



**International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies  
2010 Annual Meeting  
JW Marriott Los Angeles LA Live  
Salon C  
July 14, 2010**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 2:38 PM by IAJGS President Michael Goldstein. He introduced the officers and directors of the IAJGS Board and welcomed the JGS representatives.

**Roll Call**

Secretary Joel Spector called the roll of delegates: 47 societies were represented, which was sufficient for a quorum.

**Presidential Report**

In a Presidential Report, Goldstein stated that the Missions Committee continues to consider what the mission of the IAJGS should be. In a financial comment, the IAJGS has had no involvement with Bernie Madoff.

**Conference Report**

President Goldstein first thanked the Los Angeles conference committee for producing a fabulous conference. The single word for the 2011 Washington, DC Conference is "Come." The 2012 Paris committee is hard at work. For the 2013 Boston Conference, JGS Boston President Heidi Urich stated that although the ink on the signed Boston contract has been signed, they are looking forward to co-hosting. The Israel Genealogical Society will host the 2014 Conference and, of course it will be great.

The IAJGS is reaching out for suggestions for the 2015 Conference.

Past President Hal Bookbinder commented that the issue with an Eastern European conference has been monetary. He has done some preliminary work, including conversations with personnel at the Polish consulate and others; there are some issues relative to archives. Warsaw is the primary city under consideration.

JGS (NY) President Linda Cantor commented that Valery Basarov has been discussing a possible conference on Odessa.

Oregon JGS President Barbara Hershey reminded us that the costs inherent in attending a conference should be considered.

Pittsburg Representative Rae Barent mentioned that there are three European conferences planned (Paris, Israel, Eastern Europe) within a short period of time.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant**

Committee Chairperson Hal Bookbinder described the process to approve the Stern Grant nominee and introduced the proposed recipient of the Stern Grant: the Israel Genealogical Society, for a project to make available family information/data in Israeli archives for genealogy researchers around the globe.

A motion to approve the nomination passed unanimously.

### **Mission Review Committee**

Chairperson Nolan Altman reviewed the current status of the IAJGS Mission Review, including components (items) in the report. He asked that comments be sent to him by September 30, 2010.

### **Achievement Awards**

It was announced that the winners of the IAJGS Achievement Awards would be presented at the banquet on Thursday evening.

### **Jewish Genealogy Month/Poster Committee**

Committee Chairperson Schelly Dardashti presented some suggestions about JG Month. They included creation of a Facebook page and suggested changing the name to International Jewish Genealogy Month.

### **Public Records Access Monitoring Committee**

Committee Chairperson Jan Meisels Allen gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the committee's activities over the past year. IAJGS Past President Anne Feder Lee suggested that there should be a session at the conference to review the material as an alternative to this presentation.

The JGS of Greater Washington President Marlene Bishow asked that the society have a representative on this committee, and recommended Jeff Miller.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Paul Silverstone reviewed the Financial Statement, previously distributed to members. The IAJGS showed a "healthy profit" based on the Philadelphia conference. JGS of Greater Washington asked why the conference items are being co-mingled. Treasurer Silverstone responded that they should not be, since this (the Conference Fund) is a restricted fund.

### **Election of Directors**

Secretary Spector presented the slate of nominees for IAJGS Director proposed by the Nominations Committee. Since there was also a nomination from the floor, Alain Farhi, each candidate was given a one-minute opportunity to speak on his or her behalf; Jeff Malka spoke for Alain Farhi.

After the election was conducted, President Goldstein announced that Jan Meisels Allen, Nolan Altman, Daniel Horowitz, Kahlil Mehr, Jay Sage and Jackye Sullins had been elected to the IAJGS Board.

### **Good and Welfare**

President Goldstein announced that the Australian JGSs have a common theme of having money sent directly to the JGSs. He proposed having the IAJGS create a centralized processing system for having individuals send money to us, thus eliminating

credit card expenses. JGS of Los Angeles President Sandy Malek suggested setting up a global account so that IAJGS could negotiate on behalf of conferences and JGSs.

The JGS of Greater Washington President Marlene Bishow asked about the possibility of obtaining liability insurance.

JGS of Oregon President Barbara Hershey thanked the IAJGS Board for all of their efforts.

**Adjournment**

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM by President Goldstein.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joel*

Joel Spector,  
Secretary