

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES****MINUTES -- 2016 Annual General Meeting****Keble College, Oxford****Wednesday, 3 August 2016****12:15 -- 1300**

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**1. Welcome to Members and introduction of Board members**

Meeting brought to order at 12:22 p.m. IALL President Jeroen Vervliet welcomed IALL members and the members of the Philippines embassy and announced changes to the agenda. Agenda Item 11 is moved to Agenda Item 2 to allow the Philippines delegation to speak earlier in the meeting.

The president announced many IALL activities since the Berlin conference. The new constitution enabled IALL to have its first free and democratic elections of the IALL Board. The membership enthusiastically applauded this statement. The new constitution also changed membership categories by discontinuing Institutional memberships. All member categories except Associate will receive the journal. All former Institutional members must move to subscriptions to the journal via Cambridge University Press (CUP). CUP will be sending out invoices in August for 2017 subscriptions to the IJLI for former Institutional members. Mr. Vervliet introduced Hannah Patrick of CUP who will be able to answer questions about subscriptions to the IJLI from the CUP table during the conference. Individual, Student and Retired members will receive 2017 invoices via the IALL membership database.

Mr. Vervliet encouraged members and their colleagues to write articles for the IJLI. The journal, now being published by CUP, is in the company of other prestigious journals such as ASIL's American Journal of International Law. He stressed the importance of increasing the quality of the journal.

The president announced that while only Board members may serve on the Finance and Scholarship committees, IALL members are now eligible to serve on the Communications Committee and the Education Committee. President Vervliet called upon members to express interest in possibly serving on these committees by speaking to him, IALL Treasurer Kurt Carroll, or Vice President Barbara Garavaglia after the meeting.

The president then introduced the representatives from other law library associations (AALL, ALLA, CALL, and the IFLA Law Section):

- The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) was represented by its president, Ronald Wheeler, Director of the Boston University Law Library. Mr. Wheeler brought greetings from AALL and praised the conference and its substantive program. He also noted that his having been elected president of AALL as its first African American librarian and gay president is a tribute to the AALL membership. Mr. Wheeler invited IALL members to next year's AALL conference in Austin, Texas USA.
- The Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA) was represented by Karen Rowe-Nurse, past president of the ALLA. She brought greetings from the ALLA

membership and from the current ALLA President Elizabeth Langeveldt who was not able to attend. Ms. Rowe-Nurse praised the high quality of the IALL conference program. She invited IALL members to attend the ALLA conference in Melbourne in a few weeks and thanked IALL for the wonderful conference.

- The Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL) was represented by Kim Nayyer, Associate University Librarian, Law, University of Victoria. Ms. Nayyer brought greetings from the CALL membership and from CALL President Connie Crosby who was not able to attend the IALL conference. Ms. Nayyer commended IALL for a wonderful program. She invited IALL members to the 2017 CALL conference in Ottawa, Canada.
- The IFLA Law Section was represented by Sonia Poulin, Chair of the IFLA Law Section. Ms. Poulin extended greetings from members of IFLA's law section.

## **2. Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the AGM held in Berlin, Germany, 1 October 2014.

The minutes are available online in the IALL webpage at <<http://iall.org/category/agm-papers/>>. The minutes were approved with no comment.

## **3. President's Report**

To receive the President's Report for 2016

The President's Report was approved.

## **4. Annual Courses**

To receive a report from the Conference Committee on arrangements for the 2017 Annual Course to be held in Philippines. (NOW #2 on the agenda.)

IALL Board member Lilia Echiverri presented information about the prospective Philippines conference and introduced the members of the Philippines embassy. Ms. Echiverri indicated that the conference venue would be a hotel in Manila rather than the University and that they are working on identifying a suitable venue. She showed a PowerPoint presentation and showed some of the hotels under consideration as the conference venue.

Philippines embassy staff spoke and noted that they are excited at the prospect of an IALL conference next year in addition to the Miss Universe pageant.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

To receive the Secretary's Report for 2016, including report on the 2016 constitutional amendment ballot, Board election, and new IALL membership database.

The Secretary's Report was approved.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Status of the 2016 audit of Accounts for the Association for 2015

To receive a report from the Treasurer for 2016

The IALL Treasurer thanked everyone for support as he took over the role of Treasurer in 2015. He also thanked Ruth Bird and Barbara Garavaglia for their help in setting up the membership database; this will increase transparency in memberships and improve communications.

The Treasurer noted the audit which is in process. The audit report will come out in another week or two. The IALL is financially stable and he anticipates a good audit report.

The Treasurer's request to appoint a new auditor for the next audit cycle was passed upon motion and vote. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

**7. Finance Committee Report**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2016

The Finance Committee Report was approved.

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

To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee on Communications for 2016

The Chair of the Communications Committee noted that the IJLI is now being published by Cambridge University Press. The committee report was approved.

**9. Report of the Scholarships Committee**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee for 2016

The Chair of the Scholarships Committee reintroduced bursary winners:

- Regular bursaries: Holger Aman, Jennifer Findlay, Lilian Vireo
- Members Only bursaries: Julienne Grant, Alison Shea, Alex Zhang.

The report of the committee was approved.

**10. Report of the Education Committee**

To receive a report from the Chair of the Education Committee for 2016

The report of the committee was approved. The Chair noted that the IALL Board will be inviting members to submit expressions of interest to serve on the committee.

**11. Introduction of 2016-2019 IALL Board**

The IALL President again noted that this board was elected in IALL's first open and democratic election. President Vervliet thanked the IALL Nominating Committee for its work on the election of the 2016-2019 IALL Board. The Nominating Committee of Lesley Dingle (Chair), Sergio Stone, and Susan Gaultier did outstanding work.

President Vervliet introduced the 2016-2019 IALL Board:

Officers:

- President: Jeroen Vervliet, Peace Palace Library, The Hague, Netherlands
- Vice President: Barbara Garavaglia, University of Michigan Law Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
- Secretary: David Gee, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, England

- Treasurer: Kurt Carroll, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, USA

Board Members:

- Daniel Boyer, Law Library, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Lily Echiverri, University of the Philippines Law Library, Quezon City, Philippines
- Michel Fraysse, Université de Toulouse, France
- Ryan Harrington, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat Librarian, UNCITRAL Law Library, Vienna, Austria
- Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey
- Petal Kinder, BarNet Jade, Sydney, Australia
- Gloria Orrego Hoyos, University of San Andrés, Argentina
- Mark Engsborg (ex-officio, editor of IJLI), MacMillan Law Library, Emory School of Law, USA

The president introduced the outgoing Board officers and members whose terms of office have ended and thanked them for their service:

- Ruth Bird, outgoing First Vice President
- Bård Tuseth, outgoing Second Vice President
- Ivo Vogel, outgoing Board member
- Kristina Alayan, outgoing Board member

The president thanked Bård Tuseth for his work as a board member and as Second Vice President. He noted that Bård was critical to the Education Committee, he chaired the Communications Committee, and he did much work on the Constitutional amendments.

Ivo Vogel was thanked for his outstanding service as a board member and for his excellent planning and organizing of IALL's successful Berlin Conference. Ivo also served on the website award committee and the Scholarship Committee.

Kristina Alayan was thanked for her excellent work as a board member, for chairing the Education Committee, and for her assistance in finding a new publisher for the IJLI.

Ruth Bird was thanked for her many years of excellent service. She served as First Vice President and as a board member. She organized the new membership database in Wild Apricot and she was a very effective Board member. Ruth also did outstanding work on planning and organizing the current IALL conference at Oxford.

President Vervliet also announced Ruth Bird's election as Life member of the IALL by acclamation.

## **12. Questions from the Membership**

A member asked if reduced membership rates for retirees and unemployed persons might be considered. Ruth Bird noted we have considered this but there are big costs and IALL has not raised its membership rates for many years.