

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: March 2, 2016

Participating Board Members: Eileen Scofield, Bob Beer, Hon. Larry Burman, Justin Burton, Barry Frager, Regina Germain, Tina Goel, Hon. John F. Gossart, Hon. Dorothy Harbeck, Derek Julius, Linda Kenepaske, Hon. Amiena Khan, Kristen Kimmelman, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, Lt. Col. Margaret Stock, Hon. Ashley Tabaddor, George Terezakis, Dr. Alicia Triche, David Ware, Prof. Amelia Wilson

1. **Call to Order** (Eileen Scofield, Section Chair) at 6:07 pm.
2. Minutes for February 3, 2016: Mark Shmueli moved to approve the minutes, Judge Khan seconded, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: No report received from national
4. FBA Leadership training will take place in DC from May 20-21; please contact Eileen if you are interested.
5. Please note there are lots of FBA programs and events on the calendar.
6. **COMMITTEES:** (Judge Khan)
 - Reminder to all chairs to reach out to new members and remind them that FBA ILS membership is requested of all who serve on committees
 - Membership: 20 new ILS members.
 - Derek Julius will be stepping down as Chair
 - Suggested that ILS reach out to new Immigration judges by letter
 - Nominating Committee is chaired by Judge Earle Wilson; he is the person who will advise re: timing and process. Volunteers should contact Judge Wilson; information should be coming out soon
 - Request that the Board ensure that the most current version of the ILS bylaws are available on the website
 - Committee missions should be on website
 - **AWARDS:** Dr. Triche informed the Board that it was time for the Awards Committee to start work on awards. She encourages 2 more volunteers to join the committee. Awards criteria will be distributed in the near future
7. **PROGRAMS:**
 - **DC Luncheons** (Prakash Khatri) Next luncheon is scheduled for March 9 – Charlie Oppenheim from the Department of State is the featured speaker. The lunch is now held at Carmine's Italian restaurant, where the acoustics and available space is much better. The luncheon committee, as always, is looking for table sponsors. 50-60 people attend each lunch, although we have had up to 100 attendees.

- **The Diversity Committee and the Young Lawyers Committee** have been working together to set up a webinar series, a low-cost easily accessible CLE program. The first webinar is scheduled for March 29, and we hope to schedule one every month (the first 6 are set). They should be free for ILS members
 - There will be emails out to the membership along with a survey

7. ILS National Conference – New Orleans:

- Eileen Scofield: Thanks for everyone's hard work
 - Sample email was attached to agenda, along with a sample email to seek sponsorships
 - ILS is 1/3 of the way on sponsorships
 - Attendee signup so far is double last year's pace
 - Travel fees – national is requesting up to 3,000 from section to pay for cost overruns on district judge travel. National doubled their budget for this item and this is for extra costs. Significant discussion ensued regarding the budget, FBA national's methods of accounting, whether it was fair that ILS only got 7500 max.
 - Dr. Triche offered a motion that the ILS would pay our bills, tabled.
- Mark Shmueli:
 - Conference registration is moving along
 - Port tour set up for Wednesday
 - Sponsorships should be up to ½ needed tomorrow
 - Program events include the Wednesday evening reception, the awards ceremony in the great hall of the 5th Circuit, and the YLD reception at the hotel
 - 2 new events – luncheon with Eden House, limited to 20 people and Wednesdays tour of the port, limited to 30 people
 - Law school volunteer spots are possible, even though it is exam week for some – FBA national is flexible
- Kudos to Mark for his work with EOIR and the decisions to allow IJs to speak

8. New business: None

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday April 6