

**HARVEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
19 NOVEMBER 2012**

The meeting started at 6:37. There were a total of 22 people, 5 from the Board. The notes were taken by the Board administrator, who has several close friends in the BDS\* group. The facilitator went over the ground rules but did not enforce them.

People argued for an hour about the agenda. A lot of anger and hurt feelings were had on both sides. A Board member left in disgust. The main ideas that came out of the meeting were:

- 1) Board needs to meet with potential referendum groups before embarking on the process
- 2) The threshold for signatures is too high
- 3) The timeline for gathering signatures is too short
- 4) Members need to have a way of knowing if they're active or inactive
- 5) "Abandonment" is unfair and should be taken out of the policy
- 6) Board decision-making process on whether or not to have a referendum needs to be clarified
- 7) The term "quorum" needs to be clarified
- 8) Campaign materials from the group need to be published in the way they came from the group
- 9) There needs to be a way to get the word out to educate members about referenda issues
- 10) The BDS group wants a meeting to discuss the referendum policy and another meeting to discuss the bylaws

**ACTION ITEM** Wayne will make a motion to have a referendum at the next Board meeting

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

\* *A campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights.*