

ASCL Sponsor Members

Minutes -- 2016

Annual Meeting of the Society on October 29, 2016

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**of the Annual Meeting of the Sponsor Members
of the American Society of Comparative Law, Inc.
Held on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at 10:20 a.m.,
at the University of Washington School of Law,
Seattle, Washington.**

The annual meeting of the Sponsor Members of the American Society of Comparative Law, Inc., was called to order by President David Gerber at 10:20 a.m.

1. Secretary's Roll Call

A sheet for silent roll call was distributed. The following 44 Sponsor Members were present at the meeting and were represented (in person or by proxy) by the individuals listed below:

1. University of Alabama School of Law: Ron Krotoszynski
2. American University Washington College of Law: Fernanda Nicola
3. University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law: Sarah H. Jenkins
4. University of Baltimore School of Law: James Maxeiner, Mortimer Sellers
5. Boston College Law School: Richard Albert
6. University of British Columbia Allard School of Law: Joost Blom
7. University of California, Davis School of Law: Afra Afasharipour
8. University of California, Los Angeles School of Law: Maximo Langer
9. Case Western Reserve University: Tim Webster
10. Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT: David J. Gerber
11. Columbia University School of Law: George A. Bermann
12. University of Connecticut School of Law: Richard Kay
13. Duke University School of Law: Ralf Michaels
14. Florida International University: Jorge Esquirol
15. Fordham University School of Law: Martin Gelter (by proxy)
16. Georgetown University Law Center: Franz Werro
17. George Washington University: Francesca Bignami
18. Harvard Law School: Mary Ann Glendon (by proxy)
19. Indiana University at Bloomington: Hannah L. Buxbaum
20. Indiana University at Indianapolis: Shawn Boyne
21. University of Iowa College of Law: John C. Reitz
22. University of Kansas School of Law: Virginia Harper Ho
23. Lewis and Clark Law School: Ozan Varol
24. McGill University, Institute of Comparative Law: Helge Dedek
25. University of Miami School of Law: Caroline Bradley

26. University of Michigan Law School: Mathias W. Reimann
27. University of Minnesota Law School: Fred L. Morrison
28. University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law: Rana Lehr Lehnardt
29. University of Oklahoma Law Center: Peter B. Kutner
30. University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law: Franklin Gevurtz
31. University of Pennsylvania Law School: Jacques deLisle
32. University of Pittsburgh School of Law: Vivian Grosswald Curran
33. Portucalense CRL Universidade: Jose Caramelo Gomes
34. Queens University Faculty of Law: Joshua Karton
35. Saint Louis University School of Law: Yvette Liebesman
36. National University of Singapore Faculty of Law: Gary F. Bell
37. Southwestern Law School: Jonathan M. Miller
38. Texas A&M University School of Law: Nuno Garoupa
39. Università di Trento Facoltà di Giurisprudenza: Roberto Tonatti, Luisa Antonioli
40. Tulane University School of Law: Ronald J. Scalise, Sally Richardson
41. University of Washington School of Law: Dana Raigrodski, Clark Lombardi
42. Wayne State University Law School: Julia Ya Qin
43. Willamette University College of Law: David S. Clark
44. Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School: Jin Chengdong

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2015 Meeting of the Sponsor Members

The minutes from the 2015 annual meeting were approved.

3. President's Report

Having distributed a written report prior to the meeting, President David Gerber gave a brief oral summary of his report. This introduced the recommendations from the ad hoc committees on outreach (to be presented in greater detail during the Directors' meeting).

4. Election of New Sponsor Members and Associate Members

Three applications for sponsor membership were approved:

1. Australia National University

(Director and Editor: Moeen Cheema)

2. Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

(waiting to hear on Director and Editor designations)

3. Queen's University Faculty of Law

(Director and Editor: Joshua Karton)

One application for corresponding institutional membership was approved:

1. University of Brazilia Law School

Eight applications for associate membership were also approved:

1. Antonio Cappiello (Funzionario di Ricerca (Senior Researcher) at the International Studies Office of the National Council of Civil Law Notaries)

2. Lorenzo Cavaloglio (Professor, Pontifical University of Lateran)
3. Remy N. Kormos (Global Practice Specialist, Development Alternatives Inc.)
4. Nikolai Kovalev (Associate Professor of Criminology, Wilfrid Laurier University)
5. Saskia Lettmaier (Professor, University of Kiel, Judge, oberlandesgericht Schleswig)
6. Craig Martin (Professor, Washburn University School of Law)
7. Ivan Sammut (Lecturer, University of Malta Faculty of Laws)
8. Lydia Brashear Tiede (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Houston)

5. Resolution to fix the number and names of directors

It was moved, seconded and adopted to fix the number and names of directors as reflected in the current records of the Society.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and approved that the Meeting of the Sponsor Members be adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin A. Gevurtz, Secretary
American Society of Comparative Law, Inc.

ASCL Board of Directors

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The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Comparative Law, Inc. was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by President David Gerber, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Society's Sponsor Members.

1. Secretary's Roll Call

A sheet for silent roll call was distributed. The following 23 Directors were present (in person or by proxy) at the meeting, who are listed following the name of their institution:

1. American University Washington College of Law: Fernanda Nicola
2. University of Baltimore School of Law: James Maxeiner
3. University of British Columbia Allard School of Law: Joost Blom
4. University of California, Davis: Afra Afasharipour
5. Case Western Reserve University: Tim Webster
6. Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT: David J. Gerber
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14. University of Miami School of Law: Caroline Bradley
15. University of Minnesota Law School: Fred L. Morrison
16. University of Pennsylvania Law School: Jacques deLisle
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18. Portucalense CRL Universidade: Jose Caramelo Gomes
19. Queens University Faculty of Law: Joshua Karton
20. Saint Louis University School of Law: Yvette Liebesman
21. Universita di Trento Facolta di Giurisprudenza: Roberto Tonatti
22. University of Washington School of Law: Dana Raigrodski
23. Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School: Jin Chengdong

In addition, the following 21 individuals were present (in person or by proxy) and represented the Director from their institution:

1. University of Alabama School of Law: Ron Krotoszynski
2. University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law: Sarah H. Jenkins
3. Boston College Law School: Richard Albert
4. University of California, Los Angeles: Maximo Langer
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2. Approval of Minutes of the 2015 Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Minutes of the 2015 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society were approved.

3. Report of the Nominating Committee and the Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members (David Clark)

David Clark, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported on nominations for the Society's officers and executive committee members. There were no nominations from the floor. The results of the elections were as follows:

President: Vivian G. Curran (2016-2018)

Vice President: Richard S. Kay (2016-2017)

Secretary: Franklin A. Gevurtz (2016-2018)

Executive Committee: Afra Afsharipour and Francesca Bignami (2016-2018).

4. Report of the Ad Hoc Committees on Outreach (Richard Albert, Gary Bell and Maximo Langer)

Written reports from the Ad Hoc Committees on Outreach for Social Science, on Outreach for Asia, and on Outreach for Latin America, were distributed prior to the meeting. The chairs of the committees for Social Science, for Asia, and for Latin America (Richard Albert, Gary Bell and Maximo Langer) orally summarized the recommendations of their committees' reports.

5. Board of Directors Meeting Suspended – Meeting of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of Comparative Law Convened – Report of the Editors-in-Chief (Helge Dedek and Franz Werro)

The Directors meeting was suspended and the meeting of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of Comparative Law was convened at 11:00 a.m. Helge Dedek and Franz Werro, as Editors-in-Chief, reported on the Journal, including distributing a written annual report for the Journal. The Editors-in-Chief reported that submissions of good quality articles remained steady (while there was a decline in submissions of poorer pieces to the Journal); that the Journal had published very diverse pieces, including two symposia and an innovative book review mini-symposium; and that there was a noteworthy increase in the Journal's JCR impact factor (to 1.721). They also reported that Richard Albert had taken the post of Book Review Editor, while James Feinerman resigned as co-Editor-in-Chief because of additional administrative responsibilities at his law school, and they acknowledged the work of the editorial board. Administratively, it was business as usual with stable income and cost. Publication of the Journal by Oxford University Press will begin in January 2017.

6. Meeting of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of Comparative Law Adjourned--Directors' Meeting Reconvened

President Gerber reconvened the Board of Directors meeting at 11:10 a.m.

7. Report of the Treasurer (Mortimer Sellers)

The Treasurer presented his annual report on the finances of the Society---the final financial report for January 1 to December 31, 2015, having been distributed to the members prior to the meeting. The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Society are in good order. The Treasurer briefly discussed expected changes in the revenue from the Journal resulting from the new publishing arrangement with Oxford University Press, as well as changes in revenues from endowment and membership. The Treasurer suggested that the President consider forming an investment committee and a grants committee and consideration be given to the use of endowment income to fund initiatives resulting from the suggestions of the three ad hoc committees on outreach. The Treasurer stated that the proposed budget for 2017 remains the same as the budget for 2016. For the next year, the Treasurer recommended that the Society continue charges for membership and expenditures at the following levels:

1. Dues for Sponsor Members for 2017 remain at \$700;
2. \$10,000 donation to a sponsor member for the services of the Executive Assistant and for other costs;
3. Up to \$3000 be paid to support the 2017 annual dinner;
4. Up to \$2000 be paid for the expenses of travel to the 2017 annual meeting by the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement award.

5. Dues be paid to the American Council of Learned Societies in the amount of \$990;
6. Dues be paid to the International Association of Legal Science in the amount of €1000;
7. Up to \$1,000 to be paid in reimbursement for travel to the ACLS and the IALS;
8. The maximum reimbursement for each Sponsor member represented at the 2017 Annual Meeting be set at \$600;
9. Up to \$3000 be paid to recipients of prizes for scholarship authorized by the Society;
10. Up to \$3000 be paid for reimbursement of expenses for participation in the 2017 Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Workshop;
11. Up to \$7000 be paid for reimbursement of expenses for participation in and other costs of conferences to be sponsored by the Younger Comparatists' Committee;
12. Up to \$1000 be paid for website maintenance;
13. Up to \$1,000 for technology support and enhancement;
14. Up to \$1500 to be paid for accounting services.

A motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report and Recommendations was moved, seconded and adopted.

8. Report of the Annual Meeting Program Committee (Hannah Buxbaum).

Hannah Buxbaum gave a brief report on behalf of the Program Committee and thanked the members of the Committee.

9. Report of the Younger Comparativists' Committee (Ozan Varol)

Ozan Varol, chair of the Younger Comparativists' Committee, made available a written report detailing various past and upcoming events. In terms of future events, he reported that the committee's 2017 conference will be held for the first time abroad, at Koc University in Turkey; in 2018 the conference will be at Case Western University; and in 2019 at McGill University. He also described the Committee's new members pipeline initiative.

10. Report of the Prizes Committee (Fernanda Nicola)

Fernanda Nicola, chair of the Prizes Committee, reported that the committee voted to award, as co-winners, the Yntema prize to Philomila Tsoukala and Yan Lin.

11. Continuing and New Business

David Clark expressed concern about the Society's website.

12. Announcements

Tim Sellers announced the start of the ASCL book series published by Cambridge University Press and stated that he welcomed proposals for either monographs or edited volumes for the series. There were brief announcements regarding the next International Comparative Law Congress (Franklin Gevurtz), the workshop for comparative law papers (Maximo Langer), and next year's Society meeting and conference at American University School of Law in Washington D.C.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, it moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin A. Gevurtz
Secretary, American Society of Comparative Law, Inc.