



**JVS TORONTO  
MINUTES OF THE 76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023  
IN TORONTO, ONTARIO**

**AGM 01.09.20.23**

**WELCOME**

Avi Pollock, Chair of the Board, welcomed everyone to JVS Toronto's 76th Annual General Meeting and provided information on how Members of the Corporation could vote on motions, whether they were voting in person or virtually.

He introduced JVS Toronto's Chief Executive Officer, Allison Steinberg; and the Members of the Executive Committee present: Ariella Fuhrmann, Vice Chair; and Aaron Goldstein, Treasurer. Avi Pollock also introduced Saul Goodman, Vice Chair; and Fiona Orr, Secretary, who joined the meeting virtually.

He thanked XBASE Technologies for sponsoring JVS Toronto's 2023 AGM. A video of Stuart Demeter, Managing Partner at XBASE Technologies, was shown.

**AGM 02.09.20.23**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Avi Pollock noted that the Notice of Meeting and the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were circulated on August 28, 2023.

He further noted that only those Members of the Corporation who had complied with the Board membership fee as stated in the By-Laws could vote.

A quorum for the meeting was present.

**AGM 03.09.20.23**

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Avi Pollock called for the waiving of the reading of the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on September 21, 2022.

**MOTION AGM 01.09.20.23**

It was                   **MOVED BY:** Peter Shenfield  
                                 **SECONDED BY:** Jeff Goldfarb

*That the Minutes be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED.**

**AGM 04.09.20.23**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

**AGM 05.09.20.23**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Aaron Goldstein, Board Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, tabled on behalf of the Finance Committee, the financial statements audited by Welch LLP for the fiscal year 2022-2023. There were no questions from the floor.

**MOTION AGM 02.09.20.23**

It was **MOVED BY:** Aaron Goldstein  
**SECONDED BY:** Mana Nikaeen

*To approve the audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**AGM 06.09.20.23**

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Aaron Goldstein tabled a motion for Welch LLP to be appointed as auditors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**MOTION AGM 03.09.20.23**

It was **MOVED BY:** Aaron Goldstein  
**SECONDED BY:** Jeff Goldfarb

*That Welch LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, at a fee approved by the Board.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Aaron Goldstein thanked Welch LLP for their excellent work and thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their due diligence and hard work; and the Finance department for their dedication.

**AGM 07.09.20.23**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Franceen Bernstein, Board Member, presented on behalf of Ariella Fuhrmann, Chair of the Nominating Committee, the following slate of 19 nominees to the Board of Directors for 2023-2024:

*Armand Abehsera, Franceen Bernstein, Nicole Diamond, Ariella Fuhrmann, Aaron Goldstein, Saul Goodman, Barry Fishman, Elana Hagi, Prabhas Jha, Mana Nikaeen, Fiona Orr, Viren Patel, Tori Peacock, Avi Pollock, Janet Schoel, Noah Shack, Lianne Vineberg, Eric Wilson, and Jordan Wong.*

**MOTION AGM 04.09.20.23**

It was **MOVED BY:** Franceen Bernstein  
**SECONDED BY:** Janet Schoel

*That the slate of nominees be accepted as Directors of the Corporation.*

**CARRIED.**

**AGM 08.09.20.23**      **TRIBUTE TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS**

Jonathan Kopman, former Chair of the Board, thanked retiring Board member Desmond Levin, for his leadership and many years of service. Desmond Levin joined the Board in 2016 and served as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee from 2016 to 2019.

**AGM 09.09.20.23**      **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Avi Pollock presented his report and introduced the incoming Chair of the Board, Ariella Fuhrmann.

**AGM 10.09.20.23**      **INCOMING CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Ariella Fuhrmann presented her report.

**AGM 11.09.20.23**      **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Allison Steinberg, CEO, presented her report. She welcomed and acknowledged elected officials, funders, stakeholders, community partners, and staff for joining the meeting.

**AGM 12.09.20.23**      **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**AGM 13.09.20.23**      **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION AGM 05.09.20.23**

It was                      **MOVED BY:** Elliott Eisen  
                                    **SECONDED BY:** Jeff Goldfarb

*That there being no further official business, the 76<sup>h</sup> Annual General Meeting be adjourned.*

**CARRIED.**

**AGM 14.09.20.23**      **FREEDMAN FAMILY AWARD FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**

Board Member Tori Peacock introduced the Freedman Family Award for Young Entrepreneurs.

The Freedman Family Award for Young Entrepreneurs was established by Nancy and Nathan Freedman to recognize the accomplishments of a young person who has completed one of JVS Toronto's youth entrepreneurship

programs, and is successfully operating his/her business on either a full-time or part-time basis.

This award acknowledges the achievements and contributions young people can make to the community when given opportunities to be successful.

Nancy Freedman presented Jonell Lawrence the Freedman Family Award for Young Entrepreneurs.

**AGM 15.09.20.23**

**JOSEPH SKOLNIK AWARD FOR NEW CANADIANS**

Board Member Mana Nikaeen introduced the Joseph Skolnik Award for New Canadians.

The Joseph Skolnik Award for New Canadians is presented to a JVS Toronto client who is a newcomer to Canada. The candidate must have overcome barriers to employment, such as language, adaptation to our culture, and lack of updated skills. The client must also have successfully integrated into Canadian society.

Bill Skolnik presented Viacheslav Starychkov the Joseph Skolnik Award for New Canadians.

**AGM 16.09.20.23**

**BETTY SKOLNIK AWARD FOR EMERGING PROFESSIONALS**

Board Member Janet Schoel introduced the Betty Skolnik Award for Emerging Professionals

The Betty Skolnik Award for Emerging Professional is presented to a young professional new to his/her career who has a promising future ahead in their chosen occupation.

Bill Skolnik presented Adiba Fannana the Betty Skolnik Award for Emerging Professionals, on behalf of the Skolnik family.

**AGM 17.09.20.23**

**KIM COULTER CAREER COUNSELLING AWARD**

Board member Armand Abehsera introduced the Kim Coulter Career Counselling Award.

The Kim Coulter Career Counselling Award was established in honour of former president and CEO Kim Coulter, following her retirement from JVS Toronto after 32 years of service. This award recognizes Kim's professional roots as a Career Counsellor and is presented to a Career Counselling client who has achieved their goals with resilience, motivation, and perseverance.

Kim Coulter presented the Kim Coulter Career Counselling Award to Desmond Miller.

**AGM 18.09.20.23**

**EUNICE AND DAVID MOUCKLEY OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER AWARD**

Former Board Chair and Non-Director Member of the Corporation, Jeff Goldfarb, introduced the Eunice and David Mouckley Employer Award.

The Eunice and David Mouckley Outstanding Employer Award is presented to a company that has worked with JVS for several years and has provided special initiatives to clients with barriers to employment, whether in language, culture, disability, or lack of updated skills.

Jeff Mouckley, son of Eunice and David Mouckley, presented the Eunice and David Mouckley Outstanding Employer Award to Visual Elements. Nicole Santos accepted the award on behalf of Visual Elements.

**AGM 19.09.20.23**

**BERGER FAMILY INSPIRATIONAL AWARD**

Board Member Barry Fishman introduced the Berger Family Inspirational Award.

The Berger Family Inspirational Award recognizes the achievements, personal perseverance and contribution of a JVS Toronto client with a disability / mental health issue has made to the community.

Avi Berger, representing the Berger Family, presented the Berger Family Inspirational Award to Judy Kim. Judy's Community Participation Support Worker, Laura Torrance, accepted the award on her behalf.

**AGM 20.09.20.23**

**MANNY MITCHELL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEERISM**

Board Member Jordan Wong introduced the Manny Mitchell Award for Excellence in Volunteerism.

The Manny Mitchell Award for Excellence in Volunteerism is presented to a dedicated volunteer who has demonstrated consistent commitment, dedication, and reliability to both staff and clients.

Paul Habert, representing the Mitchell / Habert family, presented the Manny Mitchell Award for Excellence in Volunteerism to Veronica Seeto.

**AGM 21.09.20.23**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Ariella Fuhrmann thanked everyone for attending the AGM. She also thanked the AGM planning committee for planning, organizing, and setting up a successful meeting.

Ariella wished those celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, a happy and healthy new year.