

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
at the 30th Annual Course on International Law Librarianship
University of Malaya, 6th December 2011 at 12.15 p.m.

1. The President Petal Kinder opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates. She expressed sadness at the news that Secretary to the Association Barbara Garavaglia's husband had recently passed away. Barbara understandably was not able to attend this year's conference. Petal Kinder also conveyed apologies from the other board members who were unable to attend the conference and therefore would not be present at the AGM, Jennefer Aston, Marci Hoffman and Pedro A. Padilla-Rosa.

The President welcomed and introduced the President of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Darcy Kirk who greeted the AGM and invited all IALL members to the AALL conference in Boston in July 2012.

2. The Minutes of the AGM held in The Hague in 2010 were approved.

3. **The President's report:**

The President presented her annual report detailing the activities of the Association and emphasized a few of the issues mentioned. She brought attention to the ongoing discussion on the future role of IALL and the efforts to attract new members. One measure put in place was a new student membership rate of US\$ 20.00.

The President stated that rates for IALL membership rates had stayed the same for the last 15 years and that this was unprecedented for any similar organization. In order to strengthen the economy of the association, the Board has approved increases in membership rates that will take effect from January 2013 by US\$35.00, except for student rates which will remain at US\$20.00.

Rates will be: Institution - US\$130.00; Individual - US\$95.00.

The President noted that several reasons had made it necessary to move the IALL website from Cornell to a new host and thanked Claire Germain and Sasha Skenderija for their timely and excellent work on the hosting and maintenance of the IALL website at Cornell over the past years.

The President mentioned that David Gee from Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London will be undertaking a survey of research support services in law libraries. The project is supported by IALL and she encouraged all members to contribute information about their library. The President also mentioned that the Board has approved the establishment of a Facebook page for the association to aid in better communication with the members and more interaction between members.

4. **Future Annual Conferences**

Toronto – Sharon Wang of Osgoode Hall Law School Library, made a presentation on the upcoming conference in Toronto in September and October 2012. The conference will be hosted jointly by Osgoode Hall Law School, York University and the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. Janis Johnston has

been appointed as Board Liaison for this conference. The plans which are well under way promise to present us with yet another exciting and informative conference.

5. **Secretary's report:**

The President presented the Secretary's report as Barbara Garavaglia was unable to attend the AGM. The Secretary's report was approved.

6. **The Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer XinhLuu presented the auditor's report and accounts, there were no questions and both were approved.

The Treasurer presented her report and the report was approved.

The Auditor, Kenneth M. Ditmars of Ditmars Perazzi & Co. LLP of Westhampton, New Jersey, USA was not reappointed Auditor for 2012 and will be replaced by the firm, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, 530 Westfield Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

This new appointment will enable better communication with the Treasurer.

7. **Finance Committee:**

The Chair of the Committee, Jennefer Aston, presented her apologies. The Finance Committee report was approved.

8. **Report of the Committee on Communications:**

The President, Petal Kinder, presented the report from the Chair of the Committee, Marci Hoffman who was unable to attend. The report was approved.

Bård Tuseth informed the AGM that the IALL board had established a Facebook page for the association and encouraged members to visit and approve the page.

9. **Report of the Scholarships Committee:**

The President Petal Kinder presented the report on behalf of Barbara Garavaglia, Chair of the Committee. She also introduced the three recipients of the professional development bursaries and encouraged members to make them welcome. There had been 17 applications from 14 countries. Applicants from Philippines, Vietnam, and Spain were selected:

-Ms Arlene L Bacayo from the University of San Carlos, Cebu City, Philippines

-Ms Le Thi Hanh from the Library Information Center - Hanoi Law University, Hanoi Vietnam

-Ms Montse Morante from the Universitat de Barcelona-Biblioteca de Dret, Barcelona, Spain

The President spoke about the value of the internship program and requested members to promote the program to people they thought would benefit from it. She mentioned especially one recipient of the program, Kerem Kahvecioglu, who had successfully completed an internship at Yale University. She emphasised that it was not the role of IALL to look for a placement instead, applicants needed to undertake research for themselves as to a particular placement.

10. **Web Site Award:**

As usual an oral report was made. Ligita Gjortlere, Chair of the Committee, announced the winner of the 2011 award as the website of the National Council for Law Reporting in Kenya: Kenya Law Reports.

11. **New Business:**

Mirela Roznovschi expressed a wish to meet more local colleagues at the IALL conferences. She suggested future conferences dedicated a day of the conference to meeting local colleagues and that this day was made free for local participants.

Petal Kinder noted that faculty and students at the Faculty of Law at the University of Malaya were invited to attend the sessions for free, but that few had chosen to do so.

Head of the Local Organizing Committee, HarvinderKaur, explained that the conference had been promoted to local librarians, lawyers, and paralegals at a nominal fee, but this had failed to generate interest in participation. She expressed disappointment in the low local attendance, but noted that it would be impossible for this conference to offer free attendance for local attendees.

Petal Kinder noted that there has been low interest for scholarships and internships and urged members to look for candidates that could be encouraged to apply.

The meeting was adjourned at 13.01.

Respectfully submitted,

Bård Tuseth, Board member.