

FBA International Law Section Executive Board minutes 11/30/2017

In attendance were Dave Wemhoff, Brian Murphy, Maria Conticelli, Stephanie Gomez, Roger Kobert, Mimi Tsankov (chair), and Beth Persky. Mimi welcomed all to the first Executive Board meeting for the year. The following issues were addressed:

LAW SCHOOL LIAISONS. We have a few law school liaisons expected. This is a great occasion to reach out to students. They enjoy opportunity. Two events at local schools came from this: UVA, Fordham. Susan Kilgore and Beth Persky have helped develop law school liaison programs.

FEDERAL LAWYER. FBA national has asked for changes to the *Federal lawyer* issue focusing on international law. We were able to step up and meet their requested earlier deadlines. We've already submitted 6 articles for the Federal Lawyer issue for March 2018. Federal Lawyer – we should make March deadline with current articles. We're still waiting for a few submissions; we are in shape for 3-4 more articles.

COMMITTEES. Mimi was able to recruit a Fordham LLM student to chair the International Banking and Finance Committee. She's interested in reaching out to the Banking and Finance community. Mimi is helping her email and develop contacts.

YEARLY PLAN. Mimi is ready to submit the finalized yearly plan to FBA national. She was waiting for the budget. We hope to finalize it in this call. National has a December 15 deadline setting forth yearly plan.

MEMBERSHIP. Susan isn't on invitation as part of exec committee. Matt included membership chair as being on exec board. Maria can include Susan in the future. Susan wrote yesterday that she has another commitment. We now have 282 members. We haven't followed up with lapsing members.

BUDGET – Stephanie. Draft annual budget for 2018 FY. Primary revenue is member dues. FBA national increased section dues to \$15. 2017: \$3,125 collected. Increase from 2016. Budget is based on average – average 275 paid members. Estimate: \$4,125 gross revenue. FBA national gets \$6 per paid members. We keep \$2,493. The proposed budget is based on 2017 actual expenses. Stephanie is missing actual sponsorship expenses. Roger did an excellent job as treasurer – covering what budget was, preparing paperwork. Stephanie has also done a wonderful job in building this. Maria said the proposed budget is what national needs. If we have any details on events that we’re sponsoring we should include them. We have estimates. Roger said this budget is sensible but shows a \$2,000 loss for the fiscal year. We need to find a way to raise funds if we are continuing to spend. Try to get some sponsors to cover our budget. Law schools may be able to help sponsor events e.g. professors as speakers allow us to go to Dean’s office and ask for academic co-sponsorship to let students attend for free. Stephanie: revenue entry entitled “registration.” She will be adding this. 2017 revenue should include that amount. This came from a luncheon that was held earlier this year. Brian was involved in Ambassador Bremmer luncheon with \$1700 deficit. The figure includes registrations. The deficit was after expenses even though we collected revenue with registrations. We show an upward trend in new membership. We also can get income from programs. Two upcoming programs are revenue-neutral. Schools are providing in-kind support. Should we approach them for other financial support? Stephanie – miscellaneous expenses include sponsorship. Proposed as budget for year. Seconded by Dave. Budget passed.

NEWSLETTER. Heather isn’t on the call. Mimi doesn’t have her deadline for quarterly issues for Global Perspectives. Dave is glad to submit but doesn’t know deadlines. Mimi will post deadlines on the web site for publication opportunity.

CONFERENCES.

a) FBA IP section, DC chapter (Brian is chair now). This is a huge chapter. 702 members. Plan to present at a local restaurant an hour-long presentation with a leader in the IP field who is

also interested in an international focus. There will be no cost to FBA. There is a system for programs. The restaurant location is already set up, in IP law firm area in D.C. The organizer solicits table contributions from law firms. Proceeds are shared with the immigration law section. Mimi will let us know when they have a date.

b) The November 30th program supported by the International Law Section is an immigration law section program. There is an upcoming 3-track conference with the immigration law section, the New York asylum law conference. This is at no cost to us. Members can attend. Proceeds go to a non-profit that provides support for asylum applicants in immigration court proceedings (Safe Passage Project). New York law school, which runs this, provides space, food, all of the setup for the program. We don't get financial benefits but it's a great opportunity for local members, a speaking engagement. UNHCR and UNICEF will speak.

c) A program is scheduled at Fordham law school on March 14th with Tony Yeager Fine and Dan Chin. This is an historical reenactment of the "22 Lewd Chinese Women" case. These types of programs have been put on at Harvard, at UC-Davis, and in district courts around the country. This is an opportunity to build membership at Fordham. 30 actors will participate. The Asian American bar association is involved. Fordham is the sponsor and is funding a reception following the program.

d) The International Conference on Legislation and Law Reform is planned by Warren, and Brian and Matt are on the organizing committee. Michelle Forsley also has helped plan the program. The program is planned for April 12th and 13th at American University. 25 speakers are scheduled, half from abroad and two from Virginia. This is a very attractive pricing structure: \$195 for FBA members. Academic co-sponsors get to send four students free. The conference is in its 6th year. In years past it was at the World Bank.

UN CONSULTATIVE STATUS APPLICATION. Mimi reviewed the ECOSOC website . Our application has been submitted to the committee and is waiting for review. They can ask for follow-up documents or questions but have already done so. If we get out of committee and move on to the next phase we are being recommended to be recipients.

NEW BUSINESS – Brian submitted a request for financial co-sponsorship of the conference on legislation and law reform. \$250 or \$500. Roger made point that we need to be careful about expenses. Brian is proposing that we contribute \$250 as a co-sponsor of the conference. We agreed to contribute \$250 in support of the conference.

WEB SITE. Maria wants information on upcoming events for the web site. She needs the information on the chair for the International Finance and Banking committee. Mimi said the information is already there. Mimi is trying to beef up our web presence. There is nothing in the calendar. Mimi provides information on upcoming events. Maria clarified that the calendar only includes upcoming events. Recent events include past events. Upcoming events as dates and times are finalized are put on the calendar.

STAFFING CHANGES at FBA national. Joey got another job offer. Now Maria and Anthony are filling positions. They hope to get someone new in the new year. Mimi says the process has been seamless from her side and thanked Maria for her professionalism.

Brian congratulated Mimi on her chair position. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.