



Federal Bar Association

International Law Section

FBA International Law Section

Board Meeting

March 27, 2019

In attendance: Roger Kobert, Beth Persky, Federica Dell'Orto Hadar, Linda Murnane, Stephanie Moncada Gomez, David Wemhoff, Lisa Ridgway, Mimi Tsankov, Judith Wood, Dave Acerra, Alea Al-Aghbari, .

Treasurer's report (Beth): We had January 2019 revenues of \$240, and expenses of \$302, with a net increase in the fund balance for the month of \$62. Revenues included \$240 in Section dues. Expenses included \$4 in bank fees and \$22 in telephonic expenses and \$275 in miscellaneous expenses. The Section's FYTD gross revenues are \$1110. FYTD gross expenses are \$1337. Our section's beginning fund balance for the year beginning 10/1/18 was \$7,564. Our cash balance as of 02/28/19 was \$7,337. This reflects a net change of \$-227 for the fiscal year (October 2018 -February 2019).

Marketing / Programming Judy said her movie "Saint Judy" could be shown to raise some funding for FBA. She was recently in NYC at UN-Women talking about gender issues. Judy believes the movie could be used as a fund raising tool and programs could be organized. Roger mentioned him and beth had a convo about potentially having the movie shown in different cities in the Country. Judy agreed to talk to the producers and facilitate. Our Section could organize screenings of the film followed by q&a with Judy herself. We should also see if our section can somehow screen the movie itself. Mimi is organizing the second annual reenactment on an immigration topic, specifically the program will cover the case of Korematsu v. United States. It will take place April 1st. The program will be cosponsored with other organization and will raise the

profile of FBA.

Dave Wemhoff, spoke with Larry Friedman President of the Customs and International Trade Bar Association and said Friedman is interested in working with us and organize some program. Still in discussions, he'll keep us posted.

Beth is still working on our section's program on International Privacy Law, that will take place in April but stated how there are many programs on the same topic, and we are therefore choosing what it'll be about exactly, in order to differentiate ourselves from other programs that are going on.

Lisa Ridgeway had three items she wanted to mention: she wanted to point out Maria Vathis' statement on International Women's Day- which we get credit for; Mimi Tsankov's Program in recognition of International Women's Day and finally the fact that Judge Linda Murnane has been chosen to receive the ABA Section of International Law's "Mayre Rasmussen Award". Our Section was the one nominating her. A luncheon will be held on April 11, 2019 in Washington D.C.

Stephanie mentioned that she would like to get our newsletter running, especially now with all these programs and events taking place. She wondered if anyone wants to be the newsletter's Chair, Beth said she is willing to be on the committee but cannot commit to the Chair's position. Beth raised the issue of our social media presence suggesting we should strengthen it.

Roger pointed out there was an event at Cardozo Law School on "The New Singapore Convention on Mediated Settlements." We made a small contribution to it - which was approved by the Board. It was a successful event. Stephanie arranged a lunch seminar in Miami at the University, on the topic of 'careers in international law practice' and it was very rewarding and students got a lot out of it.

Membership Report: There are 257 members.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 2:40 PM EST

Next Board Meeting date TBD.