

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: May 12, 2016

Participating Board Members: Deborah Anker, Hon. Larry Burman, Justin Burton, Ray Fasano, Barry Frager, Regina Germain, Tina Goel, Hon. John F. Gossart, Hon. Dorothy Harbeck, Hon. William Joyce, Linda Kenepaske, Hon. Amiena Khan, Prakash Khatri, Kevin Lashus, Karen Musalo, Jan Pedersen, Christine Poarch, Eileen Scofield, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, Hon. Kimberley Sutton, Hon. Ashley Tabaddor, George Terezakis, Dr. Alicia Triche, Amelia Wilson, Hon. Earle Wilson, Christine Young

1. **Call to Order** (Eileen Scofield, Section Chair) at 12:30 pm.
2. Minutes for April 6, 2016: Due to several proposed amendments, Judge Burman moved to table the approval of the April 6, 2016 minutes until the next meeting; Barry Frager seconded. No one opposed the motion.
3. Treasurer's Report / Budget Committee: (Barry Frager) The ILS account has about 19K.
4. Chapter, Section and Division Leadership Training Program, May 20-21, 2016, Washington D.C. –Eileen Scofield indicated this was an incredibly important opportunity for future leaders, do this earlier instead of later; FBA 2016 Annual Meeting and Convention, Cleveland, OH, September 15-17, 2016.
5. Special Report **GAO SURVEY** (Christine Poarch):

GAO was asked by the House Judiciary Committee to report on the feasibility of Article I immigration courts; Christine Poarch participated in an information-gathering call with the GOA personnel to comment on several proposals, including the FBA proposal. The GAO is aiming for a Spring 2017 release of their report. GAO has also reached out to the NALJ and FBA national.

6. **COMMITTEES:**

- o Membership: As of today, the ILS reached a record number of 546 members. The Membership committee is proposing sending letters to former members; Jan Pedersen suggested that the committee split up the list and call
- o Bylaws: Judge Harbeck and Judge Burman provided proposed bylaws changes via email. The changes include changing “chairperson” to “chair”, an amended election procedure and allowing for electronic voting. Barry Frager moved for a vote on the bylaws, Amelia Wilson seconded. After confirmation that the proposed changes had been distributed to the Board via email on Tuesday, Ray Fasano noted that proposed amendment to the by laws require 2 weeks of official notice. Barry Frager withdrew his motion. Elizabeth Stevens suggested a red lined version be forwarded to the Board, for ease of determining what has been changed. A vote on the bylaw changes is set for June 1.

- Nominating Committee: Chair: Judge Earle Wilson – The Committee is now taking nominations for Secretary, the initial position on the ILS leadership ladder. There is a deadline to challenge the nominating committee recommendation. There is one spot open on the nominating committee; contact Judge Wilson.

7. **PROGRAMS:**

- The NJ Chapter requested the Board to approve a grant of \$500 for educational materials for their CLE programs, approved by the Chapters Liaison Committee; Judge Harbeck moved to approve the payment; a second was received. Motion passed with no opposition.
- **DC Luncheons** (Prakash Khatri) The April 13th luncheon was the 30th in an excellent program. The luncheons serve to increase government section visibility and membership. Ray Fasano and Jan Pedersen gave kudos to Prakash for the successful programs. Prakash thanked FBA National staff for their assistance with organization and payment processing.
 - The committee is open to suggestions for featured speakers from the public sector; feel free to email either Betty or Prakash with suggestions (and if they are not FBA members, contact information is appreciated).
- **The Diversity Committee and the Young Lawyers Committee's** webinar series is ongoing; the initial launch was a success. The Committees welcome ideas for speakers & topics.
- **2017 conference:** Eileen will send out a proposed timeline for conference planning. Proposals for location of the 2017 conference will be solicited.
- **2016 conference:** 390 attendees. Mark Shmueli has coordinated (and is coordinating a fabulous conference.
- **Awards Ceremony** (Dr. Triche) will be tonight; the doors open at 6:30; please try to be there by 6:45 so we have time for the awards. .

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM Central time.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday June 1