

2016 NEAS Members Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Marriott Rivercenter hotel in San Antonio, Texas on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

President Clyde Billington called the meeting to order

Sara Fudge opened with prayer.

Clyde Billington welcomed attendees and made opening remarks.

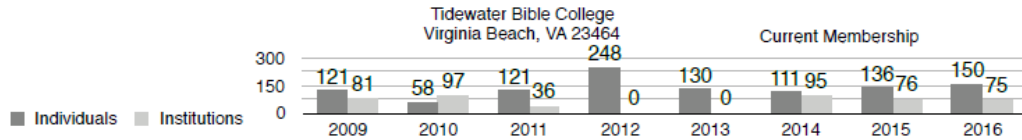
Minutes of the 2015 NEAS Members Meeting by Chris Jakway

- Printed copies were provided to Members who were present.
- Minutes presented by Secretary.

Don McNeely presented Treasurer Suzanne Lattimer's Report

- NEAS is in good shape financially and all bills are paid.
- All money received through December 2016 will be a surplus.
- PayPal is available and working well on NEAS website.
- An Administrative Assistant fee was paid in 2015.
- An update was given on the Logos software royalties from NEASB. the first check NEAS received was \$6,500.
- Treasurer's Report appears below.

NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Activity	Notes	Completed 2015 Budget	Notes	Current 2016 Budget	Proposed 2017 Budget
Beginning Balance	Jan. 1, 2015	\$14,947.22	Jan. 1, 2016	\$15,521.44	
Income/Deposits		\$5,845.97		\$10,082.34	
Interest		\$3.47		\$2.87	
Expenditures		\$5,271.75		\$5,486.69	\$6,800.00
Obligations - NEASB		2122.75		(\$2,500.00)	\$2,500.00
Obligations - Artifax		\$2,006.04		\$1,027.80	\$2,100.00
Bank Fees		\$5.00		\$19.89	\$50.00
Miscellaneous		\$100		(\$150.00)	\$50.00
Program Expenses	booth	\$337.06	booth	(\$300.00)	\$400.00
Web hosting		\$200.00		\$175.00	\$200.00
Administration Assistance		\$500.00		(\$500.00)	\$500.00
Student Scholarship		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$500.00
NEASB Editor		\$0.00		(\$500.00)	\$500.00
Uncommitted Funds					\$13,317.09
Yearly Profit/[Loss]		\$574.22		\$4,595.65	
Current Balance	Dec. 31, 2015	\$15,521.44	Nov. 1, 2016	\$20,117.09	

Prepared by Suzanne Lattimer, NEAS treasurer

Nominating Committee Report by Don McNeeley

- Mark Wilson will be replaced by Boyd Seevers for 2018.
- Nominating Committee Report appears below.

NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting, November 17-19, 2015

Nominating Committee Report

Marriott Rivercenter
San Antonio, TX

Nominating Committee Report: Donald McNeeley

The Nominating Committee offers the following members for consideration and affirmation to fill the Class of 2019. Most are incumbents, but **Scott Stripling** is tendered to replace Henry Smith. Additionally, two Class of 2017 members (Edwin Yamanuchi and Charles Aling) have requested to be removed from the BOD. The committee is recommending **William Attaway** and **Ralph Hawkins** to replace these two board members. CVs for new board members are attached to this report.

- 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 2016 as the Class of 2019 as amended pending Board approval.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2017

John D. Wineland
William Attaway
 Efrain Velazquez II
 Sara Fudge
 Seth Rodriguez

Ralph Hawkins
 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

Class of 2019

Doug Petrovich
 Gordon Franz
 Chris Jakway
 Scott Stripling
 Donald McNeeley

Randal Price
 Paul Ray
 Robert. W. Smith
 Marilyn Copland

The Nominating Committee offers the following board members to fill vacated Executive Committee positions.

Executive Committee:

Clyde Billington, President: nominated, 2016 (2017-2019 term, extendable by three years)
 Sara Fudge, Vice President: nominated, 2016 (2017-2019 term, extendable by three years)
 Chris Jakway, Secretary: nominated, 2013 - term expires 2018
 Suzanne Lattimer, Treasurer: nominated, 2011 - no stipulated length
 Don McNeeley, Program Chair: nominated, 2013 - no stipulated length

Other Committees

Nominating Committee Chair: Don McNeeley, nominated, 2016 - (2017-2019 term, extendable by three years)
 Publications Committee Chair: James A. Borland, nominated 2015 - no stipulated length

NEAS EDITORS

James Borland, Chair-- Publication Committee
Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin

Mark Hassler, Editor; Sara Fudge, Associate Editor, Terry Hofecker

Near East Archaeological Society Newsletter: *Artifax*
 Gordon Govier, Editor

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

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

Don McNeely's Report on the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*

- The upcoming issue of the *NEAS Bulletin* Volume 61 is ready and will be sent to members soon.
- The *NEAS Bulletin* Members to submit articles for next year's issue.
- This issue features articles in addition to the book reviews.
- The Table of Contents for Volume 61 appears below.

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

- *Artifax* subscriptions continue to grow at a rate of 10% per year.
- Most of the subscribers are not members of NEAS.
- *Artifax* is in good shape financially.
- There has been a significant increase in international subscribers.
- Gordon Govier was acknowledged for his fine work as editor.

Program Chair Report by Don McNeeley

- Papers must be submitted at ETS website.
- The ETS theme for 2017 meeting in Providence is “The Reformation.”
- Clyde Billington suggested the NEAS theme for next year could be the reforms in Judaism (e.g. with Hezekiah and Josiah).
- Contact Don McNeeley for suggesting ideas for next year.

NEAS New Business

- Complete sets of the *NEAS Bulletin* are available to any institution.
- NEAS dues will increase from \$35 to \$37.
International dues will increase to \$40 (\$50 if paying by check).
- The NEAS Board of Directors conferred upon Edwin Yamauchi the title of President Emeritus of NEAS (see letter below).
- Clyde Billington presented a synopsis of Dr. Yamauchi’s work.

Excavation Reports

- Scott Stripling gave an update on Khirbet el-Maqatir. December 2016 will be the final dig after 21 years at the site. Scott will lead the *Associates for Biblical Research* excavation at Shiloh beginning in spring 2017.
- Dale Manor gave an update on the excavation at Beth Shemesh where he has been digging since 1990.
- Robert Smith gave an update on the excavation at Abila in Jordan, which will continue in 2018 (the dig began in 1980).
- Ralph Hawkins gave an update on the excavation at Khirbet el-Mastarah, which will continue in 2017.
- R. Dennis Cole gave an update on the excavation of the water system at Gezer, which will continue in 2017.

President Clyde Billington closed the meeting

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Don McNeely.
- Seconded by Douglas Petrovich.
- Motion passed.

Minutes by Chris Jakway, Secretary

Send corrections of minutes to jakwayc@kellogg.edu

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY**

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Edwin Yamauchi as President Emeritus

The title of President Emeritus is being conferred by the Board of Directors upon Dr. Edwin Yamauchi who has been a long term member of the Near East Archeological Society (NEAS) and has served many years as its president.

WHEREAS, Dr. Yamauchi has rendered distinguished service to the Near East Archaeological Society, and has continually distinguished himself and NEAS throughout his professional career in a multitude of volunteer positions associated with Biblical Studies. Dr. Yamauchi's expertise in Ancient Near Eastern languages include Hebrew, Aramaic, Akkadian, Ugaritic, Arabic, Syriac, and Coptic. In all he has immersed himself in 22 different languages. Dr. Yamauchi's non-linguistic areas of expertise include Ancient History, Old Testament, New Testament, Early Church History, Gnosticism, and Biblical Archaeology. His contributions to the academy are enormous, with specialized chapters in several books, articles in reference works, and over 80 essays in 37 scholarly journals. Additionally, Dr. Yamauchi has written about the social and cultural history of first century Christianity, the relevance of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls for New Testament studies, the primary source value of Josephus' writings, and the role of the Magi in both ancient Persia and in the nativity narrative of the Gospel of Matthew. Furthermore, Dr. Yamauchi has served his profession by being a board member and president of NEAS, as well as being past a member and officer of the Institute for Biblical Research and a member and president of the Evangelical Theological Society

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of Dr. Yamauchi's long and committed service to the Biblical Archeology and his profession in the area of teaching, research, and service, the Board of Director hereby confers upon Dr. Edwin Yamauchi the title and position of President Emeritus, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Submitted by the Executive Committee

November 15, 2016

Approved by the board of Directors

November 15, 2016

Clyde Billington

President of the Board