

International Association of Law Libraries
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
at the 29th Annual Course on International Law Librarianship

The Hague, 6th September 2010 at 11.45 a.m.

1. The President Jules Winterton opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates. He expressed sadness at the recent death of Gloria Chao and the Association's gratitude for her contribution to its work. Gloria had been a long-term supporter of the Association, its Treasurer from 1995- 2007 and she had helped to lay the foundations of the modern Board. She was a delightful and charming colleague and her warmth and style at IALL conferences were legendary.

2. The Minutes of the AGM held in Istanbul in 2009 were approved.

3. **The President's report:**

The President presented his annual report detailing the activities of the Association and its plans. The President made particular mention of the China-US conference which had been a great success and had recently resulted in the newly formed Law Library Association in Beijing. IALL had been a sponsor of the conference.

The President thanked the meeting for his time as President and the support he had received from the membership, the Board and its Officers. The President's report was approved.

The President introduced colleagues from our sister organisations to make brief remarks: Joyce Janto, President of the American Association of Law Libraries, and Petal Kinder, President of the Australian Law Librarians' Association.

4. **Future Annual Conferences**

Kuala Lumpur – Uma Narayan has been appointed as Board Liaison for this conference and she made a presentation on the forthcoming conference. The Faculty of Law of the University of Malaya will be the host organisation and plans are well advanced for the conference in December 2011.

5. **Secretary's report:**

The Secretary, Jennefer Aston, outlined the election process that took place earlier in the year and then introduced the new Board for the term 2010-2013. The new Board was welcomed by the meeting and the outgoing Board was thanked for its service to the Association. The Secretary's report was approved.

6. **The Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer Ann Morrison presented the auditor's report and accounts, there were no questions and both were approved.

The Treasurer presented her report and the report was approved.

The Auditor, Kenneth M. Ditmars of Ditmars Perazzi & Co. LLP of Westhampton, New Jersey, USA was reappointed Auditor for 2011.

7. **Finance Committee:**

The Chair of the Committee Dick Danner presented his apologies. The only update to the report was that the Association had decided to maintain the Bank of America account rather than the PNC account. The report was approved.

8. **Report of the Committee on Communications:**

Petal Kinder, Chair of the Committee, presented the report and started by introducing Marci Hoffman as the incoming Chair of the Communications Committee. She urged members to send the details of any articles which they had published on law librarianship to her for listing in the members' Publications section of the website. The report was approved.

9. **Report of the Scholarships Committee:**

Jennefer Aston, Chair of the Committee, presented the report and introduced the three recipients of the professional development bursaries and encouraged members to make them welcome. There had been 20 applications from 11 countries. Applicants from China, Malawi, and Canada were selected:

- Ms Liu Ming, from the China University of Political Science & Law (CUPL) Beijing, China
- Mr Benje Nubson, the Malawi Law Commission, Malawi
- Ms Sharon Wang, from Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada

Placement and Internship Grants. Exceptionally the committee had awarded 2 grants this year:

Mr Kerem Kahvecioglu from Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Ms Se Hui Yoon from Seoul National University, Republic of Korea

However, the Committee had recently learned that Ms Yoon had been denied permission to travel and had been unable to take up the grant.

10. **Web Site Award:**

As usual an oral report was made. Ligita Gjortlere, Chair of the Committee, announced the winner of the 2010 award as the website of the International Committee of the Red Cross www.icrc.org. The Committee's citation stated that "The ICRC website provides scholars and practitioners with current and relevant resources on international public and humanitarian law with exhaustive scope and depth."

11. **New Business:**

The President had received a request from the FCIL SIS of AALL to our members to complete a questionnaire on internships and international exchange programmes. This was available from the registration desk.

Daniel Boyer proposed a motion from the floor congratulating Jules Winterton on his leadership of the Association during his two terms as President and proposed the thanks of the Association to the President. The motion was unanimously supported.

The President wished his successor every good fortune for her term of office and handed over office to the new President, Petal Kinder.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.32.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennefer Aston, Secretary.