



Statement from

Arthur Stark, Chair and Dianne Lob, Chair-nominee


For Conference of Presidents Member Organization Leadership

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We are delighted to share with you some results of our early conversations. In strategizing ways to forge greater unity in the Conference, and after consultations with some member organizations, we believe it is in the best interest of the forward-looking governance of the Conference to implement a practice that is in place in many organizations, which is to create the role of Chair-Elect. In that structure, we propose Arthur continue serving as Chair and Dianne serve as Chair-elect through April 1, 2021, after which she will become Chair.

We are pleased that the Process and Procedures Committee unanimously endorsed creating a Chair-elect position, and that the Executive Council unanimously endorsed the proposal. We look forward to the General Membership meeting, which will discuss these and other matters, and hold the election.

Extension of the Chair's term has occurred in the past. Creating the Chair-elect role enhances the effectiveness of the transition. Given the extraordinary time in which we are living with the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 and its ramifications, this strategy is particularly relevant and impactful. We firmly believe that given this new reality, as well as the complex nature of the Conference and our community, the opportunity for us to work together and collaborate will be mutually beneficial to fulfill the mandate of the Conference. Therefore, we are also proposing



that the new position of Chair-elect be implemented on an on-going basis, during a Chair's second term, following further deliberation.

We are committed to work together to achieve the key goals of the Conference, including advocating for a strong US-Israel relationship, supporting the safety and security of Israel and Jewish communities here and abroad, combatting the growing threat of antisemitism, and promoting the unity and effectiveness of the American Jewish community.

Arthur Stark and Dianne Lob