1.86).
- Print the bulletin in color. (The PDF offprints appear in color.) The illustrations are beautiful—it’s a shame they appear in gray scale.
- Publish the bulletin using an academic press (university or commercial), a gold standard for academic publishing (Belcher 2019, 114).
- Establish the Journal Impact Factor (JIF).
- Request that the NEAS be listed in the next editions of the *SBL Handbook of Style* and Schwertner’s *ITAG*.
- Get the bulletin listed and linked in the MLA Directory of Periodicals, Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory, JournalSeek.net, and JSTOR.
- Get indexed or abstracted in *RTA* and *IBZ*. (They did not reply to our requests in 2019.)
- Identify a slogan for the society and add it to the bulletin’s masthead and other societal literature.
- Create a Wikipedia page for the society with a subsection devoted to the bulletin.
- Keep the bulletin up-to-date in Logos Bible Software and the research databases (indexing and abstracting).
- Add a brief editorial to the beginning of each volume—one that has the characteristics of a good editorial.
- Welcome unsolicited book reviews and encourage colleagues who specialize in OT and NT introduction to submit articles.
- Enlist a sales and marketing manager to sell subscriptions to academic libraries in the United States, Canada, and Israel.

* The website for the ALA (American Library Association) indicates that there are 3,790 "academic libraries" in the United States (http://www.ala.org/tools/libfactsheets/alalibraryfactsheet01). By “academic library,” they mean a “library associated with a degree-granting institution of higher education.”
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Nominating Committee Report by Donald McNeeley

- The board of directors is being gradually reduced from 21 to 15 members. The reduction will be accomplished through attrition.
- The committee recommends that the Class of 2019 become the Class of 2022.
- Changes to officers:
  - Clyde Billington’s term expires in 2022 and he is unable to serve another term.
  - Sarah Fudge asked to be removed as vice president, so Scott Stripling is stepping in.
  - Chris Jakway stepped down from the secretary position, so Seth Rodriquez is stepping in.
  - The Treasurer and Program Chair positions are of indefinite length.
  - The Publications Chair does not have a term limit stipulated in the bylaws.
  - Mark Hassler will be stepping into the Nominating Chair and stepping down as the editor of NEASB. The new editor will be Chris McKinney.
  - As the editor of NEASB, it is recommended that Chris McKinney be added to the board of directors.
- Nominating Committee Report appears below (with a correction noted by McNeeley in his presentation to board of directors). Printed copies were provided to members who were present.

NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Annual Meeting, November 20-22, 2019
Nominating Committee Report

Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego, CA

Nominating Committee Report: Donald McNeeley

The Nominating Committee recommends that the number of Board of Directors be reduced to a total of fifteen (five members per class), using attrition as a means to obtain this number. Therefore, the committee offers the following incumbent BOD members for consideration and affirmation to fill the Class of 2022.

1. 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 to at least two meetings over a three-year period.
2. The Nominating Committee herewith designates the Class of 2019 as the Class of 2022 as amended below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2020
- Mark Hassler
- William Attaway
- Efrain Velazquez II
- Sara Fudge (asked to be removed)
- Seth Rodriquez
- Ralph Hawkins
- Adeeb F. Mickahail
- Gary Byers
- R. Adam Dodd

Class of 2021
- Suzanne Lattimer
- Clyde Billington
- Tom Vann
- Boyd Seevers
- Steve Collins
- John Wineland
- David Chapman
- Eric Mitchell
- Chet Roden
Class of 2022

Doug Petrovich  Randal Price
Robert. W. Smith  Scott Stripling
Donald McNeeley

Additionally, the committee offers the following BOD members as the Executive Officers & Program Chairs

President: Clyde Billington - term would expire in 2022, and cannot serve an additional term
Vice President: Scott Stripling - term would expire in 2022, but an additional term is allowed
Secretary: Seth Rodriquez - term would expire in 2021 [correction: term would expire in 2024], but an additional term is allowed
Treasurer: Suzanne Lattimer - term does not expire
Program Chair: Don McNeeley - term does not expire
Publications Committee Chair: James Borland - no stipulated length of term
Nominating Committee Chair: Mark Hassler - term would expire in 2022, but an additional term is allowed

NEAS EDITORS
James Borland, Chair, Sara Fudge, Rodger C. Young, and Eugene Merrill -- Publication Committee

Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin
The Executive Officers are recommending Chris McKinney to become the Editor of the NEASB. If the BOD approves the nomination, it is recommended that Chris McKinney completes the term of Sara Fudge (Class of 2020). It is felt that the Editor of the NEASB should be a member of the BOD.

Near East Archaeological Society Newsletter: Artifax
Gordon Govier, Editor

Tenures for Executive Officers
President & Vice President: three years with possible re-appointment for an additional three years
Secretary: five years with possible re-appointment for an additional five years
Treasurer: no stipulated length of term due to need for a steady banking account

Committee Chairs:
Program Chair: no stipulated length of term
Nominating Committee Chair: three years with one three year renewal
Publications Committee Chair: no stipulated length of term

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 Mark Hassler.

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

Mark Hassler
mhassler@vbts.edu
**Artifax Report by Clyde Billington**
- Report was presented by Clyde Billington since Gordon Govier, editor of *Artifax*, was absent.
- The publication is doing well and subscriptions are growing.
- Some subscribers are transitioning to become NEAS members.

**Program Chair Report by Donald McNeeley**
- This year’s program included a full schedule of 27 speakers.
- Next year’s meeting will be held in Providence, RI. The theme will be determined later.
- The NEAS exhibit booth is being manned by some of the board of director members this year.
  - The Evangelical Theological Society provides that to us for free each year.
- NEAS website was discussed.

**Excavation Reports**
- Scott Stripling on Shiloh.
- Chet Roden on Gezer & Tel Hadid.
- Bob Smith on Abila in northern Jordan.
- Seth Rodriquez on Tell es-Safi/Gath.
- Scott Stripling reported that the excavation publications for Kh. el-Maqatir are being worked on.

**Close of Meeting**
- President Clyde Billington closed the meeting.
- Closing prayer by Scott Stripling.

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Minutes by Seth M. Rodriquez, Secretary
Send corrections of minutes to srodriguez@ccu.edu