## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF IATJ – FEBRUARY 6, 2018

8:30 a.m. by telephone conference call

In attendance:

Chief Justice Eugene P. Rossiter, Tax Court of Canada; Judge Michael Beusch, Federal Administrative Court, Switzerland M. Philippe Martin, Conseil d'État, France; Judge Willem F.G.Wijnen, Court of Appeal of 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands;

Regrets:

Friederike Grube, Richterin am Bundesfinanzhof, Germany;

- 1. The Proposed Agenda as circulated was approved.
- 2. The minutes of the Meeting of the Executive of December 21, 2017 were approved as circulated.
- 3. The IATJ financial report and the budget for the year ending December 31, 2018 was discussed and approved as circulated.
- 4. 2018 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly Ottawa:

<u>Program:</u> The Chairman of the Program Committee, Wim Wijnen, advised that the topics had been chosen as well, as the identification of Chairpersons, and most panelistst, et cetera. They were still discussing possible guest speakers. The program agenda will be finalized shortly.

Logistics: The President reviewed the following:

- a. The location of the 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario has been finalized. A group of rooms has been set aside at a special rate. Alternate room rates are being sought for additional rate options.
- b. He advised of the location of the opening reception and the time with respect to same; location with respect to the Board meetings and timing of same; location with respect to the closing reception and timing of same and other associated logistics which are still ongoing.

- c. He advised that the all judges of the Tax Court of Canada will be in attendance adding twenty judges to the list of attendees.
- d. He reviewed sponsorships which are being sought from the Canadian Tax Foundation, Canada Bar Association and Canada Professional Accountants' Association.
- e. He advised that in designating the Assembly as part of the Tax Court annual judges meeting, additional funding may be available in order to assist with the costs of audio-visual and health breaks.
- f. The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Tax Court of Canada from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. That meeting will be followed by the Board of Directors meeting from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Following a short reception at the Rossiters, the Board will then have dinner.
- g. A spousal program is being explored, with possible visits to the various museums, art galleries and lunch.
- h. Options for an optional excursion on Sunday are also being explored.
- 5. Website: The President advised that he has met with a local website designer for the purpose of obtaining assistance in updating and refreshing the IATJ website design. A presentation of the proposed changes will be available shortly and will be sent out to the Board for review.
- 6. The President advised that there will be three newsletters this fiscal year and that he has received one paper to be included in the March 2018 letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.