

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 32nd Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information Barcelona, Spain

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 11.30am

1. **Welcome to Members: Outgoing IALL President Petal Kinder opened the meeting and noted apologies from Board members Uma Narayan and Janis Johnston who were not able to attend.**

2. **Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the AGM held in Toronto, Canada in October 2012; Petal Kinder proposed approval of the 2012 AGM minutes; Jennefer Aston seconded; the minutes were approved with no corrections.

3. **President's Report**

To receive the President's Report for 2012-13.

There was a correction to page 3 of the President's report. Petal Kinder introduced members of the outgoing board including the ex-officio members. President Kinder noted the following: the Board met before and after the Toronto conference, met at AALL and kept in touch throughout the year; Uma Naryan represented IALL and presented a paper at IFLA 2013; President Kinder attended AALL, represented IALL there and attended and spoke at the joint IALL/FCIL reception.

The change in the publisher of the *JLL* from Thomson West to Hein was announced. President Kinder noted thanks to Thomson West for its many years of sponsorship and indicated that IALL is looking forward to a successful relationship with Hein.

The redesigned IALL website includes a blog and members will be invited to submit pieces; special thanks to Michael Lindsey and Marci Hoffman for the redesign of the website and online membership and conference registrations forms.

IALL assisted with David Gee's global survey on research support services in law libraries.

President Kinder introduced:

Michael Coats who represented the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA). Mr. Coats extended greetings from the ALLA and noted that he is a first time attendee at an IALL conference; he announced the September 2014 meeting of the ALLA in Adelaide, Australia and encouraged IALL members to attend the conference; he also announced the combining of Australian state library associations with the national organization.

Steven Anderson President of AALL. Mr. Anderson thanked IALL; this is also his first IALL conference. Mr. Anderson invited IALL members to attend the upcoming AALL annual conference in San Antonio in July 2014 and reminded members to apply for the Schaeffer grant to attend AALL; info will be available on the on the FCIL website. Mr. Anderson announced three new AALL initiatives: Economic value of law libraries (report on return of investments in law libraries); digital libraries initiative; and the access to justice special commission.

4. Annual Courses

To receive a report from the Conference Committee on arrangements for the 2014 Annual Course to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

President Kinder introduced the chairperson of the Argentina conference Local Organizing Committee, Gloria Orrego Hoyos. Other members of the committee are Mariana Del Carril, Andrea Saladino and Analía Trouvé.

Ms. Orrego Hoyos reported on the plans for conference and its focus, including the legal system in Argentina; the Committee is looking forward to interacting and networking with librarians from around the world during the conference.

The Buenos Aires conference will take place in September 2014. The main venue for the annual course will be the Cancilleria, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship in Buenos Aires. The conference theme is "The Libraries and the Rule of Law." The conference will potentially cover topics such as environmental law, the rights of minorities, crimes against humanity, feminism, the preservation of information from Argentina's past. The optional day may be in Uruguay if arrangements can be made. Videos of the Buenos Aires venue and the possible Uruguay optional day were shown.

5. Secretary's Report

To receive the Secretary's Report for 2013. The Secretary presented her report that includes information about the election of the 2013-2016 Board and other work of the Secretary during 2013. The report was approved with no changes.

6. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Auditor's Report and Accounts for the Association for the year ending 12-31-21012. Treasurer Xinh Luu reported on highlights of the finances of IALL. There are no financial liabilities; finances have improved as a result of increased conference registrations, financial support from generous sponsors and decreases in operating expenses thanks to the continuing efforts of the Board to control expenditures. The Auditor's Report was approved.

To receive a report from the Treasurer for 2013: The Treasurer's 2013 report was approved with no changes.

7. Finance Committee Report

To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2013: Jennefer Aston presented the Finance Committee report. There were no questions about the report; it was approved with no changes. Ms. Aston extended special thanks to Ruth Bird for preparing the report.

8. Report of the Committee on Communications

To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee on Communications for 2013: Committee Chair Marci Hoffman thanked the members of the committee for their work and noted the successful redesign of the IALL website.

9. Report of the Scholarships Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee for 2013. There were no questions or changes to the report, which was approved with no changes.

10. Web Site Award

To receive a report from the Chair of the Web Site Award Committee for 2013. Committee Chair Ligita Gjortlere presented the winner of the 2013 website award selected by Committee members Ligita Gjortlere, Teresa Miquel, Ivo Vogel and Mirela Roznovschi. The 2013 winner is the Austrian Legal Information System. This is the first government website to receive this award. Information about the value of the website and why it was selected as was conveyed. The site includes historical and current legal materials, including laws, court decisions and links to EU law. The website also has a user-friendly search system.

- 11. Survey of major law libraries around the world** – David Gee presented a brief report about his law library survey. He thanked those who participated in the survey and thanked the IALL Board for supporting the survey. The final report of the survey will be published in the next issue of IJLI but it may be viewed in the IALS website at present.

12. Other business

Life and honorary memberships honorees were announced:

Life membership was awarded to: Larry Wenger (IALL President from 1995-2001); Marie Louise Bernal who held many IALL Board positions; and Ann Morrison who had been Secretary and Treasurer.

Honorary memberships were awarded for outstanding and distinguished service to the association to: Jules Winterton and Holger Knudsen.

President Kinder announced the election results for the 2013-2016 Board. She noted that Jules Winterton chaired the Nominations Committee that included Silke Sahl and Machteld Nijsten. Outgoing President Kinder introduced the new 2013-2016 Board and ex-officio members to the IALL membership with wishes for success to new Board members. President Kinder also thanked outgoing board members for their service and commitment.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The 2013 AGM adjourned at 12:20 p.m.