

AS1 Governing Council Meeting–On Island–7/2/24

Present:

Val Basdekis, Hal Basdekis, Elissa Best, Betsy Berg, Katy Biron, Lorene Bossong, Andy Bristol, Ray Castoldi, April Castoldi, Joy Close, Debby Cohen, Matthew Cohen, Michele Cohen, Kim Corfman, Stan Corfman, Beth Corsa, David Epstein, Ann Etter, Joel Fredericks, Bill Gimpel, Chris Gimpel, Lisa Gresser, Tom Griffiths, Ken Hallows, Jeff Hendrick, Liz Hendrick, Keith Knox, Annie Lennox, Dug Miller, Scotia Miller, Jenny Easter Nelson, Susan O'Loughlin, Steve Parr, Shelly Powsner, Gabrielle Prochaska, Janice Prochaska, Phil Quatrochi, Jim Sersich, Steve Skrovan, Nura Pastor Soler, Ben Soule, Deb Weiner Soule, Annie Stewart, Dale Stewart, Jane Trudeau, Deb Walton, Ali Walton, Louise Williams Wanda Wood, David Yermack, Elizabeth Yermack, Larry Yermack

Convenor: Keith Knox

Current Chairs: Mathew & Michele Cohen

Week is going well so far. Conference is full but: younger adults and young families are under subscribed. Recommended that we continue to work with the marketing team to offer incentive to young adults and those with children.

We got everybody off the waiting list (it was cleared out when there were cancellations)

2025 Chairs–Ali and Phil Walton.

Speaker has been arranged: Ron Abramson, one of the pre-eminent immigration attorneys in the state of NH will talk about the history of immigration in the US and about what an “ideal” system might look like.

Annual Fund Rep: Louise Williams

AS1 in 2023 donated over \$96,875; 90 donation units (50 in December alone). Folks are asked to please donate!

Legacy society–everyone can come this year to be reminded how to include star island in their plans,

Registrar's Report: Susan O'Loughlin

We had an optimistic goal of averaging 280 beds per night for the week–and we hit that exactly!

Treasurer's Report: David Yermack

We are now in a much better financial position due to filling up this year's conference.

Financial aid: we gave out a record amount of assistance (about 16K), and may be willing to award more; do we want to hold some money back from the annual fund and offer more scholarships, and/or increase the registration fee further? May be good to discuss this at our fall meeting.

Kudos to the marketing team!!

Selection of 2026 Chairs

Fall meeting: will be online on 9/21 via Zoom

Minutes submitted by Katy Biron