

Papers for the IALL AGM 2025

Held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at the IALL Houston Annual Course

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AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Tuesday 21 October 2025 from 1:15pm to 2:15pm

**Location: Garrett-Towne Auditorium, South Texas College of the Law
Houston, Texas USA**

AGM Papers can be found at: <https://iall.org/category/agm-papers/>

1. **Welcome** (Mark Engsberg)
2. **Recognize VIP Guests from Sister Organizations** (Mark Engsberg)
3. **Officer Reports**
 - President (Mark Engsberg)
 - Secretary (Trung Quach) – to approve the minutes from the 2024 AGM
 - Treasurer (Jean Wenger)
4. **Committee Reports**
 - Finance Committee (Kerem Kahvecioglu)
 - Education Committee (David Wills)
 - Communication Committee (Rebecca Bergstrom)
 - Grants Committee (Vanessa Blackmore)
 - Conference Committee (Mark Engsberg)

5. **Preview of the 2026 Annual Course Venue – Cambridge, UK**
6. **Gold Sponsors Spotlight** (LLMC and Wolters Kluwer)
7. **Any Other Business** (Mark Engsberg)
8. **Questions from Membership**



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Tuesday, 18 June 2024, from 10:30am to 11:30am

Location: [Domus Juridica – University of Oslo](#), Kristian Augusts gate 17
Oslo, Norway

AGM Papers can be found on the IALL website at: About IALL > Archives > AGM Papers

1. **Welcome** (Mark Engsberg)

Mark Engsberg (President) opened the AGM and welcomed everyone.

2. **Recognize VIP Guests from Sister Organizations** (Mark Engsberg)

Mark recognized the following representatives from sister organizations:

- AALL – Cornell Winston
- ALLA – Laurie Atkinson
- BIALL – Dunstan Speight
- CALL – Alexia Loumankis

3. **Officer Reports**

President's Report

Mark stated that all the Officer Reports are available on the IALL website. Members can access them if they are interested. Print copies are not provided for sustainability reasons.

Mark mentioned aspects of the President's Report, including visiting Oslo in preparation for the conference and IALL officers attending conferences for sister organizations.

Treasurer's Report

Jean Wenger (Treasurer) discussed the Treasurer's Report, noting that IALL is in a good financial position. She discussed IALL's financial audits and taxes. At the end of 2023, IALL's total assets were US\$382,192. She mentioned the invoice for the 2022 Stanford conference was paid in 2023.

Secretary's Report

Trung Quach (Secretary) discussed the Secretary's Report, noting the upcoming Board elections for 2025. IALL is looking to amend the Constitution to streamline the election process and to make it more transparent. Trung will be sending out an email to members letting them know about the changes to the Constitution and setting up a mechanism for members to vote on these changes. IALL is seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to help select the next Board.

Trung asked the members to approve the minutes for the last AGM in Geneva.

MEMBERSHIP VOTE: The membership voted to approve the minutes for the Geneva AGM.

Mark discussed some additional amendments to the Constitution. These include changes to Life, Honorary, Retired, and Student membership categories to allow these members to vote and serve on committees. He also elaborated on the changes to the election process and the role of the Nominating Committee. He reiterated that members will have a chance to vote on these changes before the next election.

4. Committee Reports

Education Committee

David Wills (Chair) had nothing to add to the report. He thanked his colleagues who served on the Education Committee. There will be more to report in Houston next year.

Finance Committee

Kerem Kahvecioğlu (Chair) discussed the report, noting that IALL is financially stable. The composition of the IALL membership is stated in the report.

Communications Committee

Rebecca Bergstrøm (Chair) discussed the report, noting that IALL will no longer be using the X (formerly Twitter) platform. She encouraged contributions to the blog. Julie was introduced as the editor of the *International Journal of Legal Information*. IALL is hoping to have a new web page by the time of the Houston conference.

Scholarship Committee

Vanessa Blackmore (Chair) discussed the role of the committee and thanked her colleagues on the committee. She discussed the name change from “bursaries” to “grants.” IALL offers two types of grants. There were 19 applicants for the US\$3000 for the non-members grant. The three recipients of this grant were Suzanna Louzada (Brazil), Dino Salkić (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and Ana Rogers (Canada). IALL awarded one local grant to Sofie Sternberg (Sweden). There were no applications for the members-only grant this year. Vanessa encouraged members to apply for the members-only grant.

Conference Committee

Mark Engsberg (Chair) stated that next year’s conference is in Houston. IALL is not yet ready to announce locations for the 2026 and 2027 conferences.

5. Sneak Peek at 2025 Conference Venue, Houston, TX (Monica Ortale)

Monica provided a preview of the Houston conference, which will take place 19–23 October 2025. The conference hotel has been chosen, and the room rate is US\$159/night, including breakfast. She showed a marketing video, which included information about the South Texas College of Law Houston. The optional day will focus on space law with a trip to the Space Center Houston. The weather in Houston at that time of the year will be hot. Halloween preparations will also be taking place around that time. Monica is happy to take suggestions on activities.

Monica announced that Tanja Mononen (Finland) won the prize drawing for the book *111 Places in Houston that You Can’t Miss*.

6. Any Other Business

Mark announced that the Board voted last year to make Kurt Carroll an IALL Honorary member. This year, the Board voted to make Jeroen Vervliet an Honorary member.

Julie Grant (Journal Editor) discussed some developments with *the International Journal of Legal Information* (IJLI). There have been some delays with the publisher, and the new issue should be arriving soon. Mike McArthur and Julie Woodridge from Duke have agreed to write a column featuring a law librarian in each issue. Going forward, members will be able to access the current and past issues of the IJLI online. The password for access will be emailed to members. Scholastica will be available for submitting articles. She encouraged members to publish in the IJLI.

There were no questions from members.

Dennis Prieto won the drawing for a free registration to the Houston conference.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Introduction

This report covers the period from July 2024 through October 2025.

Board Composition

The Board, which held office during 2024-2025, was constituted as follows:

Officers

President	Mark Engsborg, Emory University School of Law, USA
Vice President:	Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University Library, Turkey
Secretary:	Trung Quach, High Court of Australia
Treasurer:	Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA

Members of the Board of Directors

Vanessa Blackmore:	New South Wales Law Courts Library, Australia
Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm:	University of Oslo, Norway
Yee Xin Chai:	Singapore Management University, Singapore
Sonia Crenn:	International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland
Lyonette (Lyo) Louis-Jacques:	University of Chicago Law School, USA
David Wills:	Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge, UK
Claudia Holland:	Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany

Courtesy Visits to Other Conferences

To represent IALL, I was invited to attend the annual meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL), the New Zealand Law

Librarians Association (NZLLA), and the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL). I personally attended CALL in May of 2025, and I also attended BIALL in June of 2025. I was unable to attend AALL or NZLLA, but IALL was ably represented at AALL by IALL Treasurer, Jean Wenger. IALL Secretary, Trung Quach, represented IALL at the NZLLA conference in September 2025.

Following IALL's long tradition of reciprocity with these and other sister library associations, I have invited the presidents of AALL, BIALL, CALL, the Australian Law Library Association (ALLA), and the New Zealand Law Library Association (NZLLA) to the IALL Annual Course in Houston, Texas.

Presidential Visits

From May 24 – 28 I traveled to Calgary, Alberta, Canada to attend the CALL annual conference. This was my first CALL meeting ever. It was an excellent conference with many great speakers providing solid, relevant content. I also spent a lot of time in the sponsors' exhibit hall, working to further build relationships with vendors that may net results for IALL conferences as well. And I opened conversations with CALL leadership that *may* lead to a future IALL Annual Course in Canada. IALL has not had an Annual Course in Canada since 2012 (Toronto). I believe it would be good for IALL to return to Canada in the foreseeable future. Those discussions are ongoing and I am hopeful that they soon bear fruit.

Shortly after returning home from Alberta, I traveled to Cambridge, UK from June 6-10. My purpose there was to review preparations and advise the Local Planning Committee as it prepared to host the forthcoming Annual Course in Cambridge, scheduled for September 13-16, 2026. These brief President's site visits at forthcoming conference venues are one way the Association ensures consistent high standards and the continuity of the overall IALL conference format for each of its conferences. I am pleased to report that the Cambridge conference is in excellent hands, the planning has progressed apace, and I anticipate the Cambridge conference will be an amazing experience for IALL delegates in 2026.

Immediately after my visit to Cambridge, I traveled to Birmingham, UK to represent IALL at the annual BIALL conference. Like with CALL, it was the first time I have attended a BIALL conference, and I found it to be an extremely worthwhile experience. There was an enormous amount of relevant and substantive content, with many of the lectures and sessions focusing on artificial intelligence. I also spent time with the vendors in the exhibit hall, laying a foundation for good UK-based sponsorship for the Cambridge conference next year. During my time at BIALL, I was invited to give an interview in my capacity as IALL president for LEGAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (LIM), BIALL's official publication. Look for the interview in a forthcoming LIM publication.

Key Initiatives

The most significant initiative for the Board this year was an updating of IALL's constitution. Among several notable features in the new constitution was the broadening of membership privileges across two membership categories. As a result of the members' vote on [the new constitution](#), Life Members and Honorary Members are now eligible to vote in IALL elections and to serve on committees.

In related news, IALL members elected a new board. The Nominations Committee, chaired by Life Member, Ruth Bird (Australia/France), and supported by Individual Members, Alison Shea (USA), and Khulekani Khamalo (South Africa), put together a strong slate of candidates. Thank you very much to this dedicated team! The vote took place on April 14 – 16, 2025, and the results of the vote were announced on April 17, 2025. In an unprecedented development, there was a tie for one of the Regular Board Member positions, so a run-off between the two candidates was held. The new board, which is seated immediately after the Annual General Meeting in Houston next month will be:

- President - Mark Engsborg, Emory University, USA
- Vice President - Rebecca Josefine Five Bergstrøm, University of Oslo, Norway
- Secretary - Michael McArthur, Duke Law School, USA
- Treasurer - Jean Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA
- Board Member - Vanessa Blackmore, NSW Department of Communities & Justice, Australia
- Board Member - Claudia Holland, Max-Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Germany
- Board Member - Andreas Knobelsdorf, University of Hamburg, Germany
- Board Member - Nathalie Matthey, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland
- Board Member – Trung Quach, High Court of Australia, Australia
- Board Member - Valentina Spiga, European University Institute, Italy
- Board Member – David Isom, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., USA
- *Ex Officio* – Julianne Grant, Editor of the International Journal of Legal Information

Cycling off the board will be:

- Yee Xin Chai: Singapore Management University, Singapore
- Sonia Crenn: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland
- Kerem Kahvecioglu, Istanbul Bilgi University Library, Turkey
- Lyonette (Lyo) Louis-Jacques: University of Chicago Law School, USA
- David Wills: Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge, UK

Of course, I will also thank them at the Annual Course in Houston, but I want to include my sincere thanks for the excellent and faithful service of these five board members. Each of them has been a diligent, conscientious worker and representative for IALL these past three (or more) years.

Conclusion

This concludes the President's Annual Report for the period of July 2024 through October 2025. Normally, there is about twelve months between these reports; however, because the Oslo conference fell earlier than usual in 2024 (June instead of the typical September or October), and the Houston, Texas Annual Course falls in October 2025, there is 17 months since the last President's Report. As usual, the Board welcomes feedback on the content of this report and the

other officers' and committee chairs' reports, as well as on other matters pertaining to the administration of IALL.

Mark Engsberg, President
International Association of Law Libraries
September 2025



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025

As Secretary, I assist with the administration of IALL Board functions. This includes organising meetings, distributing papers, taking minutes, and recording Board votes.

I also prepare and distribute the papers for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). These AGM papers, including minutes and reports from previous AGMs are available on the IALL website under Board and Governance > AGM Papers: <https://iall.org/category/agm-papers/>

In preparation for this year's annual course, I have prepared the papers for the AGM and will be taking minutes at the pre-conference and post-conference Board meetings.

Since that last Annual General Meeting, I have been involved in two significant projects: 1) the amendment to the IALL Constitution, and 2) the election of the new IALL Board of Directors.

Amendment to the IALL Constitution

The membership voted to amend the IALL Constitution in November 2024. The old Constitution needed various updates. It was last amended in 2016. Some provisions were no longer applicable while others need clarification and improvement. Here are some of the key changes:

- Allowed all membership classes voting rights and the ability to serve on IALL Committees
- Changed to the Board nomination process to streamline the work of the Nominating Committee and create a more democratic process
- Updated the purpose of IALL to the following: "The purpose of the Association is to promote engagement and facilitate cooperation among law librarians and legal information professionals worldwide."

I communicated the need for these changes to the membership via blog posts and emails. With the assistance of Michael Lindsey, I helped organised the voting process and procedures on these amendments.

Board Election

The 2025 IALL Board election was held on 14-16 April 2025. There was a tie/draw for the seventh and final Board Member position, which required a run-off election on 29-30 April 2025 between two candidates.

As Secretary, I helped organized the election process. Michael Lindsey, as a non-Board member, administered the election and reported the results. On behalf of the Board, I extend my thanks to Michael Lindsey for his work on both the Board election and Constitution amendment votes.

I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to the members of the Nomination Committee for their work: Ruth Bird (chair), Alison Shea, and Khulekani Khumalo.

Aside from my work as Secretary, I also served on the Grants Committee and the Finance Committee.

This is my last year serving as Secretary. Michael McArthur will take over the role of IALL Secretary at the conclusion of this year's AGM.

Trung Quach, Secretary
International Association of Law Libraries
October 2025



TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

FISCAL PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2024

This IALL Treasurer's report reflects the unaudited, estimated statement of cash receipts and disbursements of IALL for the fiscal period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The Association has retained the independent audit firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, PLLC of Charlottesville, VA, USA, to examine IALL's financial records and certify the accuracy of its financial statements and the soundness of its accounting practices. Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates will review our financial records for 2024 in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States. The firm will prepare IALL's required tax forms and will file them with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Per past practice, IALL has requested and received an extension to file the FY2024 taxes. The FY2024 Audit Report will be completed after the FY2024 taxes are filed.

The Association's finances were stable in 2024. The following figures are unaudited amounts. IALL's estimated income at the end of 2024 was US\$133,766.00. Income in 2024 included membership dues, Annual Course registrations and sponsorships, royalty payments, and minor interest on savings. Estimated expenses in 2024 were US\$121,805.00. Expenses included the Annual course expenses, grants, board and administrative expenses, and credit card processing fees and other banking fees. IALL realized an estimated increase in net assets of US\$11,960.00 (unaudited).

Once again, we thank our members and sponsors for their continued participation and support, which helps ensure the Association's financial stability. The dedicated Local Planning Committee in Oslo deserves our thanks and congratulations for a successful conference.

Jean M. Wenger, Treasurer
International Association of Law Libraries
October 2025



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

The Finance Committee chair conferred with the Treasurer via email as needed during the year.

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We thank the Oslo LPC for hosting a successful Annual Course in Oslo, Norway, which featured an outstanding program and strong attendance, generous sponsorship, and dedicated local venue support. In 2024, IALL provided three non-member bursaries and one local bursary to support attendance at the Oslo conference.

Membership: The Wild Apricot database automatically sends renewal invoices and reminders to members, and members routinely receive renewal confirmation and payment receipts. Renewal invoices for the 2025 IALL membership year (1 January–31 December 2025) were emailed in December 2024.

As of 1 October 2025, IALL has 173 members in the following membership categories:

- 132 Individual (North America, the EU, EEA, EFTA, Switzerland, UK, Australia & New Zealand)
- 18 Individual (Other countries)
- 9 Retired
- 2 Student
- 10 Life
- 2 Honorary

IALL members are from 30 different countries, broken down by geographic region as follows:

- Africa: 2 [Ivory Coast-1, South Africa-1]
- Asia and the Pacific: 7 [Federated States of Micronesia-1, India-1, Philippines-3, Singapore-1, South Korea-1]
- Australia: 11
- Canada: 11
- Caribbean: 6 [Barbados –2, Jamaica-1, St. Lucia-1, Trinidad & Tobago-2]
- Europe: 27 [Bosnia-1, Denmark-1, France-2, Germany-3, Ireland-1, Italy-1, The Netherlands-8, Norway-1, Spain-1, Switzerland-7, Turkey-1]
- South America: 2 [Brazil-2]
- United Kingdom: 10
- USA: 97

Kerem Kahvecioglu, Chair of the Finance Committee Chair & IALL Vice President
October 2025



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

IALL Education Committee: remit

The current remit of the IALL Education Committee is *to initiate and lead collaborative efforts among members and colleagues to address challenges in international legal research education.*

IALL Board Members on the Education Committee are:

- Yee Xin Chai (C J Koh Law Library)
- Vanessa Blackmore (New South Wales Law Courts Library)
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques (D'Angelo Law Library)
- David Wills (Squire Law Library) – Chair

Webpages

The committee has a presence on the newly launched IALL website:

<https://iall.org/board-and-comittees/committees/>

and

<https://iall.org/education-committee/>

Work of the Committee

Following the last IALL Annual Course and AGM, held in Oslo in June 2024, the committee met to discuss the revisions to the 'IALL Public International Law Research Instruction Guidelines' which had been published previously on the Education Committee's webpage and last amended in 2014. Sarah Defrates (*nee* Hammond), Legal Research Librarian (Foreign, Comparative and International Law) at the Squire Law Library in Cambridge, had agreed to assist with this work.

The newly revised guidelines were published on the [IALL Education Committee website](#) on 14 October 2024 with an accompanying [blog post](#) that explained:

The Guidelines serve to aid law librarians and others who teach public international law research. The Guidelines follow the structure of Article 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (ICJ Statute). Although this article formally only concerns the ICJ's methodology, it is widely accepted as a general delineation of the relevant PIL sources.

Some key changes from the first edition include: the removal of outdated and expired references and URL links; some changes to language and terminology; and, finally, there is a closer alignment with other existing information literacy frameworks and research competency standards.

The members of the Education Committee were extremely grateful to Sarah for her work to revise this document and to Julianne Grant, Editor of IALL's International Journal of Legal Information, for her assistance with editing the text in readiness for publication.

It had been hoped that the Education Committee would be able to initiate other projects during 2025. However, due to other pressures and commitments away from IALL it has not been possible to take forward those ideas. As the 3 year term (2022-2025) of the committee comes to an end (at the Houston AGM in October 2025) some considerations and recommendations for the next iteration of the committee are:

- To confirm a revised remit for the Education Committee, a version of which had previously been drafted (in 2023), that would align with the Association's mission statement that was revised in 2024.
- To take forward initiatives for virtual engagement with IALL members (eg. podcasts, webinars, etc) in the form of interviews and digital training sessions which would have an education focus.
- To liaise with IALL's Communications Committee about which platform (ie. YouTube?) would be most appropriate for these kinds of virtual activities.

As the out-going Chair of the Education Committee I wish to thank the other members, Vanessa Blackmore, Yee Xin Chai and Lyonette Louis-Jacques, for their support and contributions during the past 3 years.

David Wills, Chair of the Education Committee
September 2025



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

The IALL Communications Committee provides advice and counsel to the board of the association, the editor of the *International Journal of Legal Information (IJLI)*, and to the IALL webmaster while developing communications initiatives and IALL publications.

The Communications Committee members for 2024–2025 were:

- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm (University of Oslo Law Library): board member, committee chair, and blog editor
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law): board member
- Lyonette Louis-Jacques (University of Chicago Law Library): board member
- Kerem Kahvecioglu (Istanbul Bilgi University): IALL Vice President
- Julianne E. Grant (University of Illinois Chicago School of Law): *IJLI* editor

The *IJLI* editor serves as an *ex officio* member of the IALL Board. The Communications Committee usually meets during the IALL annual conference and is in regular contact throughout the year via e-mail.

The IALL's webmaster is Michael Lindsey (UC Berkeley Law).

New website

We have implemented a modern design for our website. The Web Working Group consisted of Jean Wenger and Rebecca Josefine Five Bergstrøm. Michael Lindsey conducted all of the technical implementation. The board was kept informed during the process and was consulted when needed.

There have been some structural changes made to the website, both front-end and in the board portal.

Blog

We have published seventeen new blog posts since the Oslo conference. The authors have been board members, bursary award recipients, and IALL members. We started up the “Legal World Tour” blog series—an initiative that Sonia Crenn spearheaded. We encourage members to contribute to the blog to share their knowledge with the organization.

Social media

We discontinued the IALL X account and focused on communication through Facebook and LinkedIn.

Statistics since Oslo (Oslo inclusive) are:

	Facebook	LinkedIn
Total number of followers	2780	306
New followers net	-19	21
Visits	3811 (content views)	296 (page views)
Number of posts	17 1. Sept 24 – 1. Sept 25	30 1. Sept 24 – 1. Sept 25
Most popular post	Grants information - application	Slate of candidates

International Journal of Legal Information Annual Report (2024–25)

Since the Board met in Oslo last June, Cambridge UP has published issues 52.1 (Spring 2024), 52.2 (Summer 2024), 52.3 (Winter 2024), and 53.1 (Spring 2025) in print and online. As of this writing, issue 53.2 (Summer 2025) is in production and will be available online soon. Content for issue 53.3 (Winter 2025) has already been selected, and the goal is to have the issue ready for publication by the end of October 2025. The editor solicited applications from IALL members for three assistant editor positions, but very few people applied.

IALL members now have access to the *IJLI* online, including the archive, via a password that the *IJLI* editor is able to share. The editor has tried to garner more article submissions through social media callouts and by adding the *IJLI* to the Scholastica platform. The *IJLI* added a new regular column, “Behind the Books: Global Insights from Law Librarians,” edited by Julie Wooldridge and Mike McArthur at the Goodson Law Library, Duke University (USA). The first featured librarian was Dr. Ji Young Kwak, Supreme Court Library of Korea.

The *IJLI* will be changing publishers at the end of 2025, moving to De Gruyter Brill. With this change, the *IJLI* will be available to IALL members in an online-only format. Paid subscribers will have the option of receiving print copies.

Rebecca Josefine Five Bergstrøm, Chair of the Communications Committee
September 2025



GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

The members of the Grants Committee are:

- Vanessa Blackmore (Law Courts Library, Sydney), Chair
- Sonia Crenn (International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva), Board Member
- Claudia Holland (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg), Board Member
- Trung Quach (High Court of Australia, Canberra), IALL Secretary
- Jean Wenger (Chicago-Kent College of Law), IALL Treasurer

From 2025, the former IALL Scholarships Committee was renamed the IALL Grants Committee, and members bursaries and regular bursaries were renamed grants as follows:

IALL awards two distinct types of grants to help defray most of the cost of attending IALL's annual course:

1. **Non-members grants** which are available to librarians who are not members of IALL; three such grants of up to a maximum of US\$3,000 each will be awarded.
2. **Members grants** for current individual members who have paid their dues for the current year and at least the two immediately preceding calendar years; three such grants of up to a maximum US\$3,000.

IALL grants are not open to officers or members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

The Grants Committee (with the assistance of Michael Lindsey at the University of California, Berkeley) continued to offer the online grant application forms via the IALL website for all grants. The online forms worked well again and any technical issues that arose during the application period were quickly resolved by Michael Lindsey.

As usual, grants applications were encouraged and advertised. For example, messages were published on the IALL blog, and announcements and reminders were sent to a number of regional law library lists by members of the IALL Board. 8 applications from a broad range of countries were received for non-members grants, down from 19 for Oslo in 2024, and 23 for Geneva in 2023.

After all applications were received and assessed, the Grants Committee recommended to the IALL Board that **three non-members' grants** be awarded to attend the 43rd Annual Course in October 2025 in Houston to:

- Katherine Lang, Academic Services Librarian, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Maropene Ramabina, Manager, Information and Learning Services and Faculty Librarian for Law Chief Library Officer, Northwest University, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa
- Furkan Yousaf, Librarian, Directorate of Monitoring and Evaluation, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

3 applications were received for **members-only grants** to attend the 43rd Annual Course in October 2025 in Houston. The Grants Committee recommended to the IALL Board that **members-only grants** be offered to:

- Michel Fraysse, Head of Research Support, Department of the Library, Toulouse Capitole University, Toulouse, France
- Valentina Spiga, Law Information Specialist, European University Institute, Firenze, Italy
- Amy Flick, Foreign and International Law Librarian, Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, Emory University, Atlanta, USA

The grants also included gratis registration for the conference for grant winners in categories 1 and 2. The winners of the **non-members grants** were also awarded free IALL Individual membership for one calendar year beginning 1st January 2026, which includes a complimentary subscription to the *International Journal of Legal Information* for one year beginning in January 2026. We also ask that they submit a blog post about their experience in Houston in the months following the conference.

Eligibility questions received:

1. An IALL member enquired if she should apply for a members or non-members grant, as she had been a member for less than one year. She was advised "As you have not been a member of IALL for the two immediately preceding calendar years, please apply for a non-members grant. On the application form, please tick that you are a current member of IALL, and in your application explain that you have applied for a non- members grant because you joined IALL recently in November 2024."
2. Clarification of eligibility of a Board member elect to apply for a grant. A recently elected Board member asked whether she was still eligible to apply for the grant as technically she was not yet serving as a Board member. After consultation with other Board members, she was advised that she was eligible to apply, as she will not become a Board member until the close of the Houston course.

Vanessa Blackmore, Chair of the Grants Committee
September 2025



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

Introduction

This report covers the period from June 2024 through October 2025.

Committee Composition

- Mark Engsborg, Emory University School of Law, USA (Chair)
- Jean Wenger, Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA
- Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm: University of Oslo, Norway
- Sonia Crenn: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland

IALL Annual Course Venues for 2026, 2027, and 2028

Cambridge, UK

Over the past year, the Conference Committee received informal expressions of interest to host future IALL Annual Courses from several locations around the world. In the end, the Committee received two complete conference proposals. The first was from Cambridge University in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The proposal was vetted by the Committee and returned to the local planners for some minor amendments. The revised proposal passed through the Committee and was submitted to the entire Board for discussion and a vote. I am pleased to report that the IALL Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal, and the Local Planning Committee (LPC) in Cambridge has already begun the planning process for the **2026 IALL Annual Course**. Rebecca J. Five Bergstrøm, from Norway, has been appointed Board Liaison for the Cambridge Conference.

The Hague & Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Early in 2025, IALL received a conference proposal from a team in The Netherlands. They proposed to plan and host the **2027 IALL Annual Course** in The Hague and Rotterdam. According to the usual procedure, the proposal was vetted by the Committee and returned to the local planners for some

minor amendments. The revised proposal passed through the Committee and was submitted to the entire Board for discussion and a vote, and it was unanimously approved by the Board. The LPC in The Netherlands has made great strides already in the planning process for the 2027 conference. Claudia Holland, from Germany, has been appointed Board Liaison for the Hague/Rotterdam Conference.

Wellington, New Zealand

I am very pleased to announce that the **IALL Annual Course for 2028** will be in Wellington, New Zealand. This is an exciting new venue for IALL. The Annual Course has never been hosted in New Zealand. The LPC for New Zealand submitted a proposal to the committee in October of 2024. According to IALL's standard procedure, the proposal was vetted by the Committee. It was returned to the local planners for some minor changes. The revised proposal passed through the Committee and was submitted to the entire Board for discussion and a vote, and it was unanimously approved by the Board. A full announcement of the 2028 Annual Course is forthcoming to IALL's membership after the 2025 Annual Course concludes in Houston, Texas later this month.

Conclusion

In my capacity as IALL President and Chair of the Conference Committee, I am actively pursuing proposals for IALL Annual Course venues for 2029, and beyond. There is already strong interest from colleagues in a major Canadian city. I expect the local planners there will submit a proposal to host the 2029 or 2030 conference soon. These discussions – and others – are ongoing. Those with whom I am working on future conference venues wish for their participation to remain confidential for the time being, but I anticipate being able to announce future conference venues soon.

This concludes the Conference Committee Annual Report for the period of June 2024 to October 2025. Thank you to the members of the Conference Committee for their feedback and assistance in securing the excellent venues for the next three years of IALL Annual Courses.

Mark Engsberg, Chair of the Conference Committee & President
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