



## **IAJGS Board of Directors Meeting**

Salt Lake Plaza Hotel  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Salt Lake City Room  
Monday, March 18, 2013

### **Summary Minutes**

#### Present:

Michael Goldstein (President), Jan Meisels Allen (Vice President), Joel Spector (Secretary), Paul Silverstone (Treasurer)

Daniel Horowitz (Director), Kahlile Mehr (Director), Mark Nicholls (Director), Jay Sage (Director), Jackye Sullins (Director)

Anne Feder Lee (Immediate Past President)

Hal Bookbinder and Michael Brenner (on-line for Salt Lake City 2014 report)

#### Absent

Nolan Altman (Director)

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Fall, 2012 Board Meeting were approved as amended.

#### **Board Actions Subsequent to the Previous Board Meeting:**

##### Committee Appointments:

The Board confirmed the following actions:

PRAMC: Ken Ryesky (November 24, 1012).

Achievement Awards: Henry Blumberg (Toronto); Logan Kleinwaks (Virginia); Kahlile Mehr (IAJGS); Mark Nicholls (IAJGS).

Stern Grant: Jeff Malka (Chairperson, DC); Arnon HersHKovitz (Israel); Anne Feder Lee (IAJGS).

Nominating Committee: Karen Franklin (Chairperson, NY); Barbara Hershey (Oregon); Jackye Sullins (IAJGS).

2016 Conference: Site Selection: Approval of contract with Sound-Planning (February 10, 2013).

#### **Conference Reports:**

2013: Boston Conference: A report on Conference progress was reviewed and it was shown that room reservations were on track and that fundraising had produced great results. Major speaker sessions and entertainment sessions had been announced. Issues discussed included participation of non-IAJGS sponsored groups at the conference. The IAJGS Management Sessions that had been accepted were: JGS Management, Webinars and Vital Records Access.

2014 Salt Lake City Conference: The Conference Co-Chairpersons reported that the focus had been on forming the leadership team. Programming and registration leads had been selected. Other IAJGS Board member and non-Board member assignments were reviewed.

2015 Israel Conference: The Conference Chairperson reported that the contract between IAJGS and ORTRA, who would run the conference, was being reviewed. There were suggestions given for distribution of profits and that once a month IAGJS would review the budget. It was reported that conference committees were being set up.

2016 Northwest Conference: It was reported that there was a signed contract with a site selection firm and that a Request for Proposals had gone out to five hotels in the Seattle area. Director Jackye Sullins had been delegated to conduct the site visits.

2017: Site Selection: It was reported that the possibilities for conference sites being considered were: Orlando; Indianapolis; Cleveland; St. Louis; Atlanta; Detroit, Houston, New Orleans. The pros and cons of each were briefly discussed. One determining issue raised and discussed concerned international transportation to the various sites. It was suggested that the committee reduce the list to the top two or three hotels for each city, for comparison, and further consider them.

2017 or 2018 Eastern Europe. Prior Board consensus has been that there should be at least two intervening conferences between international (non-US) conferences. It is now thought, based on discussion, that only one intervening year was needed, so the 2017 or 2018 conference could potentially be an Eastern European site. It was felt that Warsaw would be the default location but Prague and Vilnius were mentioned as potential sites.

## **Financial Report**

The Preliminary Report for 2012, Cash Balances – IAJGS Accounts, 2013 Preliminary Report were reviewed. It was reported that contributions had been received for the travel fund and for the Stern Grant. It was suggested that the Treasurer send out a memo on the Leadership Digest naming the JGSs who had contributed to the Stern Grant and requesting others also to contribute. The Treasurer reviewed the proposal to update the member renewal process. It was approved by the Board, and would be implemented in consultation with Webmaster.

## **Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee. The new member application of the JGS of South Africa was proposed and a motion to approve the application was approved.

### Membership Development Committee.

Regarding the suggestion that IAJGS create a virtual society, it was decided that a complete proposal, with specifics, should be made.

It was suggested having a breakfast to discuss membership with selected unaffiliated conference registrants invited to meet in the Presidential Suite to encourage JGS development in their areas.

Public Records Access Monitoring Committee. The Committee Chairperson reviewed the written report.

Jewish Genealogy Month. A new committee chairperson was needed and suggestions requested from the Board. The interim use of a former Genealogy Month poster was discussed, with approval of the use of the poster to be obtained.

### **Other Discussion Items:**

#### Achievement Award Categories

The report, "Awards Thinking Points" was reviewed and elaborated on and it was suggested that a committee be established to further evaluate and determine the categories and criteria of the awards.

#### Bylaws Amendment

The Bylaws Committee Chairperson presented a proposed Bylaws amendment concerning the timing of notification of issues for debate at the Annual Meeting. A motion was made to approve the proposal of the amendment and to put it to the next Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Future Board Meeting Items

The schedule of the Conference Board Meetings was reviewed and agreed.

#### Newsletter Initiative

The distribution of the Editor Email Address List was discussed and rules for its use agreed.

#### Leadership Digest

It was suggested that a survey be made to determine who reads the Leadership Digest and what their interests are and it was recommended that each Board member post to the LD at least once per month.

#### PRAMC and the Leadership Digest

A motion was made and passed that "(1) the home of all PRAMC-related postings will be on the "IAJGS Records Access Alerts" Email list. (2) As quickly as possible, but no later than April 8, and periodically thereafter, Leadership Digest recipients will be encouraged to subscribe to the "IAJGS Records Access Alerts" Email list. (3) The goal is for this to be operational by May 1. (4) The PRAMC Chairperson will provide a twice-monthly summary of PRAMC-related issues on the Leadership Digest".

#### IAJGS Conference Requirements

Proposals were presented for two wording changes in the IAJGS Conference Requirements. The Board approved the changes.