

AGREED MINUTES
Board Meeting of the International Association of Legal Ethics
12th July 2014 Clerkenwell London

Attendees

Deborah Rhode (outgoing President)
Kim Economides (incoming President)
Andy Boon
Nigel Duncan
Linda Haller (Treasurer)
Bruce Green
Matthias Killian
Selene Mirze
Yasutomo Morigiwa
Lisa Webley (incoming Secretary)

Apologies

David Luban
Christine Parker
Laurel Terry
Alice Woolley

The meeting met to discuss the development of the Association over the next two years.

Deborah formally thanked the conference organisers Andy Boon and Nigel Duncan and the conference organiser for 2016 Bruce Green.

Yasutomo presented Deborah Rhode, Andy Boon and Nigel Duncan with gifts of thanks.

Linda presented the accounts to the board meeting.

New Business

Governance

- The presidency would be for 2 years, in time we would have to consider succession planning.
- We discussed our respective roles on the Board. Lisa is the Association Secretary; Linda is the Treasurer; Nigel will support the conference planning for 2016 (Alice has subsequently volunteered for this role too given her experience running the Banff conference in 2012); Yasutomo would like to work on the governance structure of the IAoLE; Selene is interested in being the content person for the website or is willing to be used where there is greatest need subject to specifics; Matthias is interested in taking on a role to reach out to the civil law jurisdictions including Central Europe and be the

contact person for the outreach committee; the other Board members are Christine Parker, David Luban, Alice Woolley. In terms of roles we need an Early Career Legal Ethics Scholar Prize co-ordinator (Christine has subsequently volunteered for this role) and a Chair of the Nominating Committee for future Board members.

New Initiatives

- We decided to set up a biennial prize for the best legal ethics paper (journal paper to be published in Legal Ethics subject to Reid's agreement) from an early career legal ethics scholar (self-identified and justified). There would need to be a reviewing committee and reviews should be blind. The award would be biennial to be presented at the conference. There would be a board member co-ordinator who would establish a sub-committee to review the work that was nominated. There may be a prize fund that could be used to fund attendance at the conference as needed by the scholar, the detail of the prize needs further discussion.

Membership and Communication/Dissemination

- There was a proposal for an occasional enewsletter, with an eye on our geographical membership, developed using material from the website where possible with additional solicited content and an opportunity for any member to contribute. But this may be done better as a regular updating of the website with RSS feeds. The decision was taken to go with the website approach for now. In terms of content: the President and the sub-committees should provide copy, the contents of the latest issue of Legal Ethics could go onto the website too, some photos and a brief report of legal ethics seminars held in other jurisdictions, links to blogs, conference report, recent relevant books, advertising for the Association's Legal Ethics New Scholar prize.
- The website will stay at Stanford and could be developed to include the names of those involved on the site in a (more) prominent position.
- We had a discussion about what kind of Association do we want to be? Do we want to be truly global? We have low participation from Africa and South America. We also have a focus on law academics but do we want to encourage judges, practitioners and regulators involved?
- The outreach committee should be developed so as to attract those from low participation countries, with at least one civil law member and if possible more than that.
- We need a link from the International Legal Ethics Forum to the IAoLE site.
- We should send an email to all conference participants as a reminder to join the Association.
- Association members need to be encouraged to keep their profile up to date or we have a click through to University websites for profile information, the latter was preferred.

Conference Considerations

- We should consider whether a plenary is, on balance, a positive or a negative.

There is less of an obvious hierarchy if there isn't a plenary, but a plenary may draw in people who would otherwise not attend, but then there isn't an opportunity for community building unless a dinner or similar event that. A plenary event may be the focus for the media, or an after dinner speech could be published in Legal Ethics post conference. We could alternatively have a kick off paper for 30 minutes, in a relatively informal space if necessary with many people standing. Or this could be done at an opening reception, and the speaker could then be taken on to the dinner at another location (so everyone gets to participate in the reception and plenary keynote and then those who wish to pay for and attend the dinner can move on to the dinner).

- Given the space/time constraints it may be necessary to limit participants to one paper, with the possibility of an additional place on a panel too.
- The outreach committee has clear views on location for conferences as regards cost, and fee waivers. Consideration should be given to the option of a stripped down version of the conference as regards cost, or differential costs for those from certain countries. In the future it may be as well to hold the conference in low participation areas in a bid to encourage new membership.
- We need to determine the criteria for selection for future conference venues: who decides and on what basis, not just the next but two conferences ahead can be planned - expressions of interest post conference in a follow-up email (with the email including dates and location of the next and future conferences, join the Association please etc), the Board to decide? Expressions of interest for future conferences have been received from Melbourne and Hong Kong.
- It may be helpful to set up an organising or advisory committee with representatives from previous conferences to help share knowledge with the conference director for the upcoming conference.
- We need to consider where the risk lies as regards financial issues relating to the conference: the host institution for the conference or the Association. There may be an expectation of a profit for host institutions, it would also be a good developmental opportunity for the IAoLE if a profit could also be made for the Association.
- Some conference participants want their details withheld and not published, so conference organisers should ensure that there is a check box on the form to alert them to this.
- We could use the tracks or themes so as to develop areas that involve judges, regulators etc, target low participation areas etc.
- Conference certificates may be needed for some conference participants either for CPD or funding purposes. These could be put in conference bags so that only attendees would collect a certificate.
- Bruce Green indicated that NIFTEP may run just before the New York ILEC VII, if it wishes to do so.

The meeting closed with thanks and best wishes for the successes of ILEC VII in New York.