

### Report on the First Organizational Meeting

The Friends of the INSTAP Study Center gathered for their first organizational meeting almost a year ago during the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, January 4, 2020. The agenda for the evening included the election of officers for the new Friends organization and the presentation of four illustrated lectures regarding archaeological projects that have received INSTAP funding and have used the resources of the Study Center. Attendees of the meeting unanimously elected Albert Leonard, Jr. (president), Elizabeth Shank (vice president), and Kostas Chalikias (secretary) as the first officers of the Friends group.

### Scheduled Second Meeting on January 7, 2021

The second annual meeting of the Friends of the INSTAP Study Center will take place during the virtual [Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America](#) on Thursday, January 7, 2021, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm (EST). Tom Brogan will report on the recent work at the Study Center, and Mary Voyatzis will present a lecture entitled “Results of the Recent Greek-American Investigations at the Sanctuary of Zeus on Mt. Lykaion.” Additionally, the members of the Friends group will vote on the proposed by-laws presented below.

### Proposed By-Laws of the Friends of the INSTAP Study Center

#### Section 1. Goals

1. Advance the knowledge of the history of the Aegean Bronze Age.
2. Disseminate information about the Aegean Bronze Age.
3. Inform members about activities at the INSTAP Study Center.

#### Section 2. Officers

The following officers shall be elected by members of the Friends group at its annual meeting for a term of three years. Any person holding such office may be reelected at the expiration of his or her term for an additional three-year term. They will have the following duties:

##### *President*

- Preside over the annual meeting of the Friends organization.
- Appoint any necessary committees.

##### *Vice President*

- Assume the duties of the president when he or she is absent.
- Schedule the annual meeting of the Friends organization.

##### *Secretary/Treasurer*

- Record and keep minutes.
- Prepare the agenda for each meeting.
- Oversee the production and dissemination of the newsletter.
- Maintain the [web site](#).
- Keep membership roll.
- Manage any funds under the jurisdiction of the Friends of the INSTAP Study Center.

#### Section 3. Voting

Voting will be held at least once each year, normally at the annual meeting of the Friends organization scheduled during the the annual meeting of the AIA in January.

#### Section 4. Committees

Any necessary committees will be appointed by the president.

#### Section 5. Amendments

Any proposed amendment(s) to the by-laws of the Friends of the INSTAP Study Center shall be distributed to its members at least 60 days in advance of the regular annual meeting. Any proposed amendment must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of all members.

## Book Presentations

Morgan, L. 2020. *Keos XI: Wall Paintings and Social Context. The Northeast Bastion at Ayia Irini*, INSTAP Academic Press, Philadelphia. ISBN 978-1-931534-97-0 ([oxbowbooks.com](http://oxbowbooks.com)), \$ 80.00.



*Watercolor visualization of Town by a River (L. Morgan).*

Over 900 fragments of wall paintings from the Late Bronze Age site of Kea are presented in detail in this publication. The author discusses the materials, techniques, and subject matter of these exceptional paintings (e.g. seascapes, animals, urban spaces) and attempts to place the unique artwork into their social, architectural, and cultural context. The publication is an important contribution for the world of Aegean Bronze Age iconography.

Hood, S. 2020. *The Masons' Marks of Minoan Knossos* (BSA Suppl. 49), L.M. Bendall, ed., 2 vols., British School at Athens, Athens. ISBN 978-0-904887-71-6 ([oxbowbooks.com](http://oxbowbooks.com)), \$175.00.



*The reconstructed north Propylaea at the Minoan site of Knossos.*

The two-volume publication is an exhaustive and comprehensive account of over 1600 masons' marks that have been found at the Bronze Age site of Knossos. The author presents an analysis of the 25 different types of marks, their individual features, their location, date, and ties to Minoan scripts. In his attempt to provide an interpretation for the use of these marks the author offers a religious and/or magical function rather than a utilitarian one.

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