

Senior Lawyers Division
February 9, 2021

Attendees: Steve, Marg, Tammy, John Tolleris, Richard, Betty, Mike (McCarthy)

Board Unanimously rejected age change proposal. No constitutional infirmities in our proposal. Can still put it before National Counsel. But, Section & Division asked if we would withdraw our proposal.

1. Since younger lawyers had raised age to 40, if we lowered our age to 50, the identity of FBA could be affected.
2. Asked whether or not we've done a survey to see if that is what members want. We tried to do a survey and were told by the former manager of S&D that it would be done for us.
3. Asked if this consistent with what other bar associations do? We should check into this.
4. S&D said there was no reason why we cannot interact with other parts of FBA as we are. Explained that we wanted to do mentoring were but told by the prior manager of Sections and Divisions that we had to do it through the program she was putting together.
5. Steve: felt more was going on than lowering age, but senior lawyers are not being treated fairly. For example, position on board.
6. A: says we should withdraw this position and then propose a position on the board parallel to the YLD chair.
7. Steve: Had challenges, such as image of the group of old people, such as people who are retired.
8. Steve: Staff of FBA has always opposed it.

AI: Difference in treatment of YLD and SLD is something we should be looking at, and we should be really promoting how the SLD can bring in attorneys who now have time to work in the organization, and have the ability to work in mentoring.

Marge: Important to develop a better dialog with FBA and Section & Division Counsel.

John: Important to let them know we are going to submit another motion at another date.

Mike: Is going to work on this possibility

Motion to w/d motion w/ understanding we are going to bring the matter back before the Board and National Counsel in some form. Tammy moves. John seconds. Motion carries by voice vote. Will wait to hear from Mike and Betty about how to address this issue @ national counsel meeting.

Programs:

March 19 is date for National Counsel Meeting. It is free to register and you can obtain recordings of the meetings if you are registered.

Meeting scheduled for Feb. 5, 2021- a presentation on Holocaust and Rule of Law. 89 people registered. Michael Taylor & Shannon Taylor present. It was very well received.

Arman Korasian: Still interested in doing a presentation on Ethical Issues for Exiting Employees. Missed February slots. He is still trying to add another speaker. Richard is checking on dates in March or early April.

Social Program: Wine tasting program at end of month. Small group will do “after action report”

Glen McMurry has made proposal to have law students interview senior attorneys. We suggested that the Law Students help put together a program on the FISA court with Judge Lambert.

Government Relations Committee has invited AI’s reciprocity resolution to go before the Government Relations Committee.

Government Relations (John Tolleris) There has been some discussion of making immigration administrative law judges Article III Judges. Pay cap increased by 1%.

Brian Murphy Award — This has been approved.

Membership. Marge and AI have made some calls. All three have gotten members to renew or join.

Marge says how much she enjoys the calls and camaraderie.

The meeting was adjourned.