

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA NSW DIV.
HELD ON MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30PM
AT FANNY READING COUNCIL HOUSE, WOOLLAHRA

PRESENT:

Members and special guests Peter Wayne, Honorary Solicitor Peter M Wayne and Associates, President of Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust survivors and descendants.

Vic Alhadeff CEO of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

Daniel Goulburn OAM President of Wolper Hospital.

Annie Kiefer President of NCW NSW. Nola Barker AM Honorary Treasurer and Public Officer, Immediate Past President of NCW NSW Australia

Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM from Jewish House

Caroline Bolot President UIA Women Division.

Judy Eshel representing the JFC Ha'Moadon Ha'Israeli

Ruth Mckie from Ebenezer Operation Exodus Australia.

Beverley Brock Fund Raising manager for Dress For Success.

Ernie Friedlander President B'nai B'rith

Peta Lesnie, Dr Graeme Cohen. Robin Lenn OAM Past president of NCJWA NSW, NCJWA National, Immediate Past President of ICJW

Viki Nadel OAM Immediate Past President of NCJWA NSW and Immediate Past Acting Co-President of NCJWA, National Office.

Sylvia Deutsch OAM Immediate Past Acting Co-President of NCJWA our National Office.

Roger Selby President NAJEX

Apologies: Merle Ware, Karen Schwartz, Suzy Wolanski, Grant Feitelberg, Jennifer Herman, Zara Young OAM, Phyllis Glasser, Denise Edelstein, Diane Schaffer, Claire Vernon, Sandy Hotz, Gael Hammer, Peter Phillipsohn OAM, Keith Shilkin AM, Zelda Feigen OAM

The meeting was opened by Acting Co-President MIRI ORDEN on behalf of herself, MAXINE BACHMAYER and JANET MERKUR (Acting Co-Presidents).

MIRI ORDEN - Greetings

MIRI ORDEN - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

NATIONAL ANTHEMS screened – Australian and Israeli

Condolences – a minute silence to remember:

Sylvia (Langer) Weissenberg, Past Acting Co-President 2004 – 2007, Vicki Steigrad and Sadie Grant Honorary Life Members, Katalyn Lawan, Rachel Levine.

MIRI ORDEN – Welcome to members and special guests, see list above.

MIRI ORDEN continues:

Phyllis Glasser Past President of NCJWA NSW David should have been welcomed at this time however Phyllis was unable to join us as she was in hospital.

MIRI ORDEN: Expressed her admiration for Dr Fanny Reading OAM and offered the humorous suggestion that if anyone makes another episode of *Underbelly* Dr Fanny and her contribution to Kings Cross at that time should be included.

MIRI ORDEN - NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of meeting taken as read and confirmed

PROPOSED: MIRI ORDEN SECONDED: ROBYN LENN OAM

MIRI ORDEN - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Monday 2 July, 2018 were taken as read and unanimously confirmed. PROPOSED: MIRI ORDEN, SECONDED: MIRIAM LEVY

Report by Acting Co-Presidents presented by JANET, illustrated with PowerPoint presentation.

Questions or comments from the floor: Nil

JODY SOMOGY moved that the report be accepted. SECONDED: BERNICE BACHMAYER

JANET called up HON. TREASURER BARBARA SHOTLAND to present the FINANCIAL REPORTS.

BARBARA SHOTLAND moved that the financial reports are accepted; SECONDED: MIRI ORDEN

BARBARA SHOTLAND called up MAXINE who introduced herself to the audience and spoke about her role and association with NCJWA NSW

MAXINE calls up VICTORIA NADEL OAM, Trustee CHARITY FUND to present cheques to CHARITY FUND NOMINEE ORGANISATIONS.

Recipient organisations:

- BEVERLEY BROCK fundraising manager of DRESS FOR SUCCESS received cheque and made 2-minute pitch about the organisation
- RABBI MENDEL KASTEL, representing JEWISH HOUSE accepted cheque and made 2-minute pitch

MAXINE pays tribute to those members who have given so much of themselves to NCJWA NSW.

- DR GRAEME COHEN presented the SUSAN COHEN COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD to Ruth Shteinman
- MAXINE presents DR FANNY READING AWARD to MIRIAM LEVY
- PETA LESNIE presents JEANNETTE LESNIE GROUP EXCELLENCE AWARD in memory of her late mother to MUM FOR MUM NCJWA program. NADENE and MUM FOR MUM NCJWA volunteers accept award.

- MAXINE presents the DENISE EDELSTEIN FUND RAISING AWARD to the SHIFRA GROUP. Rachel Segal, Sunny gold, Karen Fried, Diana Bahar and all members from the Shifra Group accept award.
- MAXINE presents appreciation certificates to the CUDDLE BUNDLES TEAM – Michele Brandenburger, Nadene Alhadeff, Ella Lazor, Celia Trackman and Joanne Gross. MICHELE BRANDENBURGER said a few words about CUDDLE BUNDLES

MIRI calls up HON. SOLICITOR MR PETER WAYNE TO SUPERVISE, DIRECT AND MOVE CHANGES TO THE NCJWA NSW CONSTITUTION

Special Resolutions to Amend the Constitution is put to members by PETER WAYNE at the AGM on the 26th August 2019.

Note: Each member who attended was given a printed copy of the constitution.

PETER WAYNE moved the amendments paragraph by paragraph.

- that the Constitution be amended as follows:-

1. Paragraph 6A - in addition to the Members of the Association there shall be Affiliate members who may be of any gender and of any faith but who shall not be entitled to the rights of membership and who shall pay an annual subscription as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Management.

Show of hands and verbal agreement from the floor. No dissenting show of hands or voices.

2. Paragraph 17 shall be amended by amending “six Vice-Presidents” to “two Vice - Presidents” and “six other Board Members” to “ten other Board Members”.

Show of hands and verbal agreement from the floor. No dissenting show of hands or voices.

3. Paragraph 17A -

- (a) If there are three or more nominations for President, the members may by ordinary resolution passed at the general meeting increase the number of Presidents to three, and should a majority of all nominees agree to three nominees being elected to serve as Co-Presidents, the election shall proceed with the three co-nominees as one nominee at the election and if the three are so elected will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Show of hands and verbal agreement from the floor. No dissenting show of hands or voices.

- (b) Should three Co-Presidents be elected the number of other Board Members shall be reduced to seven.

Show of hands and verbal agreement from the floor. No dissenting show of hands or voices.

- (c) All Co-Presidents so elected shall jointly act as President of the Association and any disagreement between Co-Presidents shall be determined by a resolution of Co-Presidents and a majority decision shall bind the Co-Presidents individually and jointly.

Show of hands and verbal agreement from the floor. No dissenting show of hands or voices.

- (d) The Co-Presidents shall elect one of them to be chairman and alternate chairman of the Association.

Show of hands and verbal agreement from the floor. No dissenting show of hands or voices.

These amendments were passed unanimously.

MIRI ORDEN thanked PETER WAYNE for his support over the past year.

MIRI ORDEN announced that ISABELLE SHAPIRO OAM will be stepping down from the board. ISABELLE will continue as Chair of the NCJWA NSW Jewish Women's Breast Cancer Network Program.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD

SYLVIA DEUTSCH OAM took the chair for the ELECTION OF NEW BOARD. In accordance with newly approved clause 17A(a) of the constitution, the following resolution was passed:

That for the term 2019-2020 there shall be three presidents.

Moved: Sylvia Deutsch

Seconded: Karen Fried

Passed unanimously.

In accordance with the constitution, the following nominations had been received for the Board positions:

- Co-Presidents: Maxine Bachmayer, Janet Merkur, Miri Orden
- Honorary Treasurer: Barbara Shotland
- Assistant Honorary Treasurer: Zena Grevler
- Secretary: Karen Schwartz
- Directors:

Miriam Levy

Victoria Nadel OAM

Ruth Osen

Ruth Shteinman

Merle Ware

Suzy Wolanski

As no positions were contested, these candidates were declared duly elected.

- Immediate Past President (ipso facto): Victoria Nadel OAM

The composition of the Executive Board of NCJWA NSW Division for 2019-2020 was declared as above.

SYLVIA DEUTSCH stepped down from the position of chair and handed back to MIRI ORDEN.

GENERAL BUSINESS: MIRI ORDEN – There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Supper was served.