

## **UPJ AGM Minutes: 12 November 2017**

- 1. Attendance:** Brian Samuel (chair), Jonathan Barnett, Sally Castle, Rabbi John D Cooper, Sharon Davis, Steve Denenberg, Alison Dwyer, Rabbi Kim Ettliger, Mark Ginsburg, Dudu Gotlib, Mannie Gross, Ruth Gross, Sharene Hambur, Gwen Harrison, Jess Harrison, Hila Jacobi, Catherine Janulaitis, Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black, David Knoll AM, Uri Levin, Philip Levy, Alvin Maradeen, Joel McCarroll, Eric McDonald, Joel Mendelson, Roger Mendelson, Gary Meyer, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Kelvin Ratnam, Jocelyn Robuck, Jordana Schmidt, Michael Shnukal, Louise Ward, Jordan Werner-Hall, Reverend Sam Zwarenstein
  
- 2. Apologies and proxies:** Apologies: Amanda Mace, Helen Shardey
  
- 3. Confirmation and adoption of Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 20 November 2016**  
Moved to confirm and adopt: Mannie Gross  
Seconded: Rabbi John D Cooper  
Unanimously approved
  
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM – no queries raised**  
Moved: David Knoll AM  
Seconded: Sally Castle  
Unanimously approved
  
- 5. President's Report:** Roger added his special thanks to the Executive: Ali Dwyer, David Knoll, Joel Mendelson and Frank Tate, the Va'ad: Sally Castle, Sharon Davis and Brian Samuel, and Rabbi Fred Morgan and Jocelyn Robuck  
Moved to accept: Roger Mendelson  
Seconded: Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black  
Unanimously approved
  
- 6. Treasurer's Report and to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Union in accordance with section 97 of the Act**  
**Question:** Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black asked if there were enough funds in the budget to support the travel of the Movement Rabbi. Sally explained that \$3,000 is budgeted, and congregations are expected to contribute to these travel costs.  
**Comment:** Uri Levin thanked Sally Castle and Jocelyn Robuck for their assistance with Shnat finances.  
Moved to accept: Sally Castle  
Seconded: Sharene Hambur  
Unanimously approved
  
- 7. Appointment/confirmation of solicitors and auditors of the Association**  
Honorary Solicitor: Norbert Schweizer  
Moved to accept: Sharon Davis  
Seconded: Sharene Hambur  
Unanimously approved  
Honorary Auditor: Lowe Lippmann  
Moved to accept: Sally Castle  
Seconded: Alison Dwyer  
Unanimously approved

**8. Special Resolutions:** To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as special resolutions:

**I. “That the Jewish Community of Japan be accepted as a full member of the Union for Progressive Judaism Incorporated.”**

Questions: It was clarified that the Jewish Community of Japan is a pluralistic community, serving both Progressive and Conservative members, with one minyan held on Shabbat.

Moved to accept: Sharon Davis

Seconded: David Knoll AM

Unanimously approved

**II. “The current Constitution of the Union for Progressive Judaism Incorporated be amended as follows:”**

1. Amend clause 22.3 of the Constitution as follows:

“22.3 Each officer of the Association will hold office until the second Annual General Meeting after the date of his or her election, but is eligible for re-election provided that no person (except for the Treasurer) may be appointed to serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms.”

2. Insert a new clause 22.4 to read:

“22.4 Subject to clause 21.4(b), the Treasurer of the Association will hold office until the second Annual General Meeting after the date of his or her election, but is eligible for re-election provided that no Treasurer may be appointed to serve in that office for more than four consecutive terms.”

3. Amend clause 21.4(b) to read:

“21.4(b) subject to clauses 22.5 and 23.3, as either an officer of the Association and/or an Ordinary Committee Member for more than nine consecutive years.”; and

“at the end of clause 23.2, delete the reference to sub-clause 21.4(b) and amend the reference to all of clause 21.4.”

Moved to accept: Sharon Davis

Seconded: Kelvin Ratnam

Unanimously approved

**III. Amend the Constitution such that the word “nascent” be replaced with “provisional” in all occurrences.**

Moved to accept: Sharon Davis

Seconded: Jonathan Barnett

Unanimously approved

**9. Election of Office Bearers**

Unanimous approval for election of Roger Mendelson as President and Sharon Davis as Honorary Secretary

**10. Election of Ordinary Committee Members**

Unanimous approval for election of David Knoll, Alison Dwyer, Helen Shardey and Franklin Tate as Ordinary Committee Members

Note: Joel Mendelson to be co-opted at the first Executive Meeting

## **11. General Business**

- I. **UPJ Business Plan:** Mark Ginsburg asked for an annual report on what the UPJ has done, what worked and what didn't.
- II. **Affiliation Fees:** Mark Ginsburg would like to see concession members at a different rate for calculation of affiliation fees; Jonathan Barnett suggested a proportional method for full members and subsidised members. David Knoll added that the bigger question is how can we increase the number of members in our movement.

***Meeting adjourned at 10.45am***