

## 2006 NEAS Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society met in room C-326 at the Hilton Washington hotel, Washington, DC on Wednesday November 15, 2006. Directors in attendance include Ralph Alexander, Charles Aling, Clyde Billington, Gary Byers, David Chapman, David Fouts, Paul Ray, Robert Smith, Tim Snow, Mark Wilson, John Wineland, Bryant Wood, Edwin Yamauchi, Ronald Youngblood, and Mark Ziese. Four guests were also in attendance.

President Ronald Youngblood called the meeting to order. Gary Byers opened with prayer.

Youngblood made some opening remarks. Gary Byers requested help staffing the NEAS booth during the annual meeting. It was noted that it costs \$300.00 for rental of the booth. President Youngblood noted that there were parallel archaeological sessions at the ETS. He urged members be alert to them to see if they are NEAS members. If not, they should be encouraged to become members.

Also noted was the exhibit "Bibles before 1000 A.D." at the Sacker Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution as well as Yamauchi's presidential address at the ETS banquet Thursday evening. John Wineland noted the recently published festschrift in Yamauchi's honor, *The Light of Discovery*.

Secretary Tim Snow read the minutes from the 2005 board meeting. John Wineland moved they be accepted as read; Ralph Alexander seconded. The motion passed.

Robert Smith presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that members being up-to-date on their dues continues to be a problem. Jim Estep consented to being the registered agent in the State of Illinois, where the society is incorporated. John Wineland moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mark Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

Smith also presented the Nominating Committee report in Chairperson Sara Fudge's absence. He noted the nominee for Secretary Clyde Billington. Snow moved to accept the nomination of Billington; Charles Aling seconded; and the motion carried.

Smith noted the nominees for trustees of the Class of 2009—the Class of 2006 with the additions of David Chapman and Eric Mitchell. David Fouts moved, and Aling seconded that the nominees of the Class of 2009 be accepted. The motion carried.

Wineland moved that the Nominating Committee report be accepted. Alexander seconded, and the motion carried.

Youngblood commented on membership matters. He underlined the need for new members.

Paul Ray presented the report on the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*. The upcoming issue is ready to go, and it should be mailed out in January 2007. He noted that the issue is sent by bulk mail from Andrews which accounts of the lag between when the issue is done and when it is sent out.

Ron Youngblood noted the recent book by Al Hoerth and John McRay. He pointed out that this is a totally new book aimed at lay people among others.

Clyde Billington presented the report for *Artifax*. He noted that Tom Powers article on the ossuary was picked up by the *Biblical Archaeology Review*.

President Youngblood made comments on the W. H. Mare Festschrift, *Beyond the Jordan*. He thanked Kimberly at Wipf and Stock as well as the editors and copy editors.

Program Chair Bryant Wood expressed his appreciation to the membership for the submission of papers. He stated the program was moving quite well, and he encouraged candidates for Program Chair as he will be discontinuing the post at the end of this year.

President Youngblood thanked Wood for his help and support. It was suggested that Gary Byers assume the post of Program Chair. He consented, and he was approved by acclamation. Wood encouraged directors to help Byers brainstorm for next year's program. The 2007 ETS theme is "Teaching them to Obey."

With the approval of Gary Byers as Program Chair, the following is the slate of officers and directors.

President.....	Ron Youngblood
Vice President.....	Edwin Yamauchi
Secretary .....	Clyde Billington
Assistant Secretary.....	(Vacant)
Treasurer .....	Robert Smith
Program Chair.....	Gary Byers

Class of 2007

Ralph H. Alexander  
Gordon Franz  
Seijun Koh  
Ken Barker  
David Merling  
Paul Ray  
Keith N. Schoville  
Robert W. Smith  
John D. Wineland  
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Charles Aling  
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Mark W. Chavalas  
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Sara Fudge  
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Edwin Yamauchi

Class of 2009

Clyde Billington  
Rick Bullard  
David Chapman  
John Davis  
David Fouts  
Eric Mitchell  
Timothy C. Snow  
Mark Wilson  
Bryant G. Wood  
Ronald F. Youngblood

John Wineland closed the meeting with Prayer.

By Tim Snow, Secretary