

## 2007 NEAS Members Meeting

The members of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, California on Thursday, November 15. Members present were Charles Aling, Clyde Billington, George Wesley Buchanan, Gary Byers, Steve Collins, Rex Geissler, David Graves, Richard Lanser, Michael Luddeni, Amanda McLaughlin-Favich, Donald McNeeley, Reagan Miller, Eric Mitchell, David Sielaff, Bill Shea, Charles Willis, Mark Wilson, Bryant Wood, Edwin Yamauchi, Ronald Youngblood, and Mark Ziese. Several guests were also in attendance.

President Ronald Youngblood called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees

Gary Byers opened with prayer.

Pres. Youngblood's opening remarks.

- He noted that there is an exhibit of Dead Sea Scrolls at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The oldest copy ever found of the Ten Commandments is on display.
- He encouraged members to volunteer to help staff the NEAS booth in the exhibition hall during the annual meetings. Donald McNeeley asked for videos, slide shows, and articles by members to put on display in NEAS booth.

Minutes of the 2006 NEAS Members' Meeting

- Printed copies provided to Members
- Minutes read by Secretary Clyde Billington
- Motion to accept by Donald McNeeley, seconded by Mark Wilson, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report.

- Treasurer Robert Smith was absent.
- After making a correction in the Proposed Budget (NEASB 53 and NEASB 54 were both listed under 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.
- Edwin Yamauchi moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Charles Aling 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.
- 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 Giacumakis	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 as the new Vice President of NEAS.
- David Fouts moved the Nominating Committee's Report be accepted, and Mark Wilson 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

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Paul Ray, the Editor of the *NEAS Bulletin* was not present at NEAS, so Pres. Youngblood gave his *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* report.

- The upcoming issue of the *NEAS Bulletin* is ready to go, and it should be mailed out in January 2008.
- Issues are sent by bulk mail from Andrews University, which accounts of the lag between when an issue is done and when it is sent out.
- The *NEAS Bulletin* is asking members to submit articles for next year's issue.
- The cost of mailing issues of the *NEAS Bulletin* to foreign countries has greatly increased. Bryant Wood moved a \$7.50 increase in rates for foreign subscribers. Charles Aling seconded, and motion passed.

Clyde Billington presented the report for *Artifax*.

- He thanked Editor Gordon Govier for his work.
- He also asked NEAS members 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.

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.
- Chair Byers said that a table, two chairs, and an electrical outlet for NEAS in the exhibition hall this year cost \$500.
- The ETS theme for 2008 is "The Text and Canon."
- He asked Members for title suggestions for our special session tied to this theme.

Other/ New Business. Member Charles Willis gave a brief report on his investigations on the location of Noah's Ark. See his article.

Closing Prayer by Charles Aling

Minutes by Clyde Billington, Secretary  
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