

Southeastern Archaeological Conference
Meeting of the Executive Committee
11 September 2023

In (remote) attendance: Kandi Hollenbach, Jane Eastman, Deanna Byrd, Ramie Gougeon, Carol Colaninno, Lindsay Bloch, Shane Miller, Karen Stevens

[R Gougeon, reporting]

President Hollenbach opened the meeting at 1pm (Central) and asked if the attendees had reviewed a proposal circulated by Deanna Byrd for how to hold the referendum discussion. The Executive Committee then took up the question of who to invite to this discussion, concluding that the entire membership would of course be the appropriate audience. TR Kidder will be asked to moderate the discussion. The Executive Committee debated who to invite to speak on the pro-policy side. The petitioners would be asked to select their representatives. A proposal was made to have a printed version of the petition available and reading it aloud at the outset of the discussion. Another proposal included advising attendees, participants, and petitioners to “accept the lack of closure.” The format for the discussion could look like a formal debate, with each side starting with 3-minute statements. An online document for soliciting comments in advance of the referendum was to be recirculated and any questions generated from that document shared with both the pro-policy and petitioners in advance of the meeting.

Discussion then turned to logistical issues around the possibility of producing two versions of the journal, what “alternate” versions of articles would look like, how or whether to host supplemental materials through a third party (TDAR), how to disseminate dual-journals to libraries and whether to include ‘trigger warnings’ to issues containing line drawings of objects completed under the new image policy. A very short discussion of the possibility of SEAC taking on self-publishing of the journal was quickly dismissed as a logistical impossibility. SEAC would need a veritable army of volunteers to produce our own journal which would come with an inevitable loss of distribution and impact factor.

Meeting was called to a close at 1:45pm (Central).