

**MINUTES (as confirmed at meeting of the Board in 2018)**  
**Board Meeting of the International Association of Legal Ethics**  
New York, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Attendees**

*Officers:*

Kim Economides (outgoing President 2014-16)  
Alice Woolley (incoming President 2016-)  
Brad Wendel (incoming Treasurer 2016-)  
Lisa Webley (Secretary 2014-)  
Julian Webb (incoming Conference Lead 2016-)

*Directors:*

Tim Dare (served since 2012)  
Nigel Duncan (officer 2012-14; as director served since 2014)  
Matthias Killian (served since 2014)  
David Luban (served since 2010)  
Selene Mize (served since 2014)  
Yasutomo Morigiwa (served since 2010)  
Laurel Terry (served since 2014)

*Ex officio member of the IAoLE Steering Committee:*

Reid Mortensen (General Editor Legal Ethics)

**Apologies**

Linda Haller (outgoing Treasurer 2012-2016)  
Christine Parker (director served since 2014)  
Brent Cotter (Secretary 2010-2012; as director served since 2012)

**Purpose of the meeting:** the meeting met to check that the financial report had been prepared, to agree the officer positions in view of the vacancies for the position of President and Treasurer, to decide on the conference location for ILEC VIII in 2018 and agree the nomination of the conference Lead to the Board and to discuss the development of the Association over the next two years.

Following discussion at the General Assembly of members earlier in the day, the Board of Directors approved the following motions:

1. The office of President will be held by Alice Woolley
2. The office of Treasurer will be held by Brad Wendel
3. The conference location for 2018 ILEC VIII will be Melbourne
4. The conference lead who becomes an officer for the Board from 2016-18 will be Julian Webb

In addition, the following decisions and/or actions were noted:

5. The incoming Treasurer undertook to file the necessary paperwork in respect of the accounts and the financial filings, confirming that Linda Haller had left

the financial accounts in good order.

6. The Board undertook to develop the constitutional structures of the Association so as to give full effect to the need for geographical and other forms of diversity on the Board. The Nominations Committee will consider the process of nominations, refer to the constitution and may propose changes to the Constitution to the Board, for later consideration by the membership.
7. Following the call at the General Assembly for expressions of interest from those from low participation groups who may be willing to be involved in the Association, it was decided that the President would contact those who were interested in being involved at Board level in the Association. She will email them to confirm their interest in being involved, to find out a little about them, to find out in what ways they are interested in working in the Association and to give them details of what is involved in the work of the board. The names were:
  - Helena Whalen-Bridge Singapore
  - Muhammad Sarfaraz Ali Meillo
  - Ovcharenko Olena Ukraine
  - Akin Oluwadayisi Nigeria
  - Juan Beca
  - Omoyemen Lucia Odigie-Emanuel

Other names would be sent to the Secretary. Clark Cunningham's interest in serving on the Board was noted and will be carried forward. We need as a matter of some urgency to increase the diversity of the Board. On that basis it was considered important to pursue the expressions of interest from those low participation regions with a view to making some ex officio appointments to develop diversity with a view to the encouraging new directors in the first fully fledged membership elected Board at the 2018 General Assembly.

8. The Secretary gave notice that she would step down as Secretary in July 2017 so as to ensure that officer terms were staggered. It was noted that Francesca Bartlett was willing to stand for nomination as Secretary. It was decided that she be offered an ex officio position so that she could learn of the work of the Board during the current Secretary's final year in office.
9. The Board agreed in principle that the Legal Ethics Forum open up conversations with Alice, Laurel and Selene (Chairs of the Web Sub-Committee) to discuss how to make a link between the sites. This is part of a broader conversation with other relevant sites such as the Canadian Legal Ethics site, the UKCLE and the German documentation site on the Legal Profession which also contains relevant materials.
10. The Board had a discussion about whether the Association should have a role in making public statements on controversial and/or important issues relating to legal ethics. It was considered there was insufficient appetite at the moment for the Association to take on this role.
11. The Board discussed the inaugural Legal Ethics paper prize and the high quality of the paper that was selected for the award. The format worked well and next time it would be good to make a formal presentation at one of the receptions (it was noted that this was not possible this time around due to the

prize winner's availability). The Board discussed the need to raise money so that the prize winner's conference and travel costs can be covered as part of the prize award. It was decided that the prize should be named after Deborah Rhode in view of her tremendous work in the field and in setting up the Association and developing its profile. The President undertook to write to Deborah to gain her consent to rename the prize in her honour.

The meeting toasted Deborah Rhode's leadership in setting up the organization and her role in legal ethics more widely. The meeting closed with thanks to Kim and Linda for their work as officers of the Association and best wishes and thanks to the organisers of ILEC VIII in Melbourne.