

FBA INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 25, 2018

Welcome by Mimi, thank you to those who have been working diligently over the past few weeks. Beth prepares and Mimi is publishing the minutes on the website. See the website and notify Mimi or Beth if you have any changes.

In attendance were: Mimi Tsankov, Brian Murphy, Stephanie Moncado-Gomez, Susan Kilgore, Roger Kobert, Dave Wemhoff, Judy Wood, Maria Conticelli and Anthony Jones, Angelica Hunnefelda, Beth Persky and Lisa Ridgway.

MEMBERSHIP. Susan said **Membership** is at 283. We generally have 270s to 280s. Susan hasn't asked anyone to contact lapsed or coming due members. Please email Susan Kilgore if you're willing to contact lapsed or coming due members. See FBA ILS emails. Can you contact around 5 new or lapsing members and encourage them to renew their FBA and ILS membership?

When Brian was chair, Mimi sent welcome letters. She is happy to do this.

TREASURER. Stephanie said for the month of December we had revenue of \$240, and expense of \$278. There was a decrease of \$38 in the fund balance. There is a \$6,716 balance. There is a discussion about a \$276 miscellaneous expense. Maria will follow up. Warren Burke asked if it was the transfer for the upcoming conference. \$250 is sponsorship of Warren's conference. There is a conference call fee of \$16, which varies depending on the length of the call. This was probably the December call.

Travel budget: Discussion ensued about dividing the budget to the annual and mid-year meetings. We need to find out who is planning to attend. We need to send Roger to the leadership training because he's the incoming chair next year. Mimi would like to attend the mid-year meeting because she needs to be able to vote. Mimi will be local for the national program. Mimi invites comments about the national conference. Brian said it's exceptionally important that Mimi attend national meetings and that Roger attend the leadership training.

NEWSLETTER. Heather isn't on the call. She's been working diligently:

She wants everyone to know the next issue will be distributed December 31st. Submit for the next issue by March 5th, to be circulated by March 30th. Send details regarding past and upcoming events, recent accomplishments and practice tips. For next week's newsletter Heather has asked Mimi for captions from the Atlanta conference. We're trying to make the newsletter more meaningful for members.

CONFERENCES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS.

Mimi has been participating in a special task force on diversity and inclusion. Let Mimi know if you want to participate. The main emphasis of the group is to look for ways to make sure our various programming considers diversity and inclusion in the subject topics selected and the speakers selected for presentation.

FORDHAM MOCK INTERVIEWS. Mimi participated on Monday. Students in the Fordham LLM program are given the opportunity to have mock interviews. Susan Kilgore made the most impact. She conducted mock interviews via Skype with two LLM students. Susan says law schools should expose students to this since it's common in the workplace now. Mimi thanked Susan for raising the level of participation of the FBA.

JOINT CONFERENCE WITH IP Section

The IP section is selecting the speaker. Mimi did much of the legwork in finding a location. She should have more information next month.

IMMIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE

This conference is jointly sponsored with the New York Law School. The program is composed of three full day-long tracks of speakers on a variety of topics. It addresses every level from student to experienced practitioners. There is a reduced cost for FBA members who choose to participate.

FORDHAM HISTORICAL REENACTMENT

This is a reenactment of the "22 Lewd Chinese Women" case. Two additional groups were added as co-sponsors. The Asian-American and Haitian American lawyers are co-sponsors. This is in line with the concept of inclusion, groups of specialty bars, and diversity.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM

This is scheduled for March 8, 2018. A highly regarded Harvard professor and a Kuwaiti legal scholar will present. She has advised the UN regarding the treatment of women refugees from Syria.

WARREN, BRIAN, and MATT have been organizing the **International Conference on Legislation and Law Reform**. The conference is on track, and they are one or two weeks away from finalizing the agenda. *llegis.org* is the web site. The posted information is preliminary but they will have a polished agenda soon. 24 speakers are scheduled from a dozen countries. There are queries from around the world. We're changing the location from the World Bank to American University. The conference organizers are thankful for the section's contribution of \$250. The cost of the conference is \$199 for two days of programming with lunches and receptions. This is made possible through contributions. Mimi asked if there's a flyer for the FBA website. Warren said there is a flyer and a blurb that the FBA has been sending in its newsletter. Warren will send the flyer to the group. Mimi will post it on the website.

FEDERAL LAWYER

ROGER has a galley proof for an article for the March edition of the *Federal Lawyer*. The Women's Day event has been discussed. It would be helpful to have the additional information so we can turn around the information for the *Federal Lawyer*. There are many references to upcoming events so Roger wants to know when this will be published. If it's published later we don't want to identify these as upcoming events.

The editors need the article by January 29th. This may be for the March or April issue. Mimi said most people on the call have been preparing for the March 1st issue. Roger's is an update that can go into any *Federal Lawyer* magazine. Susan's is for March but Roger's can be for April. There are timing issues about identifying events.

Roger asked about the third annual asylum and immigration law conference. Mimi said it's in February, 2018. Mimi said it's been written as if it's after the event but Mimi can look at the galley prints and confirm which issue it's for.

We have the option to report in each issue of the *Federal Lawyer* about events.

Roger asked whether we waive copyrights. Mimi said we usually waive copyrights.

Judy asked about her article. Mimi said it's going into the March issue. She asked Judy if she got the galley proof for her article. Roger will follow up with Mimi.

Judy presented her upcoming program. She's working with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, the University in Tijuana. They put on programs about international trade. Judy is concerned about TPS and PD ending. There may be a human slide into Mexico and Central America because few have strong asylum or cancellation issues. There will be many border issues. Judy wants to put together a group of lawyers and jurists about how to ameliorate the suffering. El Colegio is more than willing to host the event. Mimi is interested in helping to plan but probably can't speak, or we can get someone from the Natl. Assn. of Immigration Judges. Mimi and Judy will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS.

Lisa Ridgeway is sending an email about the International Day of the Endangered Lawyer. She's included ideas about what we might do. This is the first time anyone in the U.S. has been organizing around this event. Lisa suggests we have something brief on the FBA website with links to something, asking the FBA president to issue a statement. We could put links in a notice on the website, publish articles for our newsletter or the *Federal Lawyer*, establish a calendar of international/legal occasions so we have our eye on International Women's Day, UN Day, etc. and can do any appropriate observances.

Mimi will help make sure this material gets on the website and distribute it in the newsletter. The idea of calendaring these items in advance is very good. We're organizing a roundtable discussion for International Women's Day at Fordham Law School.

Lisa suggested graphics for the web site. We have a good opportunity to do something important. Maria can reach out to the President and Executive Director of the FBA. Lisa can draft something. Mimi wants to be copied on this.

Brian is leaving January 30th for Bulgaria to teach international law and international business transactions at the University of Sofia and will return in August. He can get emails. We wished Brian bon voyage.

Mimi closed the meeting at 12:39 and thanked everyone for their participation.