

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION  
IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION  
BOARD MEETING

**MINUTES: September 7, 2016**

Participating Board Members: Hon. Larry Burman, Bob Beer, Barry Frager, Regina Germain, Tina Goel, Jeff Joseph, Hon. Amiena Khan, Prakash Khatri, Kristin Kimmelman, Jan Pederson, Eileen Scofield, Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens, Kimberly Sutton; George Terezakis, 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:** Secretary Elizabeth Stevens provided suggested amendments to the circulated draft minutes for August: Judge Burman moved to approve the draft minutes as amended for August 2016; Justin Burton seconded; none opposed, all in favor, motion passed.
- **Reimbursement for Conference Chair:** Referencing the discussion in the June 2016 minutes regarding coverage of room expenses for the conference chair; after the minutes were examined, the sense of the Board was that such expenses had in the past been covered through the complimentary rooms provided by the hotel; that did not happen this year because National used those rooms instead. Judge Burman moved to reimburse the May 2016 expense of \$479 for 2016 conference chair Mark Shmueli, Elizabeth Stevens seconded. None were opposed, all in favor, **MOTION PASSED**. If we continue to use National to run the conferences, this item needs to be considered in future budgets
- **Treasurer's Report / Budget Committee:** Barry Frager reported that no requests for budget expenditures had been provided to the Budget Committee; the balance remains around \$20,000.

**NATIONAL:**

- **FBA National Conference:** Cleveland, September 15-17. Eileen Scofield requested all who were planning on attending the National Conference take pictures to send to Judge Burman for use in the Green Card. There will be 2 immigration panels – and the ILS will be receiving an award.
- **The Federal Lawyer:** The May 2017 issue of the Federal Lawyer will be an immigration issue. There will be space for 6 articles, 3-8K in length. 3 have already been selected. Contact Dr. Triche if you want to submit an article.

**COMMITTEES:**

- Need to update committee member lists for the next year: discussion ensued regarding Board membership and committee makeup. Eileen indicated that this past year, she continued everyone on the Board and on Committees. Barry Frager indicated that in past years, when

the term for the new chair started, that chair would invite individuals to be on the Board or to serve in whatever capacity. Thus, there is no automatic carry-over.

- **Nominating Committee:** Chair: Judge Earle Wilson – The delayed election process is necessitated by the bylaw required calendar. However, to date, no one has expressed a wish to run via petition. Barry Frager indicated in past years, when there was an uncontested election, the officer would move up the leadership ladder by “acclamation.” Judge Wilson will check if such a thing is possible given the electronic balloting and will advise the Board soonest. If not, elections will close on October 4
- All gave thanks and kudos for the hard work of the election committee

## **PROGRAMS:**

- **U MD program:** Will recur this year, but has been moved to October 27. Mark Shmueli will be on a panel. ILS was a sponsor last year. At this time, Mark Shmueli has not prepared a proposal or come up with a price tag; the organizers will determine whether to request sponsorship.
- **DC Immigration Leadership Luncheons:** will be starting up again on September 21 (moved a week to accommodate the FBA Conference), with David Shahoulian of DHS as the featured speaker. The luncheons are held at Carmine’s Restaurant. October’s speaker will be Acting Chief Immigration Judge Michael McGoings. Prakash Khatri is aware that the October date falls on Yom Kippur, as is Judge McGoings, but no better alternative exists.
- **NYC Conference:** Judge Khan and Amy Gell are working on the NY asylum conference; possibly in early November (looking for space). Probably will not be at Cardozo this year.
- **YLD Webinars:** Tina Goel reported that the YLD Committee looked into costs and proposals for putting on our own webinars. The committee worked with 4 companies. The best proposal came up with \$960 for a year of unlimited webinars, only limit is each webinar is limited to 180 attendees. I.e., annual contract would be \$79/month; if we go month-to-month, the cost would be \$99/month. FBA National will not split the costs or help arrange for other sections to join in. Tina Goel will send a detailed budget proposal to the budget committee – and asks for people to think about topics for webinars that they would like to give.
- **Outreach Cuba:** Eileen will continue to work on this program
- **2016 conference:** Thank you notes did go out to all speakers.
- **2017 conference:** See you in Denver!
- **2018 conference:** Memphis is the aim, need to start work on setting up soon so we’ll be able to announce in Denver

The Board thanked Eileen Scofield for a fantastic year as Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM Eastern time.

**Next Board Meeting: TBA after election results**