

**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2019

6:05 p.m. EST

- Call to Order and Roll:

Present:

Mark Shmueli, Hon. Amiena Khan, Justin Burton, Barry Frager, Hon John Gossart, Nick Perry, Alicia Triche, Regina Germain, Dorothy Harbeck, Prakash Khatri, Christine Poarch, Hiroko Kusuda, Amy Gell, Sabrina Balgamwalla

Absent:

Jeff Joseph, Kate Goettel, Kelli Duehning, Betty Stevens, Linda Kenepaske, Brea Burgie, David Ware, Kevin Lashus, Helen Parsonage, Tina Goel

- Minutes: September 2, 2019 Board Meeting – Approval tabled to make sure that those who were on the 2018-2019 board but not on the 2019-2020 board get the opportunity to review the minutes. Mark asked those on the call to review to make sure that they were accurately recorded in the various discussions and also to assist 2018-2019 Secretary Kate Goettel in placing names to the unknown names of commenters from the meeting.
- Introduction of Old and New Board Members – Introduced New Board Members Hiroko Kusuda, Amy Gell, Sabrina Balgamwalla and Judge Gossart who replaces Jodi Goodwin for the last year of her term, Jodi resigned from the board to dedicate her spare time to securing pro bono representation to respondents affected by the MPP program who are waiting in Mexico. Jodi is still on the conference committee.
- Report from FBA National – Awards- Panels- prospective collaborations. Mark reported that he, Betty, Jeff Joseph, and Amy Gell were all in Tampa for the FBA annual conference and that he was overwhelmed by the accolades thrown onto the section which resulted in awards for the Green Card (which is currently hanging proudly in the office of it's editor, Dr. Alicia Triche. We also were awarded an award as an outstanding section. Mark also commented on the desire of other sections to collaborate with the

ILS, namely Civil Rights, Litigation, State and Local Government, and International Law. Mark stated that both immigration related panels went well.

- Committee Reports

- Budget Committee (Kate Goettel, Chair)

- Treasurer's Report – Laura told us that there was \$35,159 in the budget

- Communications and Publications (Dr. Alicia Triche, Chair)

Alicia asked for people to write 2,000-3,000 word articles for the Federal Lawyer May edition which will focus on immigration. She will do a feature on Judge Harbeck, Mark will do one on the I-864. Judge Gossart agreed to speak to his colleagues to write a piece comparing court procedures in today's climate to those of a few years ago.

- Younger Lawyer Division (Robin Trangsrud, Chair) – Tina Goel was to present but not on the call

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- Law Student Outreach Program- Horoko and Rachel Thompson are co-chairing. Laura suggested that Hiroko reach out to the FBA national law student committee chair for materials. Mark outlined his idea that veteran attorneys speak to law students about the benefits of FBA and the ILS to greatly bulk up membership and to also assist in programs etc. Mark also explained that he was thinking of proposing in the next couple of months that we dedicate around 2,000 to support the membership of 20 or so law students who apply.

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- Diversity (Tina Goel, Chair)- Mark delivered Tina's message calling for new members for the committee, the actions of the committee to coordinate and work with FBA national on its diversity initiatives.

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- Programs - Updates

- Webinar from the Border on MPP Oct. 4 2019- Very successful particularly as it had little lead time. It made \$400 – Mark proposed we donate that profit directly to Jodi Goodwin who organizes attorneys to come to the border to assist MPP respondents. Barry moved that we

increase that to \$1,000. Amy Gell seconded his motion and board approved on unanimous voice vote.

- New York Asylum Conference (Feb 28, 2020)– Judge Khan told us to spread the word, save the date and let her or Judge Harbeck know if we are interested in speaking.
 - Litigation Symposium – December 13, 2019, Wake Forest Law School, Charlotte, NC – Helen Parsonage is chairing this symposium but as she just started a two week trial, Mark is covering for her for the next two weeks assembling panels and speakers.
 - Immigrant Justice Idaho conference – November 13, 14. – Mark was contacted by Maria Andrade to support their two day symposium and agreed to \$500 support and to have the ILS co-sponsor. Immigrant Justice Idaho is a new org.
 - 2020 Annual Immigration Law Conference – Mark Announced that conference committee is set and the planning is about to begin. Sabrina who teaches at Wayne State Law and is the head of the welcoming committee for the conference spoke about how excited she was for us to come to Detroit and her expectation that it will be a great venue as a city.
 - West Coast Leadership Luncheon – Kelli not on the call so we passed
 - Chicago Leadership Luncheon – No Report
 - New York programs – Linda was not on the call so we passed.
- New business: Regina asked about DC lunches. Prakash mentioned a former government worker and expert on human rights as a speaker in the new year as it is difficult to have one with all of the end of the year activities.

Call Ended at 6:54 PM EST