

FBA International Law Section
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
12/28/2017

In attendance were Susan Kilgore, Mimi Tsankov, Beth Persky, Brian Murphy, Maria Conticelli, Anthony Jones, Stephanie Moncada Gomez, and Roger Kobert.

The meeting was called to order at 11:33.

Annual Plan

We submitted our yearly plan to National setting forth the goals and budget for the coming year 10 days prior to the deadline.

National has pushed the special task force on diversity and inclusion, including gender matters. Mimi has volunteered for this task force. Mimi will invite other section members to participate.

Membership report

Susan Kilgore said we have 284 members, and are holding steady. We are up two members from October. Mimi thanked Susan for her support of the membership effort.

Budget Report

Stephanie is on the line. She provided the budget report. For November we had revenue totaling \$135 and \$29 in expenses. Our current fund balance is \$6753 for the 2018 fiscal year starting October 1st. There was a discussion of the numbers in the November column versus the ending fund balance. What other expenses were included? Annual meeting reimbursements and travel expenses were deducted.

Publications

Roger is now on the call. Heather had a medical accident. She generally prepares a quarterly newsletter. We will miss our fall issue, and may combine fall and spring newsletters.

We were given the opportunity to prepare a column for the *Federal Lawyer*. Roger is willing to submit this under his name.

We have submitted a series of articles for the International Law issue of the *Federal Lawyer*. Only one article is left to submit. The issue will include an updated profile of Judge Denny Chin, who will preside over the Fordham Law program. Nine articles have been submitted.

Susan has an idea for the newsletter, parceling out the components to board members so Heather only has to edit and not write. Mimi can send an email offering to provide the contents. Mimi will follow up, and Susan will participate in communications.

Conferences

Brian said the D.C. chapter will hold its leadership luncheon on January 10th. He can get members in the D.C. area in for free. Susan said the Texas bar is presenting a “nuts and bolts of immigration law” conference. We could benefit by providing co-sponsorship. Susan can follow up to find out options for co-sponsorship. We could bring the conference to a wider membership.

Mimi addressed the FBA Immigration Law, International Law, and SDNY chapter third annual asylum law conference in New York February 3rd. This is a great opportunity to hold a high profile event in the New York and New Jersey metro area.

There are two upcoming programs at Fordham. International Women’s Day is on March 8th. Fordham will host Deborah Anker, an FBA leader and world leader representing the U.S. before the UN on women’s human rights issues in immigration law. A new student member will speak.

On March 14th, a reenactment will be filmed, the historical reenactment of the 1870s case with Honorable Second Circuit Judge Denny Chin presiding, and 28 actors participating. This will be filmed. Can we place this as a resource on the FBA national web as a webinar?

Warren Burke has been working with Brian to develop a legislative conference at American University. Brian is encouraging Virginia Law to be an academic sponsor. The conference features 25 speakers, many from abroad, on law reform and legislation internationally. Two speakers are from the University of Virginia, and there are gratis conference fees for University of Virginia students. The University of Pennsylvania and several others are co-sponsoring. There is an organizational committee numbering 20 persons. Nicole Lawler of the University of Virginia has provided an article for the *Federal Lawyer*.

New business

Maria reminded us of the 2018 midyear meeting March 24th in Pentagon City. We’re looking for judges for the annual moot court competition. Mimi asked about leadership training. It’s April 28th. It’s geared towards incoming leaders. Roger is vice-chair. Brian asked if a subsidy is available. Maria said this is from section or chapter funds. Brian moved that funds permitting the International Law section to reimburse to the maximum extent it can the attendance of one person at the mid-year meeting. Mimi seconded. Susan commented that we should factor this into the budget at the beginning of the year. Brian thinks it’s important for us to be represented at these meetings.

Stephanie is familiar with the budget. We have a line item for travel expenses for Board members. Travel can also be part of miscellaneous expenses. We can add the line item more broken out. We start with what was used in the past and add to it. Break out the \$3,000; put a proposed number for annual meeting, mid-year meeting and leadership conference.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.