



## **Federal Bar Association**

### **International Law Section**

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#### **Board Meeting**

**May 29, 2019**

**In attendance:** Roger Kobert, Beth Persky, Federica Dell'Orto Hadar, Stephanie Moncada Gomez, Angelika Hunnefeld, Lisa Ridgway, Susan Kilgore, Judith Wood, Linda Murnane, Dave Acerra, Alea Al-Aghbari.

**Treasurer's report (Beth):** We had April 2019 revenues of \$135, and expenses of \$1,627, with a net decrease in the fund balance for the month of \$-1,492. Revenues included \$135 in Merchant credit. Expenses included \$2 in bank fees, \$13.39 for telephone costs, \$150 for food and beverages for the Cardozo Law program, \$615 for travel reimbursement, and \$846 for our FY19 Administrative Fee.

The Section's FYTD (10/1/18-4/30/19) gross revenues are \$1,485. FYTD 2018 gross expenses are \$,3143. Our section's beginning fund balance for the year beginning 10/1/18 was \$7,564. Our cash balance as of 4/30/19 was \$5,906. This reflects a net change of \$-1,658 for the fiscal year (October 2018 -April 2019).

**Membership report:**The April 2019 membership count is 245 members, down from 252 in March 2019. In march we had 5 new members, in April 2 new members. In March we had 27 members coming due, in April we had 35 members coming due. In March we had 33 members past due and in April 31. Susan suggested we should engage with new members, welcoming them and asking them how they would want to get involved with the section. Susan also pointed out that there are 6 FBA ILS members residing in other countries or US Territories. Beth says we should make it more user friendly for new members to enroll in our section, as the FBA's website doesn't make it intuitive. Roger suggested we may offer one-year free membership to our section for those who, for example, join the immigration Law Section - or some other kind of promotion that will lure new members to our section. Dave will check By-laws to verify it's doable.

**Marketing/ Programming:** Lisa said June 24th will be the anniversary of Saudi women getting the right to drive; last year Saudi authorities rounded up and jailed women activists, who to this day remain detained. A trial began in March and it's ongoing. the FBA is possibly doing a program and Lisa suggests our section should acknowledge this somehow. Lisa also said that 2020 will be the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a crucial conference for women's rights. She'd like for this to be on the agenda at the next meeting, in order for this section to discuss what we could do to acknowledge this historic conference. Roger said there are a couple of proposals regarding our section for the annual meeting in September. One has to do with the 'Saint Judy' movie.

**Upcoming elections:** we don't have updates on the timing yet; Roger said that whoever wants to run for a position should make it known. Beth said we have historically moved up one position, Dave said he'll check bylaws on that.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:03 PM EST

*Next Board Meeting* date TBD.