

AIES Board of Directors Meeting 06.02.07

Attended: David Ginsburg, Hillel Gordin, David Surgarman, Tamar Keinan, Roy Kagan, Glen Pegelson and David Lehrer

Guest: Yuval Piurko

I Consultant's Report

Yuval Piurko presented the report that he and Bruce Oppenheimer prepared for the Cohen Foundation on the Arava Institute. The report gave a favorable review of the current activities of the Institute and made a number of recommendations (see attached recommendations).

The Board agreed that a strategic planning session should be planned for the near future. Hillel suggested a weekend at Ketura in order to allow time for multiple sessions and in depth discussions. David L. suggested that the meeting should be scheduled once a new Chair has been elected.

II Board Membership

Moshe Falkof, the General Secretary of Kibbutz Ketura and Mimi Segel, the Treasurer of Kibbutz Ketura, were elected to the Board. The Board wishes Mimi and Moshe good luck.

David Lehrer regrettably announced the resignation of Udi Gat from the Board due to conflict of interest. The Board thanks Udi for his service to the Institute and wishes him good luck as well.

David Lehrer has asked Dr. Michael Beyt to consider joining the Board and assuming the Chairmanship. The Board awaits his reply to the offer.

III Agreement between the Arava Institute and Kibbutz Ketura

David presented the summary of the agreement between the Arava Institute and Kibbutz Ketura (see attached summary). The purpose of the summary is to have a document in layperson's language, which describes the relationship between the kibbutz and the Institute and the understandings already reached. Once finalized, the document will be passed on to lawyers who will turn it into a legal document.

The main issue that is not yet agreed on is the status of ownership of the land that Institute's new buildings will be built upon. The Board recommended that the Kibbutz hire a legal consultant on this issue. Roy took responsibility for this matter.

David Ginsburg recommended including in the language of the agreement "bounded arbitration". All Board members are requested to review the summary of the agreement and send comments and recommendations to David

Lehrer. The document will come up for a discussion at the next Board meeting.

IV Budget Issues

The Board approved the changes in the Research Budget and the Administration Budget (see attached budget).

The Board members requested a list of salaries and benefits as well as a job description for each staff member. David will send this material out to the Board members.

Recorded by David Lehrer