

Meeting of Brandeis National Committee Board of Directors

May 30, 2025, 4 pm ET
On Zoom

ATTENDEES

Merle Carrus, National President Audree Dyson Michelle Fischler Madalyn Friedberg Maxine Schweitzer	Andrew Tievsky Stephen Rodriguez Ingrid Schorr <i>Not present: Bruce Litwer, Mindy Frankel, Francoise Marcus</i>
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- ☐ Merle summarized her time as president
- ☐ Ingrid went over fundraising to date
 - Membership dues FY 25 : \$111k (currently still receiving annual dues) FY 24: \$176k)
 - Engineering the Future : \$121k (launched December 2024). Includes bequests of \$20K and \$10k.
 - BNC General Library fund: \$247k
 - BNC Legacy of Louis: \$18k
 - BNC Sustaining the Mind: \$36k (includes \$20k annual gift)
 - BNC Scholarship fund: \$5.2k
- ☐ Ingrid reported on chapters that are closing or merging
 - Wycliffe and Westlake (Florida) merging. 88 + 130
 - Harmony (New Jersey) closing 220
 - Somerset (New Jersey) closing 20
 - Santa Clara (California) closing 13
- ☐ Ingrid reported on online registration: Greater Washington and Phoenix have completed their first year of online event and study group registration. Conejo Valley/San Fernando has begun using online registration. BNC National staff will be training reps from chapters in small groups beginning this summer and more chapters will be using online registration in FY 26.
- ☐ Ingrid reported on membership renewal: The first renewal reminder has gone out by email and paper mail. The second will go out in the fall.

☐ Nomination of new board members:

Ron Levy

Nancy Sacks

Iris Wigal

All voted onto the board.

Board members whose terms have ended:

Audree Dyson, Bruce Litwer, Maxine Schweitzer, Francoise Marcus, Michelle Fischler

Andrew will stay on

Madalyn will stay on

TBD: Mindy Frankel

Discussion of board structure and operations for FY 26. We do not have a president, after asking many people to consider it.

All agree that on-campus leadership training and recognition is crucial to encouraging members to take a role in national leadership.

Michelle reminded the group that there is an onboarding document for new chapter presidents. Schedule a call with the new presidents toward the end of the summer.

Consensus: This year the board will operate as a steering committee of regional leaders. Each board member will travel to or have regular meetings with chapters in their region.

At these meetings, board members will (among other things)

- Check in on chapter operations
- Motivate chapter leadership to prioritize fundraising
- Motivate chapter leadership to collaborate with National.

Board members can attend chapter's board meetings if they take place on Zoom.

Merle will stay on the Board of Trustees as immediate past president.

Tea with the Team meetings

When board members attend Tea with the Team meetings, be sure to introduce them.

Board members should lead meetings in the absence of a president.

Meetings should be more strategic and less about operations. Too much arguing about operations from dissenters. Having the onboarding meeting with new presidents should help bring them up to speed with operations – this has been a gap in the previous year.

Reminder of on-campus meeting October 24-25, 2025 (Alumni weekend)

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm.