



**OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2019**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation held at 7:00PM on June 6, 2019 in Social Hall A & B of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9.

Recorder: Solange Ashe

CALL TO ORDER:

Gillie Vered, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Gillie welcomed past chairs Roger Greenberg, Michael Landau, Lynne Oreck-Wener, and Charles Taylor, as well as new fund holders, Clergy, and agency representatives.

ANTHEMS:

The Torah Day School Choir led the members in the Canadian and Israeli national anthems.

D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Deborah Zuker of Kehillat Beth Israel delivered the D'Var Torah.

GREETINGS FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF OTTAWA:

Michael Polowin, vice chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, brought greetings to the members on behalf of the Federation.

OPENING REMARKS:

Gillie welcomed all the new fund holders in attendance and invited them up to receive their certificate and take a photo.

Sandy Pollack for the Poleski Krakow Memorial Fund
Doreen Arnoni for the Alana Bodnoff Perelmutter Fund for Prion Disease Research
Suzanne Kert-Cohen for the Suzanne Kert-Cohen and Family Endowment Fund
Eliana Mitzmacher for the Eliana Mitzmacher B'nai Mitzvah Fund

ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF THE FOUNDATION:

President and CEO Address:

Andrea Freedman gave her address, discussing the new 5-year strategic plan, including the Foundation's 50th anniversary and the Harold Grinspoon Life & Legacy Program. Andrea thanked Gillie for his leadership as outgoing Chair and welcomed Lawrence Weinstein as incoming Chair. Finally, Andrea thanked the board members, staff and donors for their continued contributions in making the Foundation what it is.

Annual Overview of the OJCF's Financial Activities and Performance:

Adina Libin, Treasurer, provided an overview of Foundation's financial activities, performance and results in 2018. It was noted that due to the volatility of the market at the end of 2018, the Foundation experienced a 3.4% loss net of fees. Adina clarified that during the first quarter of 2019, those losses were recouped. Following Adina's presentation, members were given the opportunity to put forth comments and/or questions. No questions were brought forward.

APPROVALS AND MOTIONS:

Approval of the Financial Statements of the Foundation:

A motion was made to approve the financial statements of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2018, as audited by GGFL.

Moved by: Adina Libin
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Stephen Victor

Appointment of Auditors:

A motion was made to appoint GGFL as auditors until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor is appointed, and that the remuneration of such auditors be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Adina Libin
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Mitchell Leitman

Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2018 Annual General Meeting:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 6, 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Roger Greenberg
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Paul Finn

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Lawrence Soloway
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Susan Margles

Approval of the Acts of the Officers and Directors:

A motion was made that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Foundation since the last Annual General Meeting on June 6, 2018 are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Moved by: Neil Zaret
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Sharon Appotive

WCPP GRANTS

Lynne Oreck-Wener, founder of the Women's Collective Endowment Fund, presented grants to two recipients. The first recipient was Dahlia Milech accepting on behalf of the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank for their program "Educational Series on how to keep Kosher and prepare healthy meals on budget". The second recipient was Jonathan Freedman accepting on behalf of Hillel Ottawa for their program "Hillel Ottawa Presents: Follow My Lead".

PRESENTATION OF THE NORMAN LESH PHILANTHROPY AWARD:

Paul Finn, Chair of the Awards, presented this award on behalf of the Lesh family to Rabbi Blum accepting on behalf of the Ottawa Torah Centre for their first Annual Ottawa Kosher BBQ Cook-off and Festival.

PRESENTATION OF THE ILANA AND STEVEN RUBIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Paul Finn, announced two scholarship winners: Eden Ayele and Matthew Mendonca. Both winners were presented with their awards by Mr. Rubin at their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE JOSEPH COOPER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Paul Finn presented the George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Award.

This year's recipient is Hannah Srour, whose extensive list of academic achievements, volunteer activities, and academic awards, from the Arts Research Internship Award to several awards in Jewish Studies, makes her a wonderful role model and worthy recipient of this scholarship.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Michael Landau, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the committee's report for the coming year. He announced that Mitchell Leitman's and Michael Landau's terms were ending and thanked Mitchell for his dedication to the board. Michael noted that the report was provided in advance of the meeting on both the Foundation website and in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.

The 2019-2020 slate of board members (elected for a 3 year term):

- Adina Libin, nominated for a three-year term (2019–2022)
- Lawrence Soloway, nominated for a three-year term (2019–2022)
- Lawrence Weinstein, nominated for a three-year term (2019–2022)

Neil Zaret, nominated for a three-year term (2019–2022)
Lenora Zelikovitz, nominated for a three-year term (2019-2022)

As the nomination period closed on May 31, 2019 with no additional nominations submitted, Michael asked for the following motion:

Be it resolved that: The Board member slate is declared elected and approved by acclamation to their respective positions.

Moved by: Michael Landau
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Jonathan Freedman

Michael thanked the members of the committee for their hard work.

REMARKS BY OUTGOING CHAIR:

Gillie thanked the community for granting him the privilege of being able to chair the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation. He thanked members of the committees and the board for their involvement and volunteering their time, and he thanked the donors, fund holders and insurance policy holders for being a part of the Foundation family. He thanked Foundation staff for their hard work and expertise. Gillie stressed the importance of leadership specifically within the community and commented that the incoming chair and vice chair are both exemplary leaders. Gillie then invited Michael Landau to speak.

APPRECIATION OF OUTGOING CHAIR:

Michael Landau thanked Gillie for his leadership, creativity, relentless positivity and ongoing quest to raise the bar. He expressed his gratitude for Gillie's many contributions to the Foundation and to the Jewish community as a whole. Michael presented Gillie with a gift of appreciation for his time serving as Chair of the Foundation. Michael then invited Lawrence Weinstein as incoming chair to speak.

REMARKS BY INCOMING CHAIR:

Lawrence reflected on his upbringing in the Jewish community and how the services of the various Jewish agencies have brought the community together. He accepted the role as chair so that he can continue the Foundation's story and share it with others. Lawrence thanked everyone and expressed excitement at being able to do his part to ensure the Jewish community's future. Lawrence then invited guest, Bruce Linton, Founder and CEO of Canopy Growth to speak.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Bruce Linton began his speech by giving an overview of how Canopy Growth was established and the challenges that they have faced as a cannabis producing business, and attempting to access the U.S. market. Bruce talked about how he has extended loyalty and encouraged investment from his employees by giving out 52,775 in stock options to date. He then talked about the company's involvement in educating the public on cannabis from partnering with MADD on safe driving, developing education tools for youth, and developing clinical guidelines on using cannabis medically. Finally, Bruce talked about how Canopy Growth is involved within the community, from the Day of Caring initiative, ongoing community event sponsorship, Local First hiring and vendor mentality.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Lawrence thanked Bruce for his presentation, and presented Bruce with an Israeli hockey jersey with his name on it. Lawrence then shared three quotes about leadership. There was no further good and welfare brought forth.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation for 2019.

Moved by: Mitchell Leitman

Seconded by: Suzanne Kert-Cohen

Approved Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM and guests were invited to stay and enjoy a dessert reception.