



## CHICAGO CHAPTER

### Board Meeting Minutes

1. The Board convened at the Oriental Institute at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Present were Board Members Emily Teeter, Dennis Kelley, Jim Ringenoldus, Rebecca Binkley and Bob Andresen. Board Members Gabriele Da Silva and Sandy Polley were absent.
2. The Board reviewed the results of the recent election, and chose Chapter Officers for the next year as follows:
  - Board President – Dennis Kelley
  - Board Vice-President – Emily Teeter
  - Treasurer – Jim Ringenoldus
  - Secretary – Bob Andresen
  - At Large (Webmaster) – Sandy Polley
  - At Large – Gabriele Da Silva
  - At Large – Rebecca Binkley
3. The Board reviewed the upcoming schedule of monthly meetings and speakers. At this time, no meetings have been scheduled for either July or August. The scheduled speakers are as follows:
  - September 22 - Geoff Emberling
  - October 20 - Otto Schaden
  - November 17 - Jackie Jay

The Board discussed various speakers who appeared at the annual ARCE meeting in Toledo, and will contact some of them about appearing at future meetings of the Chicago Chapter.
4. Board President Dennis Kelley announced plans to form a hieroglyph reading group. Anyone interested in joining him should contact him directly at (630) 501-1161 or [denankh@yahoo.com](mailto:denankh@yahoo.com).

5. The Board discussed plans for the ARCE annual meeting next year in Seattle, and the 2009 annual meeting here in Chicago. In 2009, there will certainly be events at the Oriental Institute, but Board Members suggested that the Field Museum also should be encouraged to participate in hosting an event for ARCE members.
6. The Board reviewed a number of suggestions regarding fund-raising for the chapter, and discussed possible uses of chapter funds. One suggestion was that the Chicago Chapter of ARCE make an annual contribution to the educational outreach program of the Oriental Institute. Alternatively, the Chapter might purchase new replica objects for use in the outreach program, or finance the publication of a brochure for educators, detailing the Egypt-themed outreach programs of both the OI and the Field Museum.
7. The Board discussed a number of issues related to meeting scheduling, location and publicity:
  - Monthly meetings need to be scheduled on a regular basis
  - The Board should consider moving the meeting start time to a later hour
  - The Board will explore holding regular meetings at other locations, including the Cultural Center, and the possibility of hosting an all-day "Egypt Fest" event
  - The Board will consider establishing a Speakers Bureau of volunteers who would be available to speak, free of charge, at gatherings of seniors, etc.
  - The Board will explore the possibility of placing publicity flyers in the Chicago Public Libraries and other locations, like the Renaissance Center in the Cultural Center
  - Board Member Jim Ringenoldus will contact the Egyptian Consulate for assistance in publicizing Chapter activities
8. Treasurer Jim Ringenoldus presented the following financial report:

ARCE Chicago Chapter Financial Report -- Mar. 31, 2007 - Jun. 02, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Receipt</u>	<u>Expend</u>	<u>Balance</u>
31 Mar 07	Opening Balance			2382.65
31 Mar 07	Nigel Strudwick honorarium		250.00	2132.65
31 Mar 07	Raffle and donations	47.00		2179.65
02 June 07	Ending Balance			2179.65

The election of a new board might require a change in the list of people authorized to sign checks issued by the Chapter. Jim will look into the mechanics of this, as well as the possibility of moving the Chapter checking account to a new bank.

The Board decided to maintain the Chapter's current fiscal year, in line with the Chapter by-laws.

The Chapter's semi-annual financial report will be submitted to ARCE headquarters prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

9. The Board invited comments and suggestions from Chapter Members who were in attendance, and learned that there might be an opportunity for the Chicago Chapter of ARCE to market an authentic version of the game of *senet*.
10. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.