



## 2021 NEAS Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Omni Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

- Board Members in Attendance:
  - Clyde Billington, Adam Dodd, Mark Hassler, Chris McKinny, Donald McNeeley, Douglas Petrovich, Seth Rodriguez, Boyd Seevers, Scott Stripling, and Tom Vann.

### **Call to Order by Clyde Billington, President**

- Clyde Billington called the meeting to order.
- Boyd Seevers opened with prayer.
- Billington welcomed attendees and made opening remarks.

### **Minutes of 2020 NEAS Virtual Board Meeting by Seth Rodriguez, Secretary**

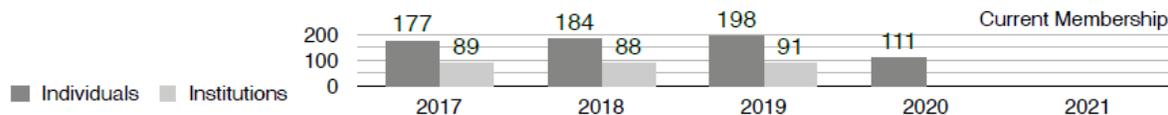
- Printed copies were not available at the time of the meeting. A digital version was sent to the board members via email later that day, and printed copies were provided the next day at the NEAS Members Meeting.
- Minutes were approved by the board members present at the members meeting on November 17, 2021.

### **Treasurer's Report by Scott Stripling, Vice President, for Suzanne Lattimer, Treasurer**

- Suzanne Lattimer unable to attend due to a health issue.
- The society is financially sound, even though expenses were a little higher than income this past year. Yearly Profit/Loss: -\$500.07. The specific numbers of the Treasurer's Report are reproduced below.
- McNeeley reported that the society is receiving approximately \$1,000 per year from Logos Bible Software from the sale of the digital version of the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*.
- McKinny suggested the society approach Accordance Bible Software as an additional avenue to sell the bulletin.
- Billington reported that he has received a request from Hebrew Union to post a digital version of *Artifax* online. He requested help from the board members to accomplish that task.

# NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Tidewater Bible College



Activity	Notes	Completed 2020 Budget	Notes	Current 2019 Budget	Proposed 2022 Budget
Beginning Balance	Jan. 1, 2021	\$21,928.29	Nov. 10, 2021	\$22,735.62	
Income/Deposits		\$6,077.04		\$7,472.56	
Interest		\$1.66		\$0.86	
Expenditures		\$6,577.11		\$6,577.11	\$6,839.97
Obligations - NEASB		\$0.00	2020 NEASB	\$1283.84	\$1,500.00
Obligations - Artifax		\$2,202.34		\$1,721.84	\$2,200.00
Miscellaneous		\$3985.89		\$384.97	\$400.00
Program Expenses		\$0.00	Booth & honorarium	\$1334.09	\$600.00
Web hosting		\$174.75		\$174.75	\$175.00
Administration		\$729.87		\$580.00	\$1,080.00
Student Scholarship		\$500.00		\$0.00	\$500.00
Uncommitted Funds					\$16,791.10
Yearly Profit/Loss		-\$500.07		\$895.45	
Current Balance		\$21,428.22		\$23,631.07	

Prepared by Suzanne Lattimer, NEAS treasurer

## Nominating Committee Report by Mark Hassler, Chair

- In the last three years, the society has gradually reduced the number of board members by ten. This was an intentional reduction approved by the board of directors due to the fact that the board had become too large. As board members have moved off, they have not been replaced.
- The Class of 2024 for the Board of Directors includes four members of the Class of 2021:
  - Clyde Billington
  - Suzanne Lattimer
  - Chet Roden
  - Boyd Seevers
- There is room to expand the editorial board of *NEASB*.
- The full Nominating Committee Report appears below, including revisions that were submitted to the secretary by Hassler on December 10, 2021 with the following explanation: “In light of the discussion at this year's meeting regarding attendance issues, I removed three more names from the list of recommended directors: Efraín Velázquez, John Wineland, and Adeeb Mickahail.”

# Annual Report of the Nominating Committee

National Meeting of the Near East Archaeological Society  
Fort Worth, Texas  
November 16–18, 2021

Prepared by the Chair of the Nominating Committee  
Mark Hassler (mhassler@vbts.edu)

## Board of Directors

The executive committee established three conditions for renewal of board membership: willingness to serve actively, payment of society membership fees, and attendance of at least two of the last three meetings. The nominating committee recommends the following names for the class of 2024.

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
Donald McNeeley	Gary Byers	Clyde Billington
Doug Petrovich	Adam Dodd	Suzanne Lattimer
Randal Price	Mark Hassler	Chet Roden
Robert Smith	Ralph Hawkins	Boyd SeEVERS
Scott Stripling	Chris McKinny	
	Seth Rodriguez	

## Executive Officers and Chairs

President: Clyde Billington—second term expires in 2022  
Vice President: Scott Stripling—term expires in 2022; eligible for a second term  
Secretary: Seth Rodriguez—term expires in 2024; eligible for a second term  
Treasurer: Suzanne Lattimer  
Program Chair: Donald McNeeley  
Nominating Committee Chair: Mark Hassler—term expires in 2022; eligible for a second term  
Publications Committee Chair: James Borland

## *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*

Editor: Chris McKinny  
Editorial Board: James Borland (Chair), Sara Fudge, Eugene Merrill, Rodger Young

## Near East Archaeological Society Newsletter: *Artifax*

Editor: Gordon Govier

## Term Limits for Executive Officers

President and Vice President: three-year term; eligible for a second term  
Secretary: five-year term; eligible for a second term  
Treasurer: term length not stipulated due to need for steady banking  
Program Chair: term length not stipulated  
Nominating Committee Chair: three-year term; eligible for a second term  
Publications Committee Chair: term length not stipulated

### ***Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin Report by Chris McKinny, Editor***

- The bulletin is progressing as usual. This year's issue should be ready to print by the end of the year. There will be three articles in the new issue.
- The editor is receiving a relatively steady stream of new articles submitted: three to six per year.
- The editor recommended developing a new website that included a digital version of the bulletin. Suggested charging a small fee to advertisers to help fund the website.
  - McKinney looked into hosting the bulletin online through Scholastica, but they do not do typesetting. The society needs a digital version posted online that includes typesetting.
- Stripling asked for an update on the number of subscriptions for the bulletin. McNeeley reported that the subscriptions increased by about 230.

### ***Artifax Report by Clyde Billington for Gordon Govier, Editor***

- The publication is doing well and subscriptions continue to grow.
- The magazine could expand if investments were made into getting better advertisements.

### ***Program Report by Donald McNeeley, Chair***

- McNeeley expressed that it was good to be back in person this year after our virtual meeting in 2020. He noted that the total number of exhibitors in the conference exhibit hall has shrunk. NEAS continues to maintain a booth in the exhibit hall.
- Our guest speaker this year, Craig Evans, was paid \$1,500.
- Next year's meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado.
  - The ETS program theme will be "Holiness." NEAS program theme will match.

### ***NEAS Old Business***

- None.

### ***NEAS New Business***

- Scott Stripling asked if all the people listed on the Nominating Committee's report currently meet the qualifications for being a board member.
  - The board discussed various methods of how to keep track. The secretary is keeping a record of attendees at each board meeting which are then entered into the minutes.
  - The board decided that the attendance at the 2020 board meeting was not required due to the unusual circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the attendance list from 2019 need to be included when considering each board member's attendance record.
- Stripling proposed Shimon Gibson to be the guest speaker at next year's annual meeting.
  - A motion was called for \$1,500 to be offered to Gibson as an honorarium.
    - Scott Stripling was first on the motion.
    - Seconded by Boyd Seevers.
    - Motion passed.

- Mark Hassler asked Chris McKinney if any funding was needed for the bulletin. McKinney suggested funds be made available for typesetting. Role could possibly be fulfilled by a graduate student or the editor of *Artifax*. Recommended \$1,000 per issue for the typesetting work.
  - A motion was called for \$1,000 be used for typesetting work this year.
    - Chris McKinney was first on the motion.
    - Seconded by Boyd Seevers.
    - Motion passed.
- Scott Stripling suggested the society create a new website, pointing out that the society needs a professional website to increase its impact.
  - McKinney informed the board that Word Press would cost a few hundred dollars per year, but would provide login options.
  - Billington cautioned the board to be careful with the society's budget. He asked Stripling to look into some options.
  - McKinney reminded the board that he already made a floorplan for a new website through WordPress. A draft of that website was sent out to the board in May 2020.
  - McKinney recommended scanning and uploading old issues of *NEASB* to whatever website the society uses. McNeeley expressed a concern that that may violate our contract with Logos Bible Software, and volunteered to talk with Logos to clarify our terms.
  - Billington suggested circling back to this issue at a later time. He pointed out that the board can vote online on an amount to spend on a new website once more information is available.
- As noted in the Nominating Committee Report, there is room to expand the editorial board of *NEASB*. Questions were asked about what commitment is required.
  - Boyd Seevers was suggested as a potential person to add to the editorial board, but no action was taken at that time.

### **Close of Meeting**

- President Clyde Billington closed the meeting.
- Closing prayer by Doug Petrovich.

Minutes by Seth M. Rodriguez, Secretary  
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