2018 NEAS Members Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel in Denver, Colorado on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

President Clyde Billington called the meeting to order

James Borland opened with prayer. Clyde Billington welcomed attendees and made opening remarks.

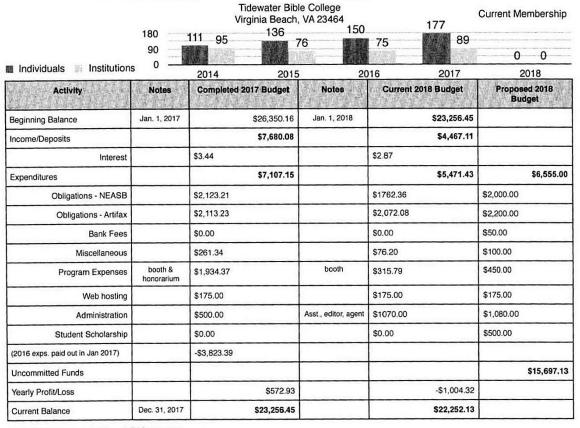
Minutes of the 2017 NEAS Board Meeting by Chris Jakway

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

Treasurer's Report by Suzanne Lattimer

- NEAS is in good shape financially and all bills are paid.
- Student scholarships are available and the current fund is \$500.
- Logos software royalties from NEASB at this point: \$10,493.
- Treasurer's Report appears below.

NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Prepared by Suzanne Lattimer, NEAS treasurer

Nominating Committee Report by Don McNeeley

- Don McNeeley and Mark Hassler will work together, and then in 2020 Mark Hasslwer will be the new chair of the committee.
- Nominating Committee Report appears below.

NEAR EAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting, November 14-16, 2018 Nominating Committee Report

Sheraton Denver Downtown Denver, CO

Nominating Committee Report: Donald McNeeley

The Nominating Committee offers the following members for consideration and affirmation to fill the Class of 2021. Most are incumbents, but **John Wineland** is tendered to replace Cameron Coyle, **Tom Vann** is tendered to replace Bryant Wood, and **Chet Roden** is tendered to replace David Graves. Additionally, one Class of 2019 member (Merilyn Copland) has requested to be removed from the BOD. However, since her term is not over until next year, a replacement is not mandatory, unless we have a nomination from the floor. CVs for new board members are attached to this report. Merilyn Copland

- 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 at the meetings at least once in three years. However, this may be a mote requirement with the potential NEAS constitution amendment being considered at this time.
- 2. The Nominating Committee herewith designates the Class of 2018 as the Class of 2021 as amended.

Current NEAS Offices & Chairs

President: Clyde Billington - term expires 2019, but can be extended for another term Vice President: Sarah Fudge - term expires 2019, but can be extended for another term Secretary: Chris Jakway - term expires 2021, but can be extended for another term

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: Don McNeeley - term expires 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2019

Doug Petrovich Randal Price Gordon Franz Paul Ray

Chris Jakway Robert. W. Smith Scott Stripling *Merilyn Copland*

Donald McNeeley

Class of 2020

Mark Hassler Ralph Hawkins
William Attaway Adeeb F. Mickahail
Efrain Velazquez II Gary Byers

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Seth Rodriquez

Class of 2021

Suzanne Lattimer
Clyde Billington
David Chapman
Tom Vann
Boyd Seevers
Chet Roden

Steve Collins

NEAS EDITORS

James Borland, Chair, Sara Fudge, Steve Ortiz, and **Eugene Merrill** -- Publication Committee

Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin

Mark Hassler, Editor

Near East Archaeological Society Newsletter: Artifax

Gordon Govier, Editor

Tenures for Officers

<u>President & Vice President</u>: 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 banking account

Committee Chairs:

Program Chair: no stipulated length of term

Nominating Committee Chair: three years with renewal Publications Committee Chair: no stipulated length of term

Note: The Nominating Committee Chair is for three years with a renewal. Next year is my sixth year as the Chair and we will then need to determine who will be the next chairperson. Mark Hassler has indicated that he would be willing to assume this responsibility. I propose that Mark work with me to formulate the 2019 meeting report and that he assume complete responsibility starting in 2020.

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

Mark Hassler's Report on the Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin

- The upcoming issue of the *NEAS Bulletin* Volume 63 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.
- There is a need for a graphic designer for a few small projects.
- The *NEAS Bulletin* report and Table of Contents for vol. 63 appear below.

2018 Annual Report NEAS Bulletin



Near East Archaeological Society Denver, Colorado November, 2018

Report prepared by Mark Hassler, general editor (2017–present) mhassler@vbts.edu

Recent Actions

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

2018 Redesigned the bulletin's covers and internal presentation.

Created a new logo for the society.

Added a brief biographical sketch of each author on the first page of his or her article. Improved the bulletin's findability and credibility by getting indexed in the ATLA Religion Database*.

Future Plans (Opportunities for Growth)

2019 Begin to build a publication team and distribute the workload (e.g., associate editor, book review editor, etc.).
Consider how the bulletin could be presented online if the society decides to create a new website.
Update the bulletin in Logos Bible Software.

2020 Get the bulletin indexed in additional research databases.
Move toward printing in color; a high priority. (The PDF offprints already appear in color.)

How You Can Help

Encourage your institution to purchase an annual subscription for their library.

• An annual subscription includes (a) one issue of the bulletin, the society's academic publication, and (b) four issues of Artifax magazine, a popular news digest and commentary on the Holy Land. \$37.00 (\$40.00 via PayPal or non-US address). Pay online via the NEAS store: www.cbrgroup.org/NEAS-Store. Or pay by mail: Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin, 5045 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. For assistance, contact the NEAS administrative office at neasadmin@cbrgroup.org.

Nominate a graphic designer who can do small projects for the bulletin.

• The NEAS bulletin seeks a graphic designer to create professional-quality inserts to be included in the bulletin. The inserts (e.g., advertisements) will inform the readers of society-related happenings, such as announcements of book releases by society members, notifications of upcoming excavations led by society members, and so forth. This is a volunteer role done as a ministry to the society.

¹ The ATLA RDB* committee evaluated the 2107 and 2018 volumes of the NEAS bulletin and deemed them "excellent." The ATLA team is "excited" to work with us. Praise the Lord. Special thanks to the bulletin's contributors for their efforts. Keep up the good work. —MH.

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- Artifax subscriptions are increasing.
- More institutions are subscribing to *Artifax*.
- Currently over 500 issues of *Artifax* are printed.
- Gordon Govier was acknowledged for his fine work as editor.

Program Chair Report by Don McNeeley

- Papers must be submitted at ETS website.
- The NEAS theme for the 2019 meeting in San Diego is "Archaeology of the Two Hundred Years Surrounding the Birth of Jesus."

NEAS Old Business

Proposed Amendment to the NEAS Constitution

By: Scott Stripling, Member of Board of Directors

To: Clyde Billington, President

Date: 11/13/2018

I propose that Article VI/C of the NEAS Constitution be amended.

Current Wording:

Members of the Board of Directors shall be regular in their attendance at board meetings. Members who incur absences may not be reelected to the board.

Proposed Wording:

Members of the Board of Directors shall be regular in their attendance at board meetings. Any member who misses two consecutive annual meetings may be removed by a majority vote of the attending members of the Board of Directors, and a new director shall be appointed by the general membership to serve the balance of his or her term.

NEAS New Business

- Charles Aling and Bryant Wood will become members emeritus.
- Discussion on honorarium for presenters: Frankie Snyder was suggested, who specializes on flooring and small finds.

Archaeological Reports

- Scott Stripling on Shiloh.
- Seth Rodriguez on Tell es-Safi.
- Ralph Hawkins on Khirbet 'Auja el-Foqa.
- Robert Smith on Abila.
- Dale Manor on Tel Beth-Shemesh.
- Gary Byers on Tall el-Hammam.

President Clyde Billington closed the meeting

- Closing prayer by Robert Smith.

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