

## **IAJGS Board of Directors Meeting**

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, April 23 2014

9 a.m. PDT, 10 a.m MDT, 12 noon EDT, 5.00 p.m. GMT, 7.00 p.m. Jerusalem Time

### **Summary Minutes**

Present:

Marlis Humphrey (President), Nolan Altman (Vice President), Mark Nicholls (Secretary), Jackye Sullins (Director), Garri Regev (Director), Daniel Horowitz (Director), Quinton Atkinson (Director), Michael Goldstein (Immediate Past President)

Apologies: Paul Silverstone (Treasurer)

Guests:

Hal Bookbinder (Item 3); Mary Hamilton (Item 3), Zabrina Hazeltine (Item 3)

1. Minutes of last meeting April 23, 2014

The minutes of April 23, 2014 meeting were approved.

2. Confirmation of electronic vote:

The vote to accept 2-Year contract with Core-apps was confirmed unanimously.

3. Conference updates

Jerusalem 2015 – An update was provided, including that further meetings were taking place with the organizing company; My Heritage had agreed in principle to the sponsorship arrangements and the conference graphics would need to be changed accordingly. It was reported that the website was being constructed and should be ready to enrol people in July. Publicity for the conference needed to be strengthened.

Seattle 2016 - It was reported that selection of the Co-Chairs for the conference was still ongoing.

Eastern Europe 2018 – The Board discussed the type of conference that might be held in Eastern Europe, including multiple centers and planned research trips for groups of people. It was agreed that Mark Halpern would be supported by IAJGS in doing research of potential venues and tours.

Salt Lake City 2014 - Hal Bookbinder reported that there were 348 registrants and hotel registration had practically achieved the committed minimum of bookings, at 79.4%. Everything else was coming together, including finalizing the agreement with the recording company. There was relief on AV, with Family Search supplying projectors. Laptops and PCs might be an issue still. The program was set and

Ancestry had sent out an e-mail blast to 300,000 people in US States with the highest Jewish population. Ancestry had contributed \$15,000 and would sponsor the conference app. Speakers and displays had been organized and there would be a second display for the World memory Project. The AV costs were \$70,000-75,000 made up of \$35,000 for equipment and up to \$40,000 connectivity. Hamilton Group was working on trying to reduce the AV costs. If attendance was around 600, there would be problems making a surplus. The Board asked questions about registrations and further promotion of the conference.

Orlando 2017 - The hotel proposals obtained by Hamilton Group Meeting Planners (HGMP) for the 2017 conference were considered. All three hotels wanted the business and room rates would be the absolute minimum available. HGMP felt that the Swan was the best option for the type of audience for IAJGS conferences. It was explained that the AV costs needed to be negotiated down. It was agreed that the Swan was the preferred option.

#### 4. Bylaw changes – Proposals

The President reported that she would come forward with some ideas on clarifying the position of the President in relation to the Nominating Committee and also on the compatibility of the old and new Mission Statements. These issues would be left for the time-being though.

#### 5. NCH and RPAC

The Board considered the recommendation that IAJGS support the Records Preservation and Access Committee affiliating to the National Coalition for History and it was agreed that IAJGS would support RPAC affiliating to the National Coalition for History pending final legal advice.

#### 6. Strategic Initiative Plan – Benefits & Services

Due to technical problems with sound it was not possible for Garri Regev to talk about the Benefits and Services Strategic Initiative Plan. Each Board member was asked to send the President, by May 30, a list of their individual achievements during the past year.

#### 7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Wednesday June 18, 2014 at 9 a.m. PDT, 10 a.m MDT, 12 noon EDT, 5.00 p.m. GMT, 7.00 p.m. Jerusalem Time.

Mark Nicholls  
Secretary IAJGS