

**FBA ILS Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2016, 11:30 am - 12:00 pm (EST)**

**Attendees:**

Heather Costanzo, Newsletter Chair  
Michelle Forzley, International Development and Investment Committee Chair  
Hans Hertell, International Resources and Environmental Law Committee Chair  
Marcellus Howard, FBA Sections and Divisions Coordinator  
Angelika Hunnefeld, International Law Committee Chair  
Roger Kobert, ILS Treasurer  
Matt McGhie, ILS Chair  
Brian Murphy, Membership Chair  
Mimi Tsankov, Vice-Chair, International Law Section  
David Wemhoff, Chair, International Trade and Customs Law Committee  
Judy Wood, Chair, International Human Rights Committee

**Membership Report:**

Brian has sent personal e-mail messages to 14 suspended members and 3 new members. He reminded Board members to personally welcome new ILS members in their area. David indicated that he has sent out several e-mails to ILS members in Northern Indiana.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Mimi participated on a panel at the ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting on “Has the Board Untangled Particular Social Group Asylum Law?” While she was at the ABA meeting, she “sang the praises of the FBA”. Judy mentioned that she will be presenting a paper at the June 2016 ABA Conference in Las Vegas.

The ABA International Law Section typically has a spring meeting someplace in the United States and a fall meeting overseas. The 2016 fall meeting will be held October 18-22 in Tokyo. Roger indicated that he intends to attend at least one ABA ILS meeting per year. Brian mentioned that having FBA representatives at the meetings of other international law organizations helps promote membership in the FBA.

Angelika reported that 25-30 people attended an ILS Reception that she and Hans hosted at the offices of Greenberg Traurig in Miami on March 17th. Matt was not able to attend, but he did send a video greeting.

Hans is trying to schedule a CLE event in conjunction with the South Florida Chapter. He indicated that scheduling the event has been complicated by the limited availability of the local judges.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Program year to date revenue - \$1,190  
Program year to date expenses - \$1,319  
Fund balance - \$11,345  
FBA National has finally corrected the overpayment made to the SDNY Chapter.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:**

The Winter Edition of *Global Perspectives* was distributed in early March. Heather hopes to distribute the Spring Edition in late May or early June. Heather will be out of the country in mid-May. Articles should be submitted to her by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Brian expressed interest in writing an article about the recent International Moot Court competition. David will submit an article about international trade mechanisms. Matt will submit articles about the recent revisions to the section's bylaws and the results of the ILS membership survey.

**Midyear Meeting Report:**

Matt gave a brief report about the midyear meeting. The proposed revisions to the ILS bylaws were approved by the FBA Board of Directors. The proposal to modify the national election procedures to effectively allow the nominations committee to appoint national officers who are prohibited from running in a contested election was rejected.

Matt requested that Board members help him to identify individuals who are interested in filling two currently vacant Board positions (Secretary and Chair of the International Banking and Finance Committee), staffing the Newsletter, Membership, and Election Committees, or running for one of the four officer positions for the upcoming program year.

**Upcoming Events and New Business:**

Judy indicated that she is planning to organize a seminar on waivers for the June retreat sponsored by the Los Angeles County Bar Association and invited Mimi to speak at the event. Brian agreed to represent the section at the annual FBA Capitol Hill Day, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Matt is hoping to attend the annual FBA Leadership Training on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Next Board meeting: late May (exact date and time TBD)