

MINUTES

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2015

Participating Board Members: Prakash Khatri, Kimberly Sutton, Hon. Robin Feder, Hon. Dorothy Harbeck, Hon. Earle Wilson, Amy Gell, David Ware, Elizabeth Stevens, Margaret Stock, Jan Pederson, Mark Shmueli, Tina Goel, Hon. Amiena Khan, Kristin Kimmelman, Tara Lindstrom, Justin Burton

1. **Call to Order** (Robin Feder, Section Chair) at 6:30 pm.
2. **Minutes** (Peggy McCormick, Secretary) After no one present indicated a need to amend the provided record, David Ware moved to approve the minutes; Amy Gell seconded. The minutes from the May 27, 2015 Board meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Robin Feder, Section Chair (Hon. Mimi Tsankov, Treasurer, Budget Committee Chair not present)) As of August 1, 2015, the ILS account showed a balance of \$21,029.00, and reflects all proceeds from the May conference.
4. **Elections** (Hon. Earle Wilson) The ILS elections were run through the FBA National office, and although all valid votes should already have been entered, no results were final as of yet due to mail processing time. He expects results by Friday or Monday.

David Ware reported that he did not receive a ballot. One other member had reported not receiving a ballot. Judge Wilson suggested double checking email and snail mail accounts, and verifying correct accounts information with ILS and National.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committees (Hon. Amiena Khan) No report.
- Awards Committee (Dr. Alicia Triche) No report.
- Budget Committee (Hon. Mimi Tsankov) See treasurer's report.
- Bylaws Committee (Hon. Dorothy Harbeck) No report.
- Chapter and Section Liaison Committee (Mark Schmueli): Kate Gasparian is finalizing a historical immigration tour of New Orleans.

The Dayton, Ohio Chapter is working on a program comparing Dayton's historical welcome to immigrants. Discussed with several Federal Bar Association members including David Leopold.

The Baltimore Chapter is working with the University of Baltimore to set up lunchtime panels discussing police reform and the immigrant community.

Judge Harbeck and Amy Gell reported that the SDNY Chapter was working with Cardozo Law on a day-long Asylum-only seminar, target date is November 16.

- Communications (Margaret McCormick) No report
 - Diversity (Tina Goel): The committee reached out to FBA National about demographic data for the membership, as National is keenly interested in appealing to diverse practitioners as the demographics of those in the legal profession change. K. Silberman informed us that National is exploring its options with regard to the demographics of our general membership, through both data “scrubbing” and active collection from the membership (both the current 17,000 members and new members). With regard to ILS programming, the committee shared demographics of the faculty at our annual conference in 2015, is working on a comparative analysis of the 2014 and 2015 ILS conferences, and is looking forward to working with the 2016 conference committees to help it attract a diverse faculty.
 - Government Relations (Eileen Scofield) No report
 - Law Student (Prof. Anker) No report
 - Membership (Derek Julius, Chair, not present) (by Robin Feder, Section Chair) Since the May conference, there have been some non-renewals, but the 477 current membership shows an increase of almost 100 members.
 - Nominations: see Elections
 - Sustaining Membership (H. Raymond Fasano) No report
 - Pro Bono Liaison (Kate Metcalf) No Report
 - Publications (Dr. Alicia Triche) Alicia Khan reported that the ILS newsletter, the Green Card, has received the FBA’s Outstanding Newsletter Award; congratulations to all who helped make that happen.
There will be no immigration issue of the FBA Federal Lawyer magazine in 2016, but of interest to writers might be the international law issue (deadline Feb. 1, 2016) and the general issue (deadline August 1, 2016).
The columns are going very well and the past two have received national press outside of the magazine itself. The DUI column was published as news in Bender’s Daily and the column in which Dr. Triche interviewed Judge Marks is posted on the NAIJ website.
 - Green Card Editor (Dr. Burman) No report
 - Social Media (Tara Lundstrom) No report
 - Substantive Law (Brandon Lowy) No report
 - Sustaining Membership (H. Raymond Fasano) No report
 - Younger Lawyers Division (Robin Transgrud) No report
6. **PROGRAMS** (Christine Poarch)
- **NY CLE** (Amy Gell) is focusing on the Cardozo one-day asylum conference.
 - **DC Luncheons** (Prakash Khatri) The DC luncheons continue to be a hit, although the June luncheon, featuring EOIR’s Steven Lang, was our first-ever loss of \$57. Our July

luncheon, featuring Jane Kochman from USCIS Asylum, resulting in a net revenue of \$361. The September luncheon will feature Ron Rosenberg of the AAO, October will feature OZ Barnard of ICE, and November's speaker will be Mr. Juan Osuna of EOIR.

- **Chicago Luncheons and CLE** (Peggy McCormick) No report
- **El Paso CLE** (Kristin Kimmelman) Tucson will host the next border law conference, which is planned for next winter, sometime between November 2016 and January 2017.
- **DC/AU Symposium** (Mark Schmueli) The next symposium may not be in the spring, but possibly next fall, looking for topics.
- **Annual Memphis Conference** (Hon. Mimi Tsankov) No report
- **Rome CLE** (Margaret McCormick) No report

7. **Transition** No report

8. **New Business** The entire Board thanked Judge Robin Feder for all her hard work over the past year. Amy Gell, Mark Schmueli, Judge Khan, and Tina Goel lauded the teamwork and individual efforts of Judge Feder, Judge Tsankov, Peggy McCormick and Eileen Scofield.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm. Eastern
Next Board Meeting: TBA by Eileen Scofield