

IAJGS Board Report from the Board of Director's meeting Los Angeles, October 26, 2007

Major areas of discussion/decision

We began with approval of the minutes from the previous board meeting, a treasurer's report and a membership report. With respect to our members, we discussed the fact that while we have a category for Associate Members, there are no such members. It was agreed that we need to pursue this in the future.

1. Stern Grant: The board decided to increase the amount awarded to the Stern Grant awardee to \$2,500.00 with an annual board review to access the funds available in this special account.

2. Special Travel Fund: We discussed the Special Travel Fund that the board has established to assist with board member travel from non-North American locations. The board approved a motion that \$150 per meeting for two meetings be available for disbursement from that fund. This amount was deemed appropriate given the funds available in that special account.

3. Board Vacancy: It was announced that Martha Lev-Zion had resigned from the board. Board members thanked her for her service and for her contacts for prospective members. The board discussed various individuals who would be contacted to determine if they had an interest in being appointed to fill the vacant position.

4. Strategic Planning Committee: The president reported that the following individuals had agreed to serve on this committee: Dennis Rice, Chair (Florida); Linda Cantor (New York); Schelly Talalay Dardashti (Israel); Merle Kastner (Canada); Lorna Kay (UK); Sandy Malek (California); Cynthia Spikell (Ohio). The board approved the committee membership.

The Board had a detailed discussion about the "Charge to the Committee." It was stressed that, for the committee to be effective, all committee deliberations and memoranda should be confidential and limited to committee members. Once the board has received a report from the committee, it will determine what implementation steps need to be taken.

5. Achievement Awards: We spend considerable time on the Achievement Awards.

The president recommended the following members of the 2008 committee (all had already agreed to serve): Steve Morse, Chair (California); Rieke Nash (Australia); Eileen Murray (Missouri); Hal Bookbinder (California); Michael Brenner (Nevada). The latter two are the Board members on the committee. The committee membership was approved by the board.

The Outstanding Publication Award was discussed at length with the following decision – this award would have a different "nomination" process than the other awards. A member society that wishes to have its publication considered may simply make a submission to the committee with basic contact information. The board expressed hope that this simplified process would encourage societies to submit their publications for consideration.

6. Compensation for Co-hosting JGSs (for the annual conference): We began a preliminary discussion of a policy regarding compensation for JGSs who co-host an annual conference with the IAJGS. This policy would be proposed to the board at a later date and agreed to via e-mail or conference call. The policy would be structured in such a way as to take into account the number of areas the JGS was willing to take responsibility for.

7. Future conferences: The co-chairs for the Chicago 2008 conference (co-hosted with the JGS of Illinois and the Illiana JGS) reported that all was moving forward. It was announced that we could expect a proposal from the JGS of Greater Philadelphia for co-hosting the 2009 conference with the IAJGS.

We discussed possible locations for future conferences. We met with some representatives of the JGS Los Angeles to explore the possibility of a conference there.

8. The next board meeting: We decided that our next board meeting would be in Philadelphia at the end of March 2008.

9. A number of other areas discussed included: looking into the possibility of teleconferencing; whether we needed to review the IAJGS Ethics Statement; the activities of the PRAMC committee; additional materials to place on our website.

10. Management Seminar: For our last item of business, it was agreed that we would again host a management seminar at the conference. The presenter would be Adam Shames, who would talk about Effective Board Management. We felt this would be an extremely useful topic. Adam lives in Chicago and is an organizational consultant, facilitator, speaker and coach.

Anne Feder Lee, President, June 2008