

## MINUTES

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

BOARD MEETING

**November 4, 2015**

Participating Board Members: Eileen Scofield, Bob Beer, Hon. Larry Burman, Justin Burton, Hon. Irene Feldman, Barry Frager, Regina Germain, Tina Goel, Hon. John Gossart, Hon. Dorothy Harbeck, Derek Julius, Prakash Khatri, Jan Pederson, Christine Poarch, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, Ashley Tabaddor, George Terezakis, Robin Transgrud, Dr. Alicia Triche, David Ware, Prof. Amelia Wilson

1. **Call to Order** (Eileen Scofield, Section Chair) at 6:05 pm.
2. **Minutes** (Elizabeth Stevens, Secretary) After no one present indicated a need to amend the provided record, the minutes from the September 2, 2015 Board meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Chair Eileen Scofield reported that conference call capability through the FBA – with records of who is on the line – remains pending. Email addresses seem to be working, but the ILS needs to make sure that no one falls off the list serve.

If you do send an email to Eileen or others, please make sure to include FBA ILS on the memo line.

4. **COMMITTEES:** Eileen Scofield indicated that many committees still need people to volunteer to chair.
  - Budget Committee: Barry Frager volunteered to chair the Budget committee, (Hon. Mimi Tsankov) See treasurer's report.
  - The Communications Committee and the Social Media Committee will be merged into a single committee.
  - No treasurer's report; the FBA did not forward the current financial report.
  - There will be no executive committee this year; all decisions will be via the entire Board
  - Green Card Editor (Judge Burman): Need any articles for the next Green Card by 11/10. Please, for any section event, send pictures and a writeup for publication in the Green Card. Dr. Triche suggested that the Green Card announce upcoming events. Judge Burman indicated that since the Green Card schedule is changeable, upcoming dates will be included when possible.
  - Publications (Dr. Alicia Triche): The Federal Lawyer will not have an Immigration issue in 2016, but hopes one will be done in 2017. In general, submissions are due the 1st of the month. There is always a chance to get immigration-related articles published in the magazine. FBA membership is not required to publish, and Dr. Triche encourages individuals to submit business immigration articles.

- Membership (Derek Julius): No report. George Terezakis suggested that the Membership committee poll ex-ILS members to determine what prompted their departure from the section. Jan Pedersen urged increased recruitment of government lawyers to join the ILS. Mark Schmueli suggested that members with ideas for recruitment of government lawyers send those ideas to Derek Julius.

**PROGRAMS** (Christine Poarch):

- **NY CLE** (Amy Gell) Judge Harbeck is focusing on the Cardozo one-day asylum conference. No hard numbers yet. Most of the area schools will be involved
- **DC Luncheons** (Prakash Khatri) The DC luncheons continue to be a hit. The next luncheon will be in January, place TBA.

**ILS Annual Conference:**

Considerable discussion was had on the location and setup of the annual seminar. Baltimore was suggested, as was New Orleans, and Memphis. A timely decision was urged by all.

David Ware suggested to move forward with this year's (spring 2016) conference in New Orleans, and continue to discuss the location for the 2017 conference.

Jan Pedersen moved to set the 2016 conference in New Orleans. David Ware seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday December 2**