

## Draft Minutes

### Meeting of the Board of International Association of Legal Ethics

*Held at ILEC 8: University of Melbourne, 7 December 2018 at 1.30pm (immediately after General Assembly)*

**Chair:** Yasutomo Morigiwa (President)

**Minutes:** Francesca Bartlett (Secretary)

**Attendees:**

*Officers:*

Yasutomo Morigiwa (President); Francesca Bartlett (Secretary); Brad Wendel (outgoing Treasurer and incoming Vice President); Lisa Webley (outgoing Secretary and reporting on Committee business); Julian Webb (outgoing Conference Lead 2016-18)

*Directors:*

Selene Mize (outgoing Director and reporting on Committee business); Nigel Duncan (outgoing Director); Brent Cotter (outgoing Director and reporting on Committee business); Helena Whalen-Bridge; Helen Kruse; Matthias Killan; Christine Parker.

*Ex officio member of the IAoLE Steering Committee:*

Lisa Webley (General Editor of Legal Ethics)

**Apologies:** David Luban (Director); Laurel Terry (Director); Tim Dare (Director); Scott Cummings (Conference Lead 2018-2020); Bruce Green (Treasurer); Alice Woolley (outgoing President)

1. Draft Minutes from the 2016 meeting previously circulated were approved without amendments.
2. The purpose of the Board Meeting is to:
  - Check financial report for IAoLE has been prepared and filed by outgoing Treasurer;
  - Approve the appointment of new Officers and Directors as voted upon at the General Assembly;
  - Approve the location for ILEC 9 in 2020 at UCLA;
  - Approve Scott Cummings as Director from 2018-20 as Conference Chair.

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

3. In addition to the following decision/actions were noted:
  - The President acknowledged immediate past President and strictness of judicial ethics protocols on Canadian judiciary requires her immediate departure. Alice Woolley was thanked for her contributions.
  - Discussion of processes of Board confirmation of Director appointments made at the General Assembly. The IAoLE Bylaws provide for appointments to be made at the

General Assembly. Agreed that no Board confirmation needed but that the Bylaws need some updating. President asked for Officers to review Bylaws and bring issues to him to propose amendments to the Board.

- Discussion about whether the General Assembly had competence to agree to change the Bylaws to cause a new position to be created of Vice President according to Article VII (amendment to Article IV of the Bylaws). Agreed that amendment made and Brad Wendel elected as Vice President by the General Assembly.
- President emphasised the need for the organisation to reach out for new members and to include civil law countries. Agreement that more outreach needed to be a truly international organisation.
- Previous Treasurer, Lisa Webley, prepared biennial filing and lodged by current Treasurer. Outgoing Treasurer declared that he has left the financial accounts in good order. Incoming Treasurer, Bruce Green, will file Biennial Officer Filing for 2018 and future accounts and filings.
- Discussion of Rhode Prize established in 2015. Christine Parker as Chair of Prize Committee explained lack of uptake and the decision not to run the Prize for this conference. The Prize is a written submission by an early career researcher (ECR) prior to the conference that is made to *Legal Ethics*. No submissions were received. The Committee went through papers published from previous ILECs and couldn't find a pool of ECR papers. The proposal now was to announce at the conference that if an ECR attendee would like to apply they could send it to the Association and Legal Ethics and asked to be considered, or the Committee will consider nominations. If a prize is awarded the winner can be retrospectively awarded reimbursed for conference expenses and paper published. Discussion of whether the prize could be awarded to a non-ECR as there are not many attending the conference. Discussion of alternative approaches to attract interest. The President and Prize Committee to consider other approaches to prize to attract interest at next ILEC.
- Christine Parker agreed to stay on as Prize Committee Chair.
- Discussion about recruiting Board/Officers for increased diversity of organization. Should there be a requirement of previous membership and engagement with IAOLE? Outreach Committee to consider. President committed continue efforts to make this a diverse organization.
- Officers will prepare a draft communication plan and new logo for website and provide to Board for consideration. Discussion of update and relocation of webpage. Thanks to Laurel Terry for long hosting the webpage. Selene Mize agrees to continue to assist on Committee. Legal Ethics Forum is not worth reviving and will not be used.
- President noted expressions of interest to host an ILEC from Cologne, Poland, The Hague (Netherlands) and Mexico. Lisa Webley noted that a request for information from Ireland that will be provided to the incoming Secretary. The President and Officers will follow up on these offers.
- Discussion of local conferences and interim conferences. Association could provide support through membership. Discussion of process for selecting future ILECs.
- Lisa Webley as Editor of *Legal Ethics* explained former President had begun discussions with publisher (Routledge) about a closer relationship with IAOLE. She requested Board approval for this direction before she approach the publisher about this. It was proposed that the Legal Ethics logo could appear on IAOLE website and branding for something offered from publisher. Some discussion about what this relationship might mean for the association. The journal and publisher do not get to influence decisions of the Association or have all exclusive publishing rights. Consideration of any conflicts of interest that could arise. Editor's request unanimously agreed.

- Some confusion about process for applying for and granting funding for outreach initiatives such as funding of breakfast for the Latin American delegation. Agree that this was a worthwhile initiative but should be clear about process. Also noted that a breakfast is not an ideal event for the conference as it makes for a very long day and logistical issues for the conference organizer around setting up very early if at the venue. Thanks given to Selene Mize for organizing this initiative.

Meeting closed with great thanks to Julian Webb and conference organisers and Scott Cummings for hosting next ILEC in 2020.