

Minutes – NxNW Region
Women’s League for Conservative Judaism
January 14, 2009

A meeting of the (Board of Directors, NxNW Region WLCJ)was held on January 14, 2009, via teleconference.

Those in attendance were:

Anne Jess, Debbie Green, Tina Eisenman, Sandy Eliaser, Anne Nicolson, Thelma Ramm

Anne Jess, Region President, called the meeting to order at 9 PM PST.

Agenda Items:

1. Check in: Each attendee checked in with personal news, celebrations, other.
2. Board self- evaluation (come prepared to speak for 1-3 minutes about your role, your evaluation of the position (how well is it working? what are your accomplishments? what are your challenges?) and your ideas about improving the process.

This became the main topic of discussion. There are challenges brought about by changes in regions. Most of those challenges are endemic to communication and in-person meetings, or lack thereof. In particular, *Area VP Tina Eisenman, is not getting helpful feedback from the Area Directors. Similar communications problems are evident to the VP Membership, Anne Nicolson. In the Finance area, Debbie Green reported that the Budget is not complete due to lack of information. Thelma Ramm, Public Policy Chair, reported that there are no Public Policy Chairs on the Sisterhood level nor are the Presidents sending PP emails to their members. **Please see the notes from Tina Eisenman cc'd below.

3. Nomination process (Sandy Eliaser) and how we can help her: Sandy Eliaser, Nominations Chair, is beginning to seat a nominating committee and will be calling candidates very soon.
4. Spring Conference (Anne Jess) and how we can help her: Anne Jess, NxNW Region President asked that we check-in to our on-line Wiki and choose a task for Spring Conference to be held at Congregation Beth David, Saratoga, CA.

5. wrap up - schedule next conf call: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Thelma Ramm
Administrative Secretary
Public Policy Chair

**From our Area Vice President:

“Ok, so you want my thoughts on the issues of our region in regard to my job as Area VP and the job of the area directors.

As I said, I think the issues are two or three fold. There are so many layers to get thru and that I think is the first problem.

Personally, I see my role almost as a “nag” to the directors which isn’t working.

The Directors are overwhelmed and not really doing what they have been trained to do, even though they have been “taught” both by Margie and me more than once. I just don’t think they get it or WANT to get it. If they try with an initial contact and don’t get any response from that sisterhood, then they give up instead of persevering. If they truly understood that they were a Sisterhood Liaison, and the lines of communication need to always be open and available, it would be better.

I believe that my job is useless and not needed. (Truly)

I think you need Sisterhood Liaison’s that WANT the job and are committed to communicating on that level and then reporting back to the Region coordinator.

I think that 4-5 Sisterhoods the MOST per liaison is MORE than enough and probably not enough to overwhelm someone. “

Tina