

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America, held at the RCA office on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, the President, Shmuel Goldin in the chair, and Reuven Tradburks acting on behalf of the secretary, the following items were decided:

- A motion to accept **minutes of the December, 2012**, Executive Committee meeting passed unanimously.
- **Parsonage allowances** for RCA rabbinic employees were approved unanimously.
- A motion to approve the **membership applications** of Ben Aaronson, Aaron Abramson, Moshe Davis, Zev Felsen, Eli Kohl, Nachum Meth, Jordan Rosenberg, Chaim Shapiro, Lawrence Teitelman. Ben Aaronson, Aaron Abramson, Moshe Davis, Zev Felsen, Eli Kohl, Nachum Meth, Jordan Rosenberg, Chaim Shapiro, Lawrence Teitelman was approved unanimously.
- A motion to appoint Daniel Korobkin and Moshe Rosenberg (co-chairmen), Shaanan Gelman, Jay Kelman, Reuven Spolter, Chaim Strauchler, and Mordechai Torczyner to the **2013 Convention Committee** was approved unanimously. The convention will take place at Hudson Valley Resort. The OU is contributing \$250/chaver up to \$50,000 and will have a representative on the Convention Committee.
- A motion to appoint Shlomo Hochberg (chairman) hair, Asher Bush, Judah Dardik, Ronald Schwartzberg, and Chaim Strauchler (and Ira Kronenberg, if he agrees to serve) to the **2013 Nomination Committee** was approved unanimously.
- A motion to appoint Daniel Alter (chairman), Chair, Binyamin Blau, Ira Ebbin and Elie Weinstock to the **2013 Election Committee** was approved unanimously.
- A motion to nominate Jack Bieler as chairman of the **2013 Resolutions Committee** along with detailed procedures for the Resolutions Committee to follow, passed unanimously.
- The following motion, proposed by the Constitution Committee, was approved by all except one who voted against:
 - Resolved, pursuant to Article XI Section 2 of the [RCA Constitution](#), that the following **proposed amendment to the RCA Constitution** be presented to the RCA membership for adoption at the 2013 annual meeting:
 - “A) The existing text of Article XI shall be designated as Section 1.
 - B) The following shall be added to Article XI:
 - Section 2: Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, this constitution may, between July 3, 2013 and December 31, 2014, be amended by the following alternate procedure:
 1. Upon being approved by the Executive Committee by a majority of those voting, the text of a proposed amendment shall be sent, by mail or electronically, to each member of the Rabbinical Council of America.
 2. The Executive Committee shall choose a period of time during which the membership will vote, by electronic means, on the amendment. Notice of these dates shall be given to the membership at least 30 days in advance. Such notice may not be given prior to the distribution of the proposal's text.
 3. The amendment shall be adopted if the membership approves it by a two-thirds majority of those voting.”
- A motion to approve a 2013 RCA budget was approved unanimously by a quorum of those attending in person.

Additional matters discussed:

- A **RCA Agunah Yom Iyun** will take place in New York, NY, on April 17, 2013.
- A formal procedure for determining which RCA members should be eligible to vote will not be passed by this election. For this year, as last year, **all RCA members will be eligible to vote.**
- RCA President Shmuel Goldin will establish a procedure for deciding recipient of the **2013 Rubenstein Award.**
- Discussion about **how to present future budgets** in a secure, confidential manner to entire Executive Committee (most of whom attend on phone) in fulfillment of their fiduciary duties. A broad outline of 2013 budget was presented by Dov Levine and Barry Kornblau.
- **Shlomo Brody** is being retained for 6 months to enhance **Tradition on line.**
- RCA President Shmuel Goldin appointed Heshie Billet (chair), Ari Perl (liaison to RCA officers), and Rav Gedalia D. Schwartz (consultant) to serve on a **GPS Audit Committee.** The committee, in formation, will audit GPS-affiliated batei din to review their procedures, interview rabbis and converts, and look at uniformity of procedures.
- The **RCA Artscroll Siddur** is ready for publication. The RCA requested a delay in printing until Rosh Chodesh Nissan. While we have a generous dedication in hand, a higher dedication is being sought. The contract with Artscroll will only be signed after input from an attorney.