

## 2007 NEAS Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, California on Wednesday November 14, 2007. Directors present were Ralph Alexander, Charles Aling, Clyde Billington, Gary Byers, David Fouts, Gordon Franz., Paul Ray, Bryant Wood, Edwin Yamauchi, and Ronald Youngblood.

President Ronald Youngblood called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees

Ralph Alexander opened with prayer.

Pres. Youngblood's opening remarks.

- He encouraged NEAS Directors to see the exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The oldest copy ever found of the Ten Commandments is on display. The Copper Scroll is also being displayed.
- He encouraged members to volunteer to help staff the NEAS booth in the exhibition hall during the annual meetings.

Minutes of the 2006 NEAS Board of Directors' Meeting

- Printed copies provided to Directors present.
- Minutes read by Secretary Clyde Billington
- Motion to accept by Bryant Wood, seconded by Paul Ray, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report.

- Treasurer Robert Smith was absent.
- Correction made in the Proposed Budget. NEASB 53 and NEASB 54 were both listed under the Proposed Budget for 2008.
- Pres. Youngblood gave Bob Smith's report.
- Membership in NEAS doubled last year.
- Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 01/01/07	\$5581.59
Income 01/01/07 to 11/14/07	\$8967.00
Expenditures 01/01/07 to 11/14/07	\$5575.10
Current Balance 11/14/07	\$8973.49
Obligations - NEASB 53	c. \$3200.00
Obligations to Members	c. \$ 300.00
Uncommitted Funds	c. \$5473.49

- Proposed Budget for 2008

NASB Vol. 54	\$3200.00
4 Issues of Artifax	\$2200.00
Administrative Assistance	\$ 400.00
WEB Hosting	\$ 200.00
Legal Fees	\$ 100.00
Annual Program	\$1000.00

TOTAL

\$7,100.00

- Clyde Billington volunteered to again do a dues-collection mailing. Treasurer Robert Smith will provide mailing labels.
- Charles Aling moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Edwin Yamauchi seconded, and the motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

- Chairperson Sara Fudge was unavoidably absent at a family wedding.
- Pres. Youngblood presented the Nominating Committee Report for her.
- Keith Schoville resigned from the NEAS Board of Directors. He does not know when he will next be able to attend. His position will be filled next year.
- With the exception of Keith Schoville, the entire Class of 2007 was nominated to become the Class of 2010 for the NEAS Board of Directors.
- Keith Schoville is on the NEAS Publication Committee. Need to contact him to see if he still wishes to serve on this Committee.
- The new Classes of the NEAS Board of Directors will be:

<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Charles Aling	Clyde Billington	Ralph H. Alexander
Gary G. Byers	Rick Bullard	Gordon Franz
Mark W. Chavalas	David Chapman	Seijun Koh
Robert E. Cooley	John Davis	Ken Barker
Sara Fudge	David Fouts	David Merling
George Giacomakis	Eric Mitchell	Paul Ray
Alfred J. Hoerth	Timothy C. Snow	Robert W. Smith
Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.	Mark Wilson	John D. Wineland
Edwin Yamauchi	Bryant Wood	Mark S. Ziese
	Ronald Youngblood	

- Pres. Youngblood's three years term ends in 2007. He has decided not to seek reelection since he also has obligations in ETS.
- Edwin Yamauchi, former Vice President of NEAS was nominated to become the new President of NEAS.
- Charles Aling was nominated to be the new Vice President of NEAS by Clyde Billington, motion was seconded by Paul Ray. Motion passed. .
- David Fouts moved the Nominating Committee's Report be accepted, and Charles Aling seconded. Motion passed.
- The NEAS officers for 2008 will be  
 President ..... Edwin Yamauchi  
 V. President.....Charles Aling  
 Treasurer.....Robert Smith  
 Secretary..... Clyde Billington  
 Program Chair.....Gary Byers  
 Nom. Com. Chair .....Sara Fudge

Editor Paul Ray gave his report on the *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*.

- The upcoming issue of the *NEAS Bulletin* is ready to go, and it should be mailed out shortly.
- The *NEAS Bulletin* is asking Directors to submit articles for next year's issue.
- The cost of mailing issues of the *NEAS Bulletin* to foreign countries has greatly increased.
- Mailing rates to some foreign countries have gone up to \$8-10 for each issue.
- Editor Ray estimates that it will cost about additional \$400 to cover increased postage costs. He suggested rates be increased to between \$7-8 for foreign subscribers.
- NEAS sends some issues of the Bulletin gratis to India.
- Paul Ray moved an increase to \$7.50 in rates postal rates for foreign subscribers. Bryant Wood seconded, and motion passed.

Clyde Billington presented the report for *Artifax*.

- He thanked Editor Gordon Govier for his work.
- He also asked NEAS Directors to submit articles to *Artifax* for publication. Articles can be sent to him at [CEB@NWC.EDU](mailto:CEB@NWC.EDU), and he will forward to Editor Govier.
- He said that *Artifax* would like to expand its readership and asked Members to help by promoting when possible.

President Youngblood noted that an article by Bryant Wood was printed in a recent issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review* in the "Archaeological Views" section. Bryant commented that his article dealt with the lack of scientific methodology used by Bible critics. Bryant Wood said that he had not yet received any negative reaction against his article.

Program Chair Gary Byers' Report

- He expressed his appreciation to the membership for the submission of papers.
- Pres. Youngblood said that he thought that the papers this year were very good.
- Papers can be submitted at NEAS WEB site for next year.
- The ETS theme for 2008 is "The Text and Canon."
- Discussion on possible special guests for next year's NEAS Convention. Israeli Archaeologist Gabriel Barkai was suggested. Gordon Franz said that he would contact him about coming. May see if Hershal Shanks of BAR might want to split cost of bringing Barkai from Israel to USA.

Closing Prayer by Gordon Franz

Minutes by Clyde Billington, Secretary

Send corrections of minutes to [CEB@NWC.EDU](mailto:CEB@NWC.EDU)