

2008 NEAS Members Meeting

Members of the Near East Archaeological Society met at the Hilton Providence Hotel in Providence Rhode Island on Thursday, November 20, 2008. Members present were Charles Aling, Clyde Billington, Gary Byers, Ted Carruth, Gorden Franz, Sara Fudge, Rex Geissler, David Graves, Terry Hofecker, Michael Luddeni, Donald McNeeley, Douglas Petrovich, Seth Rodriquez, Robert Smith, Mark Wilson, Bryant Wood, Ronald Youngblood, and Edwin Yamauchi

President Edwin Yamauchi called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees

Charles Aling opened with prayer.

Pres.Edwin Yamauchi Welcomed NEAS Members. Spoke of the special NEAS session on the Dead Sea Scrolls to be held on Friday afternoon Nov. 21, 2008. Three outstanding DSS scholars will be presenting: James VanderKam, Peter Flint, and Martin Abegg.

Minutes of the 2007 NEAS Members Meeting

- Printed copies provided to members present.
- Minutes presented by Secretary Clyde Billington
- Motion to accept by Bryant Wood
- Seconded by Gary Byers
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report By Robert Smith

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	\$ 5475.10
Current Balance 11/14/07	\$ 9073.49
Obligations - NEASB 53	c.\$ 3200.00
Obligations to Members	c.\$ 300.00
Uncommitted Funds	c.\$ 5573.49

Proposed Budget for 2008		Actual Expenses
NEASB Vol. 53	\$ 3200.00	\$ 2127.05
NEASB Vol. 54	\$ 3200.00	\$ 0.00
4 Issues of Artifax	\$ 2200.00	\$ 2041.66
Administrative Assistance	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
WEB Hosting	\$ 200.00	\$ 322.92
Legal Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 8.00
Annual Program	\$ 1000.00	\$ 0.00
Bank Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 110.23
TOTAL	\$10300.00	\$ 4909.86

End of Year Report 2007

Beginning Balance	\$ 5581.59
Income/ Deposits 11/15-12/31/07	\$ 1646.00
Income/ Deposits 01/01-12/31/07	\$10613.00
Expenditures 11/15-12/31/07	\$ 0.00
Expenditures 01/01-12/31/07	\$ 5475.10
Ending Balance 12/31/07	\$10719.49

Current Memberships 2008

Domestic Individuals	97
International Individuals	5
Institutions	89

Dues Paid Memberships 2009

Individuals 11

Financial Activity 2008

Beginning Balance 01/01/08	\$10719.49
Income/ Deposits 01/01-11/18/08	\$ 6114.50
Expenditures 01/01/08-11/18/08	\$ 4909.86
Current Balance 11/18/08	\$11924.13
Obligations NEASB 53	c.\$ 3200.00
Obligations to Members	c.\$ 330.00
Anticipated Program Expense	c.\$ 1000.00
Projected Uncommitted Funds	c.\$ 7402.13

Proposed Budget 2009

NEASB Vol. 53 (2008)	\$ 2700.00
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4 Issues Artifax	\$ 2400.00
Admin Assistance	\$ 400.00
WEB Hosting	\$ 200.00
Legal and Bank Fees	\$ 100.00
Annual Program	\$ 1500.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 9000.00</u>

Treasurer Robert Smith commended Paul Ray for producing and mailing the NEAS Bulletin at such a low cost. He also said that NEAS has enough money in bank for a year in advance.

Clyde Billington again volunteered to mail membership fee reminders to members.

Nominating Committee Report Sara Fudge

Class of 2008 nominated for Class of 2011

- Three NEAS Directors have resigned from the Board: Mark Ziese, Keith Scoville, and Al Hoerth. All three will remain as members of NEAS.
- Sara Fudge suggested that Secretary Clyde Billington send letters of appreciation to each for their years of service on the Board of NEAS.
- Two new board members were nominated to be added to the class of 2011: Terry Hofecker and Donald McNeeley.
- Sara Fudge also asked for at least one additional name to be nominated to the Board Class of 2010 for consideration at the annual NEAS Conference in 2009.

The new Classes of the NEAS Board of Directors for 2009 will be:

<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>
Clyde Billington	Ralph H. Alexander	Charles Aling
Rick Bullard	Gordon Franz	Gary G. Beyers
David Chapman	Seijun Koh	Mark W. Chavalas
John Davis	Ken Barker	Robert E. Cooley
David Fouts	David Merling	Sara Fudge
Eric Mitchell	Paul Ray	George Giacumakis
Timothy C. Snow	Robert W. Smith	Terry Hoefecker
Mark Wilson	John D. Wineland	Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.
Bryant Wood		Donald McNeeley
Ronald Youngblood		Edwin Yamauchi

NEAS Officers Candidates and Chair for 2008/2009

President	Edwin Yamauchi
Vice President	Charles Aling
Secretary	Clyde Billington
Treasurer	Bob Smith
Program Chair	Gary G. Beyers
Nominating Committee Chair	Sara Fudge

NEAS Bulletin Report

- Paul Ray was absent, and his report was read by Edwin Yamauchi.
- Upcoming issue 53 of the NEAS Bulletin is ready to go and should be mailed within about a month.
- Asked Directors for articles and also volunteers to do book reviews for the NEAS Bulletin.

Artifax Report Clyde Billington

- Artifax is doing well
- Would like to expand readership, and asked for suggestions for free publicity.

- Articles for Artifax can be emailed to CEB@NWC.EDU
- Thanked editor Gordon Govier for his great work on Artifax.

NEAS Display Booth Pres. Yamauchi thanked Don McNeeley for his great job on our booth at the ETS/ NEAS conference this year. He also thanked those who are manning the booth this year.

Program Chair Report Gary Byers

- He expressed his appreciation to the membership for the submission of papers this year.
- Thanked Edwin Yamauchi for arranging for the special sessions on the DSS.
- Papers can be submitted at NEAS WEB site for 2009 .
- The ETS theme for 2009 is “Personal and Social Ethics”
- Discussion on possible NEAS theme related to ETS theme for Convention in New Orleans 2009.

NEAS WEB Report

- John Wineland not present this year. His report was given by Pres. Yamauchi.
- Willing to give WEB to another volunteer.
- Is behind in work on WEB site but will catch up.
- Asked that minutes for NEAS 2008 Board of Directors’ Meeting be email to him as soon as possible.

Strategic Planning Committee Report Terry Hofecker

- Asked all of NEAS Directors and Members to fill out a long-range planning tool “Vision Discovery Survey” for NEAS.
- Three phases in developing a plan for the future NEAS: Discovery, Vision, and Narrative. Narrative will set future goals.
- Primary goal for NEAS is to leave a legacy for others to build on.
- New Plan to have set immediate detailed goals for next 18 months, but intention is to plan for 10-12 years in the future.

Other/ New Business/ Excavation Reports

- Bob Smith reported on his excavations of a Byzantine church at Abila in Jordan.
- Byrant Wood plans on returning to excavate at Khirbet el Maqatir in the summer of 2009. Also plans to continue research on site of Mount Sinai.
- Gordon Franz will be excavating again at Hazor. Concentrating on Area M and hoping to find palace archives.
- Mark Wilson did not get permission to excavate at Laodicea in Turkey, but is going to try for government approval at Colossae.
- Eewin Yamauchi said that a former student of his Dan Master would be excavating at Ashkelon.

Closing Prayer by Ron Youngblood

Minutes by Clyde Billington, Secretary

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