

## **IAJGS Board of Directors Meeting**

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, March 12 2014

9 a.m. PDT, 10 a.m MDT, 12 noon EDT, 4.00 p.m. GMT, 6.00 p.m. Jerusalem Time

### **Summary Minutes**

Present:

Marlis Humphrey (President), Nolan Altman (Vice President), Paul Silverstone (Treasurer), Mark Nicholls (Secretary), Jackye Sullins (Director), Garri Regev (Director), Daniel Horowitz (Director), Kahlile Mehr (Director), Michael Goldstein (Immediate Past President)

Guests:

Chris Mackey and Christine Young of Mayer Brown LLP (Item 6)

1. Minutes of last meeting January 12, 2014

The minutes were approved.

2. Confirmation of electronic votes:

The Board unanimously confirmed the electronic vote to approve the WDYTYA? Live! Donation to JGS of Great Britain; IAJGS Presence at RootsTech 2014; and IAJGS 501 (h) Status

3. Conference reports:

a) Salt Lake City 2014. It was felt that the work done so far had gone well. The main financial issue was the AV costs. Dell computers were being approached about providing technical support.

b) Israel 2015. It was reported that there had not been a great deal of progress recently and the contract with the provider was with IAJGS lawyers. The website was being developed and also the Shabbaton was being worked on. The organizing committee was being expanded and it was hoped that all of the IAJGS Board would help in some way with the conference. There had been meetings with FamilySearch about running Live! and also with Ancestry. A bank account had been opened for the conference.

c) Seattle 2016. The Conference Chair needed to be appointed very soon.

d) Orlando 2017. The meeting planner contract was discussed and the Board unanimously approved the draft contract, subject to agreeing some final details; a cap on the overall price; and a set commission rate on room nights. The Board were given a report on the four potential hotels and discussed the pros and cons of each site. It was agreed not to include one of the hotels in the final site selection process.

#### 4. Update on collection of Membership fees

It was reported that only five members had not yet paid their fees. It was noted that an updated list of members would be on the new website in April.

#### 5. Appointment of New Board Members

The Board discussed appointing new Board Members, including issues such as conflict of interest and possible benefits arising from the proposed Board Member's employment. The Board voted on the two nominees and approved Quinton Atkinson as a Board Member to fill one of the existing Director vacancies on a majority vote. The vote on Shipley Munson filling one of the existing Director vacancies was tied and not passed. Alternate ways of engaging Shipley Munson with IAJGS business was discussed.

#### 6. Trademarking IAJGS

Chris Mackey and Christine Young of IAJGS's legal advisors explained how the trademarking applying to the letters IAJGS would work and how it would be processed. The Board asked if IAJGS would be obliged to proceed legally against other users and it was explained that having the registration gave added benefit if IAJGS wanted to enforce it. The process would take some time in the USA and it was also possible to make an application to the European Union but elsewhere it would be country-by-country. The registration would only apply to the letters but would cover any designs and logos with the letter in them. The Board agreed to proceed with the trademarking process in the USA.

#### 7. Appointment of Committee Members

The Board considered the nominations for the Awards, Stern Grant and Nominations Committees and approved the Chairs and members of the Achievement Awards Committee; Rabbi Malcom Stern Grant (including the John Stedman Memorial Grant) Committee; and the Nominating Committee.

Mark Nicholls  
Secretary IAJGS