



**International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies  
2013 Annual Meeting**

**Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers  
Berkeley/Clarendon Room  
August 7, 2013**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The Annual Meeting of members of the IAJGS was called to order by President Michael Goldstein at 2:02 pm. EST. President Goldstein welcomed the members and introduced the members of the IAJGS.

**Roll Call**

IAJGS Secretary Joel Spector called the roll of members. There were representatives of 55 member organizations.

**President's Report**

President Michael Goldstein reflected on his years as IAJGS President, stating that he has been a pleasure to work with the Board and with JGS presidents. He then reported a change in the structure of future IAJGS conference: all conferences will be IAJGS conferences, with co-hosting by a local JGS. A revised Conference Guide is now available, now known as the Conference Manual. President Goldstein also remarked that the IAJGS is reaching out to other groups doing genealogy, to engage them in IAJGS membership.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Paul Silverstone made supplemental comments to the reports submitted to members: some contributions are restricted to specific purposes, and are thus restricted in their use. Some questions were asked and answered.

**Stern Grant: Prior Years Report**

Secretary Joel Spector reported on the progress of the projects for which the Grants were given from previous years.

**2013 Stern Grant 2013 Approval**

The proposed Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant project recipients were described by Stern Grant Committee member Anne Feder Lee. A grant in the amount of \$3,000 was proposed for the Oded Yarkoni Historical Archives of Petah Tikva for the purpose of recording the oral history of the settlement. A Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant in the amount of The \$3,000 from the estate and in memory of John Stedman was proposed for the Geshen Galicia Website for the purpose of acquiring, digitizing, and indexing additional records, and making additional maps available.

The membership approved the Rabbi Malcolm Stern Grant proposals unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Records Access Monitoring Committee (PRAMC)**

PRAMC Chairperson Jan Meisels Allen summarized the reports distributed to members. Full descriptions of the European Union Proposed Data Privacy Regulation, the SSDI and the US 2011 Model Vital Records Act Revision were given.

### **Membership Development Committee**

Chairperson Jan Meisels Allen reported that IAJGS has gained three new members in the past year; we have 73 members. Networking during this conference has resulted in persons from several areas stating considerable interest in creating societies.

### **Bylaws Amendment**

Bylaws Committee Chairperson Joel Spector introduced the proposed Bylaws amendment. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken. The proposed amendment was defeated, with only ten votes in favor.

### **Future Conferences**

**2015:** the dates for the 2015 IAJGS Conference in Israel were announced as July 6 to 10 (Monday to Friday).

**2016:** the dates of the 2016 IAJGS Conference, in Seattle, WA will be August 6 to 12, 2016.

Sites for conferences in **2017** and **2018** are still under consideration. The locations being considered are the East Coast of the US, and Eastern Europe. Regarding the latter, Past President Hal Bookbinder described one problem as the requirement of a considerable sum of money being needed up front.

### **Election of Officers**

Nominations Committee Chairperson Karen Franklin announced the slate of candidates for IAJGS office: President: Marlis Humphrey; Vice President: Jan Meisels Allen; Secretary: Mark Nicholls; Treasurer: Paul Silverstone. The slate was voted by acclamation.

Chairperson Franklin also announced the creation of a new position, IAJGS Archivist, and announced the appointment of Joel Spector to that position.

### **Good and Welfare**

Past President Hal Bookbinder announced that IAJGS has ability to do presentations through GoToMeeting, described its benefits and encouraged members to use the facility.

Boston Conference Co-Chairman Heidi Urich thanked IAJGS for publicizing and providing expertise for the conference.

### **Adjournment**

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

*Joel Spector*

IAJGS Secretary