



## **Federal Bar Association**

### **International Law Section**

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#### **Board Meeting**

**December 11, 2018**

**In attendance:** Roger Kobert, Dave Wemhoff, Brian Murphy, Stephanie Moncada-Gomez, Dave Acerra, Mimi Tsankov, Lisa Ridgway, Federica Dell'Orto Hadar, Susan Kilgore, Joanna Seybert, John Thomas, Michele Forzley and Alea Al-Aghbari.

**Membership Report:** Susan noted that we have four new members this month, one of which is a law student from University of Miami. We have a total of 259 members for the section, but 10% (21 members) are coming due, and 28 members are past due. Susan noted that if we lose 10% we should try and increase of at least 15% to stay healthy. Roger suggested we produce a list of memberships that are coming due and we reach out to them.

**Treasurer's report (Beth):** Beth did not join the call. So no report was given.

**Marketing / Programming** Lisa Ridgway, reminded the Board that during the last meeting she had suggested that we take some action for the International Day of Endangered Lawyer. Roger confirmed we are taking action to have some statement issued by FBA's President on the matter, but there is no info about any actual program taking place. Lisa says her suggestion was that we work on our own program rather than tagging along with someone else's.

Stephanie said she has been in touch with students leaders from Fordham and they are organizing a Lunch-at-Learn program in March. She was asked if our section can provide international law practitioners to join. Stephanie has not yet inquired as to what qualifications they are seeking, but will do so and then then try and reach out to

potential suitable speakers.

John Thomas as Chair of the Security Committee, said that to get this committee up and running he is planning on reaching out to the Veterans Law Section as they are logical members to join the committee given their backgrounds and experiences. In terms of programming John is thinking of reaching out to General Baker who was involved with issues and matters regarding Guantanamo Bay, and have him as a speaker for a luncheon on the topic of Security Law and Criminal Justice. John is also working other ideas and trying to get new members.

Federica gave updates on the programs that her and Beth have been discussing with Ron Wood from the LA Chapter. Two potential programs were proposed: one on International Law and the issue of migrants at the border and the other on internet privacy. Ron Wood met with his committee regarding the suggestions and received very positive feedback on the private sector program on internet privacy. Ron mentioned that his chapter has an opening for a program in April, and we could organize a panel of judges, academics and practitioners to talk about the issue.

**Newsletter.** Still lacking a committed editor for the newsletter. Roger pointed out he saw some emails between Angelika Hunnefeld, Bryan and a law student. Bryan says this student was very receptive but she is going through finals so no answer or commitment yet. We are still looking for a person to take the role of Newsletter Editor. Michele suggests we use the newsletter as a point of contact with our members and that we could shift in the meanwhile to shorter and simpler amount of info sent out to our members in the form of emails - rather than quarterly newsletter- until we find someone to be the editor. Michele suggested for example some sort of email blast, to keep members in the loop of what we are doing (for example meeting's minutes).

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12.05 EST

*Next Board Meeting* date TBD.