

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

Annual General Meeting Buenos Aires

Minutes

Cancillería (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship)

Wednesday, 1 October 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

1. Welcome to Members

President Jeroen Vervliet introduced the 2014 Annual General Meeting and noted that the AGM papers are available on the IALL website. He thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their hospitality in hosting the conference here. He noted special thanks to the two interpreters and the Ministry for its technical assistance. He also thanked Mark Engelsberg for creating the IALL flag and Lorena Abrodos and Salvador Del Carril who provided critical assistance and services throughout the conference.

2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the AGM held in Barcelona, Spain in September 2013

President Vervliet introduced the minutes from last year's AGM. He asked for comments about the minutes. No comments or questions and the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. President's Report

To receive the President's Report for 2014, including announcements relating to Committees.

President Vervliet introduced the Board of the IALL to the membership and each stood to be recognized. He announced regrets for Lily Echiverri who was not able to attend.

The President also spoke in honor of Pedro Padilla Rosa. He noted Pedro's withdrawal from the Board because of health reasons and Pedro's recent death. He then spoke of Pedro's many contributions to IALL as a member of the IALL Board and his work on the Puerto Rico, Barcelona and Buenos Aires IALL conferences.

Jeroen noted that we failed to make a group photo of conference attendees at the Barcelona conference and announced that the photo for this year will be taken tonight at the annual dinner.

Jeroen announced the disbandment of the Website Award Committee last year at the post-conference meeting and he thanked the members of the Website Committee and noted the contributions of Ligita Gjortlere who served as chair. He also announced the creation of the Education Committee, chaired by Bård Tuseth, and the committee's work on the new information literacy sessions.

The President's report was approved with no changes.

The President introduced American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) President Holly Riccio as well as John Eaton from the University of Manitoba who was representing the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL).

Holly Riccio spoke to the IALL membership. She expressed her pleasure at attending the conference and brought greetings from the AALL. She thanked the Board and the Local Planning Committee for the excellent services, programs and hospitality. Holly mentioned her work as a law firm librarian and noted that she may call upon those she met here for help with foreign law research. She also invited IALL members to attend the next AALL conference in Philadelphia in July 2015; the theme of the conference is the power of connections. She mentioned the “must have” list of topics created by AALL and that they are in the process of accepting program proposals. She hopes to see IALL attendees at the AALL conference in Philadelphia.

John Eaton brought sincere best wishes and congratulations from the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. This is his first IALL conference and he noted that he found it important to learn about Argentinian law and the role of librarians here in achieving justice and the rule of law. John invited IALL members to attend the CALL conference in Moncton, New Brunswick May 3-6, 2015; the theme is “Turning the Tide” – it will have an environmental law theme. He thanked the IALL again for the opportunity to attend the IALL conference in Buenos Aires.

Jeroen then noted invitations to IALL, AALL and CALL members to attend the 2015 IALL conference in Berlin.

4. Annual Courses

To receive a report from the Conference Committee on arrangements for the 2015 Annual Course to be held in Berlin, Germany.

Board member Ivo Vogel gave a presentation on the 2015 34th annual conference to be held Sept. 20-24, 2015 in Berlin. The theme will be “Within and In Between: German legal tradition in times of internationalization and beyond.” He thanked this year’s Local Planning Committee for their work in organizing an excellent conference in Buenos Aires; this conference serves as a model for organizing an excellent conference.

The Berlin State Library will be the main venue; it is part of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. The academic program will be held in the Otto Braun Hall. Ivo then gave other details about the venues for the opening session and speakers, including talks about the “transnationalization” of law, human rights, art protection and more. The optional day will be in Hamburg at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law with travel on the German high speed train. He also mentioned the conference hotels which are all only 5 minutes from the conference venue. Ivo described Berlin and its place in German law. He then showed a video about Berlin.

5. Secretary’s Report

To receive the Secretary’s Report for 2014

The Secretary’s Report was approved without comment.

6. Treasurer's Report

To approve the Auditor's Report and Accounts for the Association for the year ending 12-31-2013.

To receive a report from the Treasurer for 2014

IALL Treasurer Xinh Luu reported on fiscal year 2013 which ended on 31 December 2013. The full report is available on the IALL website. IALL had a good year, ending the fiscal year with \$360,000 in total assets, an increase of 23% from the previous year. Some of the increase came from membership dues. But most was the result of the successful Barcelona conference. Our financial position has improved thanks to the support of our generous sponsors and our loyal membership. The Treasurer's Report was approved with no comment. Jeroen thanked Xinh for her work as IALL Treasurer.

7. Finance Committee Report

To receive a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee for 2014

Jeroen asked if there were any questions about the Finance Committee report. Ruth Bird, Chair of the Finance Committee had nothing to add to the written report. The report was approved.

8. Report of the Committee on Communications

To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee on Communications for 2014

Marci Hoffman, Chair of the Committee on Communications presented the report of the committee. She noted the two crucial parts of the Committee – the *IJLI* and the IALL website. She thanked Mark Engsborg for his work on the journal, Mike Lindsey for his work on all aspects of the website and Bård Tuset for his work on the IALL blog. Marci further noted that the committee is working to add content to the website and noted that she welcomes suggestions from the membership; she added that she is available to answer questions about the website during the conference.

IALL member Claire Germain asked if the *IJLI* is still available as an open access journal. Marci answered that the journal is no longer available open access but is available in HeinOnline. Claire questioned why there is no open access. Jeroen answered that the Board decided that because of our agreement with Hein and the fact that the majority of IALL members subscribe to HeinOnline, it was redundant to have the journal online in open access. We will be reviewing the situation and the Board will be discussing this question this Friday at the post-conference Board meeting. He also noted the connection between membership and subscriptions to the journal. If the journal is freely available there is a problem with that relationship as we may lose members. Jeroen assured the membership that we will discuss this at our Board meeting.

The report of the Committee on Communications was approved.

9. Report of the Scholarships Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Scholarships Committee for 2014

The report was approved. Committee chair Barbara Garavaglia reintroduced the regular and special bursary winners and announced plans to create an online application system in the coming year.

10. Report of the Education Committee

To receive a report from the Chair of the Education Committee for 2014

Committee chair Bård Tuseth reported on the Committee's work on information literacy as it relates to the education of law students. He noted the preconference workshops in Barcelona and Buenos Aires and indicated that there was collaboration online throughout the year. The results of the committee's work will be available on the IALL website.

The Committee will be seeking other challenges in the area of teaching legal research and will also initiate new projects relating to other educational issues. Jeroen complimented the work of the committee and the report was approved.

11. Any other business

Jeroen asked for comments and any other business from the membership. Claire Germain complimented the blog and how it enriches the IALL website.

Jeroen gave some housekeeping details: we must have conference badges and IDs to enter the Supreme Court. On the bus we'll be asked to fill in our ID numbers in order to get into the building. Jeroen again thanked the Ministry, the vendors and sponsors for their contributions to a successful conference. And, he ended the meeting by thanking the membership for attending the AGM.