

MINUTES

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2016

Participating Board Members: Eileen Scofield, Prof. Deborah Anker, Bob Beer, Hon. Larry Burman, Justin Burton, Ray Fasano, Barry Frager, Regina Germain, Tina Goel, Hon. Amiena Khan, Jan Pederson, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, Lt. Col. Margaret Stock, George Terezakis, Dr. Alicia Triche, Hon. Earle Wilson

1. **Call to Order** (Eileen Scofield, Section Chair) at 6:07 pm.
2. **Minutes** (Elizabeth Stevens, Secretary) November minutes circulated, December forthcoming.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** No new Data from National.
4. **COMMITTEES:** (Judge Khan) Updated committees list will be forwarded to membership and posted on the FBA website
 - The Communications Committee and the Social Media Committee will be merged into a single committee; Lori Rosenberg, Chair
 - Chapter and Section Liaison: Mark Shmueli, Chair
 - Diversity: Tina Goel, Chair
 - Law Student: (Prof. Anker, Claire Kelly, Co-Chairs) Some scholarship money is available for law students to attend the annual conference in New Orleans. Mark Shmueli reported that some law students are already contacting him for such assistance. There was discussion as to whether unemployed recent graduates could benefit; however, the Pro Bono Committee reported that National is looking at pro bono scholarships now, but those are only for law students.
 - Publications: Dr. Alicia Triche reported no big changes from last report; December is the next issue with a significant immigration article on CIMT issues. Every other month, a column will be opening up. The FBA may be willing to do immigration updates more often. Anyone can submit an article for publication – they do not need to be an ILS member, but the chances of getting something published are greater if they are endorsed by the committee. Articles should be submitted by the 1st of the month.
 - Green Card: (Hon. Larry Burman, Editor) Barry Frager reported that the deadline for submissions for the next Green Card is February 1.
 - Budget: (Barry Frager) the Budget Committee will have a meeting soon to discuss authority.

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.

5. PROGRAMS:

- **NY CLE** The Cardozo one-day asylum conference was fabulous, with significant attendance and great discussions.
- **DC Luncheons** (Prakash Khatri) Elizabeth Stevens reported that we had another successful Immigration leadership luncheon on Wednesday, January 13th, in our new location at Carmine's Restaurant. We had 59 paid spots which included 27 individual and 4 table sponsors (32 spots) for total revenue of \$ 1,451.00 after Eventbrite fees.

• **ILS Annual Conference: (Mark Shmueli)**

The committee is filling in a few last panels. The committee has had an amazing response.

A reception is planned for the night before the conference starts (Wednesday).

The FBA is organizing a reception for the second night, Thursday.

The Young Lawyers Division will host a happy hour on the third night, Friday,

And for Saturday, a service project has been set up with Eden House, founded by ILS member Kara Van de Carr.

FBA's budget for speakers is limited, primarily to cover travel and lodging for the Federal judges. We have 3 federal district court judges coming this year: Judge Brack from Las Cruces, NM, Judge Gelpi for Puerto Rico, and Judge Lee from Alexandria, VA, and \$1500 to cover. ILS itself can potentially fund others, but that is separate and apart from the Conference budget.

The program should be online by Friday, and registration is up. Everyone that asked to be on a panel has been placed on one.

There will be a hospitality suite with limited food for speaker prep throughout the conference. However, National will not rent a separate suite for 24/7 availability. The general consensus of the Board was that a 24/7 place for gathering (with food and beverages) was important. Last year, the suite provided by the FBA was supplemented by private donations. However, the FBA doesn't care if the ILS Board decides to set up a suite. Eileen Scofield will look into the possibility of a separate suite.

Speakers: Lt. Col. Margaret Stock was interviewed on NPR about her project focusing on veterans who have been deported.

6. No other updates or new business

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday February 3