



PROTOCOL OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL
LIBRARY READERS ASSOCIATION
13 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Arie Gus, Yohanan Friedmann, Dena Ordan, Cana Werman, Nadia Zeldes, Benjamin Richler, Simon Feinberg

DECISIONS

Cana Werman chaired the meeting.

The financial report for 2018 received unanimous approval.

The report of the association's activity in 2018 received unanimous approval.

Cana Werman was elected chairperson.

The following individuals were elected to the board: Nadia Zeldes, Dena Ordan, Dan Bitan, Benjamin Richler.

The following were elected to the audit committee: Mordecai Nahmani and Levi Cooper.

TOPICS RAISED:

1. *Meetings with the administration.*

We summarized the main points raised in our two most recent meetings with the library administration. The summaries of these meetings can be accessed on the News and Notices page of our website.

2. *Access to the library's financial reports.*

A decision was reached to approach library director Oren Weinberg with a request that the library publish its financial reports on the library website. We propose that the library be a groundbreaker in this sphere of sharing information with the public.

3. *The Merhav search engine*

The announcement that the Aleph program will no longer be accessible after 19 November 2019 sparked comments on the flaws of the Merhav search engine. Yohanan Friedmann requested that a meeting be organized with the administration to discuss the problems and flaws of Merhav.

4. *Lighting*

Yohanan Friedmann commented on the inadequate lighting in the current reading rooms. We reported that Orly was supposed to look into the possibility of adding LED strips to the existing fixtures in order to provide better coverage of the work areas.



Another, related question raised was the lighting in the new building. Our response was that the library administration would be constructing mock-ups of different types of work stations in the Edelstein Collection and that readers would be invited to assess the different work stations and their lighting. This will provide another opportunity to emphasize the importance of good lighting.

5. Parking/Transportation to the new building

It is already clear that there will not be adequate parking for readers in the new building. We decided to request that the library administration provide shuttles (whether from the light rail station, or the Givat Ram campus, or from a nearby parking lot).

6. Access to manuscripts

Benjamin Richler raised the difficulty in reading manuscripts using the Rosetta program. He reported that the quality of the images is low and that the program is very slow.

7. Wi-Fi

In the past months we have been experiencing instability in the library public Wi-Fi system. The library has been trying to fix the problem.