



IAJGS Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual meeting via GoToMeeting

Sunday, September 15, 2013

11.00 a.m. EDT, 8.00 a.m. PDT, 4.00 p.m. BST, 6.00 p.m. Israel Time

Summary Minutes

Present:

Marlis Humphrey (President); Jan Meisels Allen (Vice President); Mark Nicholls (Secretary); Paul Silverstone (Treasurer)

Nolan Altman (Director); Daniel Horowitz (Director); Kahlile Mehr (Director); Jackye Sullins (Director)

Michael Goldstein (Immediate Past President)

Hal Bookbinder (Guest)

Consent Agenda

A motion accepting the consent agenda was passed unanimously. The minutes of the last two meetings, August 3 and August 9 2013 were approved. The decision taken by e-mail correspondence to accept the JGS of Maryland into membership of IAJGS was ratified.

Old Business

Action list review follow up

Previously agreed actions were reviewed and reported on. Several actions had been completed and others were still being progressed.

New Business

Jay Sage Resignation

The resignation of Board Director Jay Sage was noted.

International Jewish Genealogy Month

It was reported that a Facebook page had been set up for promoting IJGM and details had been circulated to member organizations and individuals. There would be Twitter messages about the month and a draft news release was being prepared

for members to use. The Facebook page had received a lot of attention already and would become the main IAJGS page after November 3.

PRAMC update – EU Legislation

28 letters had been sent to relevant Government Departments of EU Member States to raise concerns about proposed EU-wide data protection legislation. Some letters had been acknowledged already. The EU vote due in September might be put off again. An EU court had ruled against the right to be forgotten proposal relating to internet records. JGS of Great Britain had written to the UK Minister and Gesher Galicia and the Litvak SIG had said they would write to relevant Governments.

Bequests to IAJGS

It was agreed that suitable wording would be drafted for people to use to make general and specific bequests to IAJGS in their wills. The wording would cover both US-based and non-US-based bequests.

Board Calendar

It was asked if Committee meetings should be included in the Board Calendar but it was felt that they were better suited to being put into a Board Google Calendar.

Board Candidates and Vacancies

One candidate to fill a Board Director vacancy had been approached but she had to seek advice about whether there was a conflict of interest with another Board position she held. Conflict of interest was discussed in general. Candidates with marketing skills were needed.

Conference Report

Three presentations were given about the survey results, ad hoc feedback received and statistics on the Boston conference. The presentations identified common themes amongst all respondents and specific issues that needed to be addressed at future conferences. All of the surveys and other feedback showed that the conference participants were very happy with the Boston conference. There was discussion about the variable standard of facilitators. There had been a very high room booking attrition rate, mostly resulting from last minute cancellations. This was an issue that should be addressed for future conferences. It was felt that key conference budget control issues should be agreed by and be monitored by the IAJGS Board. The Board would not get involved in the detailed conference programme. The payment process for speakers from overseas would be addressed. A small group would meet to discuss conference policy issues arising from the feedback.

Initializing Strategic Planning – Work Plan

A presentation was given on the strategic planning process, including preparation for the meeting in Orlando and on pre-meeting activities. The pre-meeting activity would

include surveys of various people, including “thought leaders”. The Board was asked to add to the list of “thought leaders” who might be surveyed