

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION  
IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION  
BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES: July 6, 2016**

Participating Board Members: Hon. Larry Burman, Barry Frager, Amy Gell, Linda Kenepaske, Hon. Amiena Khan, Christine Poarch, Eileen Scofield, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, George Terezakis, Dr. Alicia Triche, David Ware, Amelia Wilson, Hon. Earle Wilson

- **Call to Order** (Eileen Scofield, Section Chair) at 6:07 pm.
- **Mission Statement:** The mission of the Association is to strengthen the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and the needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve.
- **Minutes:** Minutes for June 1, 2016: To provide all with more of a chance to review the minutes, Elizabeth Stevens moved to table consideration of the minutes until the August meeting, George Terezakis seconded, no one opposed the motion; it passed.
- **Treasurer's Report / Budget Committee:** (Barry Frager) The ILS account has approximately \$20K, no requests have come to the budget committee for approval.
- **Bylaw Amendments:** approved by National, ready to roll.

**NATIONAL:**

- **ILS Website:** Eileen Scofield reported that the ILS website is in major need of updates, and has requested National to make those updates. All members, please look to see if anything is missing and let National know when something has not been posted.
- **FBA Government Relations Committee Request for Opinion:** on the action of the Dominican Republic Constitutional Court on Sept. 23, 2013, in summarily – and retroactively - stripping citizenship from several generations of Dominicans, predominantly of Haitian descent, and also a case in litigation in Texas state courts. There has been considerable discussion on both the issues and whether it is appropriate for the FBA ILS, which includes as valued members those in government service that may have ethics issues with officially commenting or offering a specific opinion on the merits of a case currently in litigation. Mark Shmueli suggested that someone should write an article for publication in the Green Card; Tina Goel will inform the GRC that we cannot endorse a position as a whole; and Alicia Triche suggested an article for the Federal Lawyer.
- **FBA National Conference:** Cleveland, September 15-17. Eileen Scofield requests that anyone who plans to attend notify her, so ILS will present a unified front.

**COMMITTEES:**

- Need to update committee member lists
  - Nominating Committee: Chair: Judge Earle Wilson – The Committee met and was prepared to move forward. However, National requested that the Committee not move forward until National resolved the issue as to who may serve in leadership positions. Once the Committee hears from National, it will move forward.

Considerable discussion ensued, copies of the correspondence with National were requested. In the meantime, elections are on hold.

**PROGRAMS:**

- **The Diversity Committee and the Young Lawyers Committee's** webinar series is ongoing. Eileen Scofield is accepting emails from those who wish to be on a committee to investigate the possibility of working with the DC chapter to acquire CLE credits for the series, instead of the limited availability provided by National.
- **Rome conference:** registration has opened
- **Outreach Cuba:** Fall 2016 suggested timeline to work on setting up book access program
- **2018 conference:** discuss in October
- **2017 conference:** still awaiting info from National
- **2016 conference:** numbers remain pending

**New Business:**

- Local Chapters: Eileen Scofield requests all members to reach out to their local chapters and volunteer to speak about the ILS. Photographs of ILS officers
- The Green Card – excellent new issue; all should appreciate the new disclaimers. Next deadline for publication is July 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM Eastern time.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday August 3**