



Federal Bar Association

International Law Section

FBA International Law Section

Board Meeting

October 11, 2018

In attendance: Roger Kobert, Dave Wemhoff, Brian Murphy, Warren Burke, Beth Persky, Stephanie Moncada-Gomez, Mimi Tsankov, Dave Acerra from FBA National, Linda Murnane, Lisa Ridgway, Angelica Hunnifeld, Federica Dell'Orto Hadar and Susan Kilgore.

Treasurer's report (Beth): August 2018 revenues of \$285, expenses of \$15, net revenue for the month of \$270. Revenues included \$285 in Section dues. The expenses included \$7 in bank fees and an \$8 miscellaneous expense (Beth said she did not know what this was for). The Section's FYTD (10/1/17-08/31/18) gross revenues are \$2,770 while FYTD 2018 gross expenses are \$2,725. Section cash balance as of 08/31/18 was \$8,175. (net change of \$46 for FY18 since 10/1/17 opening balance was \$8,129).

Roger said he would like to be able to increase our funds, as that would give us more room to promote/ be involved in more activities.

Newsletter. Global Perspectives. Heather no longer available. New editor needed. We discussed the formation of a committee for the newsletter. Law students/ young lawyers could be an option. Beth and Brian are willing to serve on the committee. Federica offered to get in touch with UCLA and Southwestern as they both have an international law program, and thus potentially interested law students. Mimi will be meeting with students at Fordham and will be raising the matter with them.

Lisa asked for recent issues on global perspectives to be circulated so that we can have a look at them. Dave Acerra said he'll look into it and send an email.

Membership Report. Susan was not on the call when this was discussed, so no official report was given, but Roger had spoken with her and there are currently 258 members. Roger stressed the fact that more members are needed. He also suggested that we need to build a broader base of future leadership. Lisa suggested we reach out to LLM students as they come from an international background. Brian pointed out we should check rates for foreign associate members as they might be high (although the argument on that could be that they're students; he'll look into that). Roger insisted we need to grow our membership by either: raising fees or finding institutional underwriters for events or for the section itself (whether on a quarterly or annual basis). In return the sponsor would get publicity. Roger also suggested we should work with local chapters (Miami, LA, NY, Houston) that are going to have a robust international law practice, in order to expand our membership.

New Programming Committee (Dave Bryan) Brian said Lisa Ridgway would be happy to be a speaker on behalf of our section and he is also approaching other potential speakers. Roger said there is no specific target in terms of number of programs, but we need to be realistic with funds and suggested we should try and co-sponsor in order to share expenses. Lisa brought up an idea for a project regarding the International Day of Endangered Lawyer, which falls on January 24. She suggested that we could ask the FBA president to issue a statement and also ILS could create material and make it available for local sections to use (e.g. power point presentations) Warren suggested a program on opportunities (job or volunteer opportunities) as it would encourage people to join the section. Especially young lawyers.

Week of Nov 12, 2018 suggested for next meeting, tbd next week.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12.02