

International Law Section

Board Minutes

April 25, 2018

The meeting began at 12:00. In attendance were: Michelle Forzley, Angelica Hunnefeld, Judge Mimi Tsankov, Roger Kobert, Dave Wemhoff, Beth Persky, Adrianna Sera from UGA, Stephanie Moncada-Gomez.

Membership: We have a total of 284 members as of March 31, 2018. We have been making a special outreach to law students and improving our provision of resources to the law student community.

Treasurer's Report, Stephanie: Our year-to-date revenue is \$1,605 and our expenses are \$2,264. This is a decrease in the funding balance of \$659. The current ending balance is \$7, 470. There are no pending reimbursements.

Newsletter. The editor is Heather Costanza. Heather has been creating various quarterly issues. If you have an item for publishing in *Global Perspectives*. Heather publishes articles on our section website. She has done a good job of updating the website about events and programs.

Conferences, Programs and Events.

1. **Task force on diversity and inclusion.** Mimi continues to be involved in the special task force on diversity and inclusion. This was created by FBA national. Mimi has engaged in outreach to the National Association of Women Judges, which has reached out to Fordham Law School, where Mimi will teach in the spring. Mimi hopes to form a partnership with NAWJ, Fordham, and the FBA for a semester-long event. The program is in the early stages. This should happen in about 6 months.

2. **UGA Mock Interviews:** Adrianna is the student liaison and she organized a mock interview program. We had 10 students given mock interviews over Skype and Face Time. They interviewed with Susan Kilgore, Mimi and Beth Persky. We've reached out to the law student division nationally to find ways to expand our program to other universities around the country. The program now targets LLM students but could be expanded.
3. **Immigration Border issues:** Mimi will send Judy Wood an email and invite her to follow up with a written report.
4. **Jointly sponsored luncheon conference with the FBA IP section,** the DC bar chapter and the FBA ILS for June 27, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The IP section will engage a speaker who will talk about IP issues with doing business in China. Mimi said the program needs to be funded by participants. She's not anticipating expenses for the section for this event. Mimi asks Matt McGee, who reinvigorated the ILS a few years ago, attend, and it would be appropriate to pay for his lunch.
5. **New York National Conference in September, 2018.** Mimi was able to submit a proposal for an international law roundtable discussion from Fordham presented at this conference. Mimi was able to submit the proposal at the local chapter level and it was approved. It will be a co-sponsored event not costing anything. There will be a Women's Human Rights roundtable discussion with at least three or four professors, leaders internationally on this topic, presenting.

Elections: Brian was unable to participate today. He gave Mimi a report. The candidates of record are Roger Kobert for Chair, Beth Persky for Treasurer and Federica Dell'Orto Hadar for

section secretary. No one has yet expressed interest in the role of Deputy chair. June 15th is the deadline for the elections committee to place a name on the ballot, August 1st is the date of notification to FBA national. Anthony Jones has offered to resend the call for candidates. Mimi will check to see if Stephanie is interested. Stephanie said she planed to submit her nomination before the May 15th deadline before she goes into labor. Mimi nominated Stephanie and Roger seconded it. Mimi will let Brian know that Stephanie was nominated at the meeting today. Mimi will get a link to Stephanie's bio from her website.

New Business. Judge Ridgeway, who organized the panel on women judges in international courts, is on the ABA's UN and International Organization committee. We can try to work with this committee. Mimi will contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22.