



**OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation held at 7:00PM on June 7, 2017 in Social Hall A of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9.

Recorder: Shelaine Chapple

CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Landau, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Michael took a moment to recognize and welcome past chairs Bernard Shinder, Norman Zagerman, Ron Levitan, Roger Greenberg, Harold Feder, and Lynne Oreck-Wener as well as new fund holders, Clergy, and agency representatives.

ANTHEMS:

Community member Barbara Okun led the members in the Canadian and Israeli national anthems.

D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Levy Teitlebaum, Director of the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut, delivered the D'Var Torah.

GREETINGS FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF OTTAWA:

Linda Kerzner, chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, brought greetings to the members on behalf of the Federation. Linda spoke about the Foundation's work to provide a meaningful legacy, and of the shared dedication of the Foundation and Federation to work collaboratively to inspire philanthropy in Ottawa's Jewish community.

ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF THE FOUNDATION:

President and CEO Address:

Andrea Freedman gave her address, challenging the community to develop a personal definition of philanthropy and tzedakah. Andrea paid tribute to Michael Landau for his leadership during his term as chair and thanked him for his commitment and dedication.

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 2016. It was noted that it was a positive year and that the portfolio returned 9.7% net of fees. Following her presentation, members were given the opportunity to put forth comments and/or questions pertaining to the presentation. All questions brought forward were answered to the satisfaction of the members.

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, 2016, as audited by Ginsberg Gluzman Fage & Levitz.

Moved by: Bernard Shinder
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Roger Greenberg

Appointment of Auditors:

A motion was made to appoint Ginsberg Gluzman Fage & Levitz 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: Norman Zagerman
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Steven Lesh

Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2016 Annual General Meeting:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Lawrence Soloway
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Lorne Segal

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Mitchell Leitman
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Jeff Gould

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 8, 2016 are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Moved by: Lynne Oreck-Wener
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Harold Feder

PRESENTATION OF THE ILANA AND STEVEN RUBIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Steve Rubin presented the inaugural scholarship to two recipients. The first recipient was Yaffa Segal, who will be attending the Faculty of Education at York University. The second recipient was Olivia Vale, who will be studying Biopharmaceutical Science at the University of Ottawa. Both recipients expressed gratitude for being selected.

PRESENTATION OF THE NORMAN LESH PHILANTHROPY AWARD:

Paul Finn presented this inaugural award on behalf of the Lesh family to the Tamir Foundation, which plans to create an annual charity fashion show with the funding. The award was accepted by the president of their Board, Bob Thompson, and Krystal Valencia, the Development and Communications Coordinator at Tamir.

WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM GRANT RECIPIENT:

Lynne Oreck-Wener presented the first grant to Miriam Friedman Tanger who is leading an initiative to support single and divorced women and children in the Ottawa Jewish community. Lynne then presented the second grant to the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank for their new holiday basket program for women head of households. Longtime volunteer, Donna Strauss accepted the grant on their behalf.

PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE JOSEPH COOPER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Paul Finn, chair of the G.J. Cooper Scholarship Committee, presented the eleventh annual George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Award.

Paul announced the chosen scholarship recipient, Anna Frenkel, and invited her to accept the award. Anna spoke about her intention to further her studies and expressed her gratitude for being selected as this year's award recipient.

HONOURING OUR FOUNDERS:

Board member Lawrence Soloway led a special program to honour the founders of the Foundation. Bernard Shinder and Norman Zagerman discussed the history, challenges involved in setting up the Foundation and what they are most proud of.

The founders who had passed were then honoured for their contributions: Hyman Bessin, Alex Betcherman, Gilbert Greenberg, Hy Harris, Hy Hochberg, David Loeb, Abe Palmer, Harold Shenkman, Hyman Soloway, Casey Swedlove, and Sam Taller.

Michael Landau then asked Bernard and Norman, their spouses, and all family members of late founders in attendance to come up and accept plaques of appreciation.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lynne Oreck-Wener, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the committee's report for the coming year. Lynne noted that the report was provided in advance of the meeting on both the Foundation website and in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.

The 2017-2018 slate of board members (elected for a 3 year term):

Paul Finn, nominated for a three-year term (2017–2020)
Michael Landau, nominated for a three-year term (2017–2020)
Sandy Pollack, nominated for a three-year term (2017–2020)
Fred Seller, nominated for a three-year term (2017-2020)
Ken Wright, nominated for a three-year term (2017-2020)

As the nomination period closed on May 31, 2017 with no additional nominations submitted, Lynne 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: Jeffrey Miller
Approved Unanimously

Seconded by: Lorne Segal

Lynne announced the slate of officers being proposed to the Board of Directors at a special meeting to occur immediately following the AGM proceedings.

The slate of Officers and respective positions for the 2017/2018 year are:

Chair:	Gillie Vered
Vice Chair:	Lawrence Weinstein
Treasurer and Secretary:	Adina Libin

The position of “Past-Chair” is filled by Michael Landau.

REMARKS:

Outgoing Chair Remarks, Michael Landau:

Michael discussed his dedication to serving the Foundation and emphasized his personal focus on Fundraising and the resulting accomplishments, and in particular working closely with Arie Rosenblum, Director of Development.

Michael expressed gratitude to Lynne Oreck-Wener for helping to guide him through his term as chair, and celebrating her six year commitment to the Foundation. He also thanked the new fund holders and recognized the new board members and incoming chair, Gillie Vered. He acknowledged the hard work of the entire board and committee members as well as the staff of the Foundation.

Tribute to Michael Landau, Outgoing Chair:

A tribute of thanks was presented by Lynne Oreck-Wener, in honor of Michael’s tenure as Foundation chair since 2015.

Incoming Chair Remarks:

Michael introduced Gillie Vered, incoming chair. Gillie expressed his gratitude and excitement as he enters his new role. He spoke to the community’s rich history and tradition, and its strength and vibrancy. He discussed his enthusiasm and dedication to fundraising and his intentions to lead by example.

Gillie congratulated Michael on a job well done during his term as chair and stated that he looks forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as past chair. He also thanked the chairs of the committees in their roles and expressed excitement to work with the board, staff and community members in the years ahead.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Gillie shared a personal story. 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 2017.

Moved by: Roger Greenberg

Seconded by: Lawrence Soloway

Approved Unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM and guests were invited to stay and enjoy a dessert reception.