



Brief summary of the protocol from the Fifth Annual General Meeting 1 June 2012

The current board thanks all previous board members and committee heads for their efforts on behalf of the readers association. Special thanks to Rachel Furst, Nati Kupfer, and Yaakov Mascetti who have resigned from the board.

The following members were elected to the Board:

Dvora Bregman—chair
Nadia Zeldes
Dena Ordan
Cana Werman—treasurer
Aviad HaCohen
Miriam Goldstein
Dan Bitan
Dan Porat
Benjamin Richler

The following members were elected to the auditing committee:

Mordecai Nahmani
Gilla Rosen

The AGM approved the financial report for 2011 and the oral report on our activities for the year.





Highlights of the oral report of Readers Association activity delivered at the Fifth Annual General Meeting, 1 June 2012

Dvora Bregman delivered an oral report on association activity for the past year:

1. Founding of an advisory board, mainly of non-Israeli academics. Some 30 members have been drafted. Aims: to act as an advisory board and backer of the association on various issues. Its members will be apprised of what transpires at our meetings.
2. The first meeting of the advisory board is scheduled for 23 July 2012.
3. Reports on meetings with David Blumberg, chairperson of the Board of Directors
4. The "book giveaway": Dvora was invited to appear before the committee formed to look into the matter. Her suggestion that the material be catalogued (shortened version) was rejected by the board of directors.
5. Board members visited the Givat Shaul storage area
6. A questionnaire on the reading rooms in the future library was distributed among the readers and its results were shared with the administration.
7. The issue of protecting the collections, especially the lower entrance, was raised again to the administration and to David Blumberg.

Future plans:

1. To continue the board's monthly meetings. We also plan to meet with the administration on various issues.
2. Issues to be raised at the July meeting of the advisory board: the weight of the needs of academic research vs. the needs of the broad public; disturbances to readers from preparation of events (e.g., a Hebrew University event that involved noise and even radio noise from the patio).
3. To attempt to involve Hebrew University faculty in the question of the weight to be given to academic research. The university controls 25% of the library's shares and pays its share of the library budget. We are exploring the possibility of our representatives speaking before the faculty of the humanities at their next meeting (scheduled for November).
4. Digitization: we suggest polling the public in order to establish priorities.
5. Lost books: some 30% of the books cannot be located.
6. To arrange a meeting with those responsible for the stacks in order to see if the missing material has simply gone astray.
7. To address the problems of the system currently used for processing readers' recommendations.

