

IATJ
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
September 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
Magdalene College
Cambridge, UK

Participants:

Eugene Rossiter, Philippe Martin, Michael Beusch, Friederike Grube and Wim Wijnen

1. The Minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2019 were approved as circulated.

2. Financial Report:

a) Financial Status:

The financial status as of July 31, 2019 was reviewed briefly as a more up-to-date financial status was not available.

b) Financial Statements:

They were reviewed in general but the up-to-date financial statements would not be ready until September 30, 2019 because the IATJ has not received the bank documents.

3. Miscellaneous:

(a) Chairperson of Panels:

An issue arose with respect to what do we do if a chairperson cannot attend the Assembly in the case of a specific panel or in the case of a general panel. It was decided to let the panelists know if the chair cannot attend and then someone on the panel might be invited to step up and take over the chairmanship of a panel. This will be a general policy with respect to future Assemblies.

(b) Responsibilities of a Chairperson:

It was noted that it is the obligation of the chairperson to be in contact with panelists immediately after the panel is established in order to carry out the following:

1. Establish the responsibility of the chairperson.
2. Establish a game plan with respect to the presentation of the panel.
3. Steps to be taken by the chairperson to activate the panel and consistent follow-up with reporting as to the status of the organization of the panel.

(c) Membership List:

The availability of the IATJ's membership list being on the website was discussed including the particulars with respect to their contact information. It was agreed that the membership list on the website would include the name of the judge, the court and the country only with full and complete membership list to be forwarded to all members by hard copy on January 1st and July 1st, annually.

4. Website:

The President advised that the website is fully operational with each Assembly report provided for in detail on the website including the agenda of the particular Assembly, followed by the papers and presentations by each panel in the order presented in the Agenda followed up by the general report. It was noted that we have had general reports on each Assembly since 2013.

It was agreed to advise panelists that their slides and/or paper would be on the website for public review.

It was also noted that the website is to be updated with the board members and the executive committee members annually.

5. Nomination Committee Report :

2nd Vice-President, Judge Michael Beusch provided his nomination committee report. There was a detailed discussion with respect to the

obligation of the members to recruit new members in their particular jurisdiction where they sit as a Judge and this is to be followed up by the President in communication with each Board member.

6. Association with the IBFD:

It was discussed that there might be a research paper on judicial topics of interest conducted jointly with the IBFD. This would result in a more active and participant membership. The IATJ is to establish committees amongst themselves with their particular mandate and membership for the purpose of developing such research papers.

One topic which might be considered is “case load control”. Research would be presented from a variety of countries and then consolidated into a research paper which would be published by the IATJ through the IBFD. Other topics were to be invited for presentation by the members.

7. Panelists:

It was discussed that an attempt would be made to expand the panelists from the membership as opposed to the repeating panelists year by year. This would result in more active participation by the members of the IATJ.

8. Successorship:

The successorship with respect to executive committee members as well as directors was discussed. It was emphasized that Canada should hold a position on the executive committee annually because it is the defacto operational aspect of the IATJ. There must also be continued involvement by the IATJ with the IBFD so it is important that a directorship be with The Netherlands as well. In terms of institutions, it was noted that the basic secretariat is associated with Canada, while the link to IBFD is very important and should be continued. It is very important to search out members of the IATJ who have the time to dedicate to the operations of the IATJ and are willing to take whatever steps necessary to ensure the longevity of the IATJ. Country representation will be weighed to ensure that we have broad representation on the board but it is also important to

have the board representative of those who are willing to participate in the IATJ activities.

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