

FBA International Law Section

Board Meeting

July 26, 2018

In attendance: Dave Acerra, Manager of Sections and Divisions from FBA national; Judith Wood, Chair of Human Rights Committee; Beth Persky, secretary; Dave Wemhoff; Michelle Forsley; Roger Kobert; Mimi Tsankov, Chair.

Elections. The entire slate was voted in. Roger will be the Chair. Stephanie will be Vice-Chair. Beth will be Treasurer. Federica will be the secretary. Roger will decide how to address the issue of Federica's family issues, as she is in Italy now.

Membership. As of June 30, we have 268 members, which is where we have been.

Treasurer's report. Stephanie asked for further clarification on the June activity report. Ending balance is \$7,534. We have spent very little this year. We had travel costs of \$272 from a prior expenditure. There was a miscellaneous expense of \$258 and Stephanie was following up. FBA just sent the update to Stephanie. Annual meeting sponsorship of \$250. Bank fees, call fees.

Annual Conference. We will hold our business meeting off-site at the Eataly, a trendy eatery, during happy hour. This will reduce costs for us. We welcome participation. There is an official invitation. We will send a notification closer to the time of the event. Dave Wemhoff and Beth and Roger and Mimi will attend. Michelle will be unable to attend. UN General Assembly is the third week in September. Michelle is involved in some presentations and needs to be there then.

We are still applying for consultative status with ECOSOC. We responded to their additional questions. Michelle said it would be easier to follow events. We will be able to add people for events.

Judith's border program. A group met with jurists in Tijuana to discuss the human rights implications of separation of children and other human rights issues. Judy sent photos and two reports. They will have another meeting with leaders in Los Angeles on August 29th. They will be going to Mexico City later to further discuss cooperation between the two countries regarding immigration and deportation and border issues. Judy is working with a group of lawyers including the LA County Bar. She would like the Federal Bar to be a partner in this. Mimi said she would like judicial participation but it was not possible at this time. Mimi just received the photos and reports. She will forward them to David for posting on the web site.

Judy's movie will be released. It talks about a domestic and political violence case involving a woman from Afghanistan. Mimi will post this on the FBA website.

The legislative drafting program went well. Michelle was involved in this. It was at American University in April with 120 participants from around the world. There was a two-day meeting. All of the materials presented are online. ILEGIS.com, International Conference on Legislation and Law Reform. Next

conference in 2019. They are considering locations and will decide by September. Michelle agreed to allow Mimi to post the information on the FBA website.

Roger has ideas about how to grow the section in terms of finances, leadership and programs.

Dave had a question about deadlines for the newsletter. Heather Costanza has been involved in the past but is not able to participate this year. We have had a first newsletter. We can post any articles on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22.