

MEMORANDUM

January 12, 2018

TO: CAJM Board of Directors

FROM: Avi Decter

SUBJ: Report of the 2018 CAJM Nominating Committee (abbreviated)

This year's nominations process was unusual in three respects. First, the Nom Comm recommends the establishment of two new officer slots; Second, for the first time we have included in the list of nominees two staffers at other kinds of cultural organizations. And, third, this is the first time (at least in a long while) that we have proposed to fill every seat (N=18) on the Board of Directors.

Recommendation: The CAJM By Laws stipulates (Art VI, Sec. 1) that the officers shall "consist of one Chair, one Vice Chair, one Secretary, one Treasurer, the Immediate Past Chair, and such other officers with such other titles as may be deemed necessary or desirable from time to time by the Board of Directors."

The Nominating Committee recommends the establishment of two new officer slots, Communications Chair and Advocacy Chair, which reflect emerging CAJM priorities. The following position descriptions have been reviewed and approved by the Nom Comm, by the proposed nominees (Grace Astrove and Bryan Davis), and by the Exec Comm:

Communications Chair: The CAJM Communications Chair shall chair the CAJM Communications Committee and serve as the principal liaison between the Board of Directors and staff on CAJM communications matters, developing and recommending CAJM messaging and content, defining strategies and priorities for effective communication, and promoting use of new communications methods and technologies. The Communications Chair shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her/him by the Chair, or by the Board of Directors.

Advocacy Chair: The CAJM Advocacy Chair shall chair the CAJM Advocacy Committee and serve as the principal liaison between the Board of Directors and staff on advocacy matters, identifying critical issues that require advocacy on behalf of CAJM and/or the Jewish museum field, defining CAJM messaging and content, and developing approaches and priorities for effective advocacy for CAJM alone and in concert with other organizations and agencies. The Advocacy Chair shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her/him by the Chair, or by the Board of Directors.

[The Board of Directors subsequently approved the establishment of these two new officer positions during its Board meeting on January 18, 2018.]

Representatives of Other Cultural Organizations: Given our expressed interest in developing alliances, partnerships, and collaborations (and also the rich diversity of contemporary Jewish culture), the Nom Comm decided to nominate—for the first time—representatives of other kinds of Jewish cultural organizations. The Committee focused on three specific organizations—Reboot, the Jewish Arts Collaborative, and the Association for Jewish Studies.

Thanks to the Committee: I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of this year's Nominating Committee, severally and collectively, for making the nominating process so thoughtful and so productive:

Susan Bronson

Deborah Cardin

Gravity Goldberg

Gabriel Goldstein

Zachary Paul Levine

Colin Weil

and, Melissa Martens Yaverbaum, *ex officio*

CAJM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SLATE OF NOMINEES

CAJM's election of the incoming Board of Directors will take place over lunch on February 26 at our 2018 Conference in Washington, DC. The CAJM Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors-at-large:

OFFICERS (Executive Committee)

Chair: Susan Bronson / Executive Director, Yiddish Book Center (Amherst, MA)

Vice-Chair: Zachary Paul Levine / Director of Exhibitions & Collections, National Building Museum (Washington, DC)

Treasurer: Colin Weil / Executive Director, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (New York, NY)

Secretary: Marsha L. Semmel / Independent Consultant (Washington, DC)

Communications Chair: Grace Astrove / Senior Development Officer for Exhibitions, The Jewish Museum (New York, NY)

Advocacy Chair: Bryan Davis / Executive Director, Jewish History Museum and Holocaust History Center (Tucson, AZ)

Immediate Past Chair: Deborah Cardin / Director of Development, Baltimore Museum of Industry (Baltimore, MD)

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Current board members continuing terms as directors at large:

Gravity Goldberg / Director of Public Programs and Visitor Experience, The Contemporary Jewish Museum (San Francisco, CA)

Judith Rosenbaum / Executive Director, Jewish Women's Archives (Brookline, MA)

Diane Saltzman / Director, Office of Constituency Engagement, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (Washington, DC)

Current board member nominated for a second two-year term:

Ivy Weingram / Associate Curator, National Museum of American Jewish History (Philadelphia, PA)

Nominees for a first two-year term:

Jeffrey Allen / Director, Education & Public Programs, Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
(Beachwood, OH)

Kenneth Hoffman / Executive Director, Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience
(New Orleans, LA)

Beth Kean / Executive Director, Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (Los Angeles, CA)

Barnet Kessel / Executive Director, The Vilna Shul, Boston's Center for Jewish Culture
(Boston, MA)

Warren Klein / Curator, Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum, Congregation Emanu-El
(New York, NY)

Laura Conrad Mandel / Executive Director, Jewish Arts Collaborative (Newton, MA)

Tanya Schevitz / Northern California Program Manager and National Communications Manager,
Reboot (San Francisco, CA)

We extend our deep appreciation to these current board members completing their terms:

Avi Decter / Managing Partner, History Now (Philadelphia, PA)

Mira Goldfarb / President, C3 Arts Advisory (Toronto, Canada)

Rachel Herschman / Curatorial Assistant, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World
(New York, NY)

Rachel Jarman Myers / Director, Museum of Mississippi History (Jackson, MS)

Ellen Rudolph / Chief Curator, Akron Art Museum (Akron, OH)

Arielle Weininger / Chief Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, Illinois Holocaust
Museum and Education Center (Skokie, IL)

**Respectfully submitted for the CAJM Nominating Committee,
Avi Decter, Chair**