

MINUTES

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2015

Participating Board Members: Eileen Scofield, Prof. Deborah Anker, Prof. Richard Boswell, Hon. Larry Burman, Ray Fasano, Barry Frager, Regina Germain, Tina Goel, Hon. Dorothy Harbeck, Hon. Amiena Khan, Prakash Khatri, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, Ashley Tabaddor, George Terezakis, Robin Transgrud, David Ware, Hon. Earle Wilson

1. **Call to Order** (Eileen Scofield, Section Chair) at 6:05 pm.
2. **Minutes** (Elizabeth Stevens, Secretary) November minutes forthcoming.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The financials arrived from National during the meeting. There are 6-7 people on the Budget Committee, and ILS has approximately \$17,500 in its account. ted that he had still not received the financials from National. Financials will be circulated (and are attached to these minutes).
4. **COMMITTEES:**
 - Awards Committee: Dr. Alicia Triche, Chair
 - Budget Committee: Barry Frager, Chair
 - Bylaws: Hon. Dorothy Harbeck, Chair
 - The Communications Committee and the Social Media Committee will be merged into a single committee; Lori Rosenberg, Chair
 - Committees: Hon. Amiena Khan, Chair
 - Chapter and Section Liaison: Mark Shmueli, Chair
 - Diversity: Tina Goel, Chair
 - Government Relations: Vacant
 - Law Student: Prof. Anker, Claire Kelly, Co-Chairs
 - Membership: Derek Julius, Chair
 - Nominations: Hon. Earle Wilson, Chair
 - Sustaining Membership: Ray Fasano, Chair
 - Pro Bono: Kate Metcalf
 - Green Card: Hon. Larry Burman, Editor
 - Substantive Law: Brandon Metcalf, Chair

- Younger Lawyers: Robin Transgrud, Chair
- Programs: Christine Poarch, Chair

Please confirm, clarify, and correct committee lists, which are available on the FBA ILS site. Feel free to reach out to membership to fill committees; when members reach out, Judge Khan will refer them to various committees.

George Terezakis volunteered to chair the Government Relations Committee, which deals with legislative comments and prepares draft statements for the Board to review. George T. also volunteered to assist with the Membership committee.

5. PROGRAMS:

- **NY CLE** The Cardozo one-day asylum conference was fabulous, with significant attendance and great discussions.
- **DC Luncheons** (Prakash Khatri) The DC luncheons continue to be a hit. The next luncheon will be in January, place TBA.

ILS Annual Conference:

A committee is in place to place the May conference in NOL.

ILS has made some overtures with EOIR on the issues of IJ participation; which is always in their personal capacity. Judge Harbeck reported that ACIJ McGoings will be working with the FBA ILS on speakers; we need to move on nailing down who will speak on what and get commitments, to move the EOIR vetting process. Eileen Scofield has been speaking with Judge McGoings and the ethics people at EOIR. The Committee will produce a list of speakers and topics ASAP.

Judge Khan suggested reaching out to the Asylum suboffice in NOL. Mark Shmueli reported that the asylum and removal track was already complete, with panels already set up, but he would look for opportunities for other speakers.

General discussion:

- Immigration judges enjoy the opportunity to act as teachers, and having them present is a high value for the ILS conference.
- The IJs at Oakdale should be invited; suggest reach out
- Need official invites to go out to government participants early
- District Court judges: Judge Gelpi is coming, as is Judge Brack from New Mexico
- FBA has 1500 for travel expenses for judges
- Circuit judge?
- Other topics: mental competency? Children and Minors? Bond?
- Crimmigration might be a great topic for the IJs from Oakdale
- USCIS and ICE do not have the same issues with appearances as does EOIR

Eileen Scofield requested the conference committee keep everyone in the loop; the FBA national office will put together the brochure once the tracks are set.

Mark Shmueli reported there will be 10-11 litigation panels and 10-11 asylum panels. There will also be an ethics panel. He indicated these were great ideas, the committee is still working through the timeline and other ideas, including at least 2 offsite events and one at the hotel.

6. No other updates or new business

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday January 6