

International Law Section

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

In attendance: Susan Kilgore, Roger Kobert, Beth Persky, Stephanie Moncada-Gomez, David Anthony from FBA. Brian will not be joining the call.

Mimi is still on the bench and asked Roger to chair the meeting. Meeting called to order at 11:34 a.m.

Membership report (Susan): April and March membership reports – we are holding steady at 284 members. April membership shows one new member. March – 6 new members. We have about 40 members coming due. Roger asked about efforts to reach out to renewal members. We have a method but have not been using it. Membership will be at the forefront of Roger's tenure. We will need to sponsor more events and get more people involved, bring people into the leadership positions. Roger encourages us to call members and ask them to renew.

Treasurer's Report (Stephanie): We don't have the April report yet. The information is gathered on the 25th. Stephanie has the same information as in the last minutes. A \$7,470 balance.

Newsletter. Heather is not on the meeting. Anthony has been trying to reach out to Heather for a month. Susan said Heather might be dropping off the International Law section.

Mimi joined the call at 11:42 a.m. Mimi will follow up in an email with Heather. Heather has done a great job. We received an award two years in a row.

Conferences, Programs: Mimi is on the Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion. Mimi is trying to engage in outreach to various organizations. She is focusing on the National Association of Women Judges. Mimi can help anyone to get involved.

UGA mock interviews. This is a service that the International Law Section is providing to LLM students at various law schools. We have put it into place at Fordham and the University of Georgia. We can replicate this program at other university. We're trying to expand this with the Young Lawyer's Division.

Border Conference. Judith Wood has been putting together an immigration borders program. Mimi will find out the date of that program.

Washington, D.C. joint program with FBA Intellectual Property Association and D.C. Chapter. The cost is \$15 including lunch. IP issues with China. The partner is Esther Lin.

September national conference. We're sponsoring a program on International Human Rights. This is a roundtable discussion with several leaders from Harvard and the University of Amsterdam appearing via Skype.

Elections: Nominations for next year's officers: We had a cut-off of May 15th. We have received 3 nominations for officers. The election looks to be uncontested. We have one nominee for each of the four positions on the Board. Roger asked whether we need to vote if the election is uncontested. Anthony said we can go through the voting steps but this is optional. We can look at the bylaws. Susan said we can make a motion to accept the slate by acclamation. Mimi is on the election committee, as are Brian and Matt McGhee. Mimi will check. Roger said the nominees should recuse themselves from the vote.

Roger said the tradition has been the ladder approach to leadership, serving at least one year before officers march up the leadership ranks. This process is endorsed by FBA national. The secretary or treasurer positions could be up in future years. Once you are up the ladder you cannot repeat leadership. We need to get new members involved soon. An email is sent out to the section each year asking for interest in serving.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.