

## **IAJGS Board of Directors Meeting**

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

10 a.m. MDT, 12 noon EDT, 5.00 p.m. BST, 7.00 p.m. Jerusalem Time

### Minutes - Summary

Present:

Marlis Humphrey (President), Ken Bravo (Vice President), Paul Silverstone (Treasurer), Mark Nicholls (Secretary), Deborah Long (Director), Garri Regev (Director), Daniel Horowitz (Director) (Item 3 onwards), Nolan Altman (Director) (Item 4 c. onwards), Shipley Munson (Director), Quinton Atkinson (Director), Michael Goldstein (Immediate Past President)

1. It was agreed to postpone the minutes of February 15 & 16 meeting to the next full Board meeting.

2. Confirmation of Electronic Votes

The Board approved the two recent electronic votes, which were MyHeritage Donation for Society Management Webinars Series & JCC Partnership and the appointment of Debbie Long as the board member serving on the Achievement Awards Committee.

3. JGS Greater Washington Proposal on Listing of Member Societies on the IAJGS Website

The Board discussed a proposal from JGS of Greater Washington Inc. to have members listed on the IAJGS website in all of the States that they physically covered. The pros and cons of listing members in multiple locations were discussed. There were issues such as showing where meetings take place, dealing with multiple societies in one state and how the locations could be listed or mapped out. Various suggestions were made, including have a search facility for finding locations that JGS meetings were held. It was agreed that the proposal from JGSGW Inc. should be tabled and IAJGS should investigate how best to list member societies on the IAJGS website”.

4. Board Member Activities Updates

a. Jerusalem Conference – It was reported that announcements had been made about Exploration Sunday and the Key Note Speakers. Registration numbers were 300, including 43 spouses and 30 one day registrations. There were people from 21 countries, of which 150 were from the USA, 21 from the UK and 87 from Israel. Efforts were being made to encourage more French-speakers to attend. The main issue was that the numbers of Israelis registering was lower than expected. The status of Conference Live! was still up in the air. Earlybird registration had been extended to May 7 to take account of Pesach period. Garri Regev was thanked for the work that she had done so far on organizing the conference; the Family Finder was almost ready for the website; and most speakers had received their speaker slot

and the preliminary program would be issued very shortly. The Committee was working with the fundraiser but money had not yet been raised for Jerusalem 2015 and the aim was to fundraise for future conferences. The live streaming bids were being translated to obtain the technical specifications.

b. It was reported that Society-in-a-Box had had logos added and that templates were also being worked on. However, there was a problem getting the brochure templates done.

c. The latest logo design was presented and the Board discussed various aspects of it, including the leaf motif. The Board approved a motion that the Board agrees to approve the version of the logo presented at the meeting. The next step would be creating the IAJGS style guide.

d. An update was given on discussions with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum about promoting the World Memory Project as a joint activity with IAJGS members. It was agreed that it would be a subject to discuss with all members on liaison calls. The pro forma conference agreement for local JGSs was being worked on.

e. A report of the latest draft By-Laws would be available in the next few days. The group had looked at all of the suggestions and had them reviewed by IAJGS counsel. The Board were asked to get back as soon as possible with comments on the latest draft when it was issued. It was noted that the Treasurer had sent an e-mail to the group about covering the issue of handover of financial responsibilities.

f. All members, except three, had renewed membership. It was suggested that the renewal form should be revisited to help improve the process. The travel costs for the Salt Lake City had been paid out.

g. It was agreed that the decision about the Conflict of Interest Policy should be delayed until the draft By-Laws had been presented, as there would also be an article in them on conflict of interest. In the interim the Board were asked to submit any further comments on the policy to the Secretary.

h. The final version of the Board Liaison list, the roles for the Board Liaison and support people; and the list of topics to raise with members were agreed to.

i. It was reported that the new awards would be on the website soon.

j. The President concluded that her immediate priorities were to resolve the issue with the awards forms and family finder and to move the JCCA partnership forward.

k. The next Board meeting is on Wednesday May 20, 2015 at 12 noon EDT.

Mark Nicholls  
Secretary IAJGS