

**ASCL Meeting of the Sponsor Members**

**Minutes -- 2022**

***Annual Meeting of the Society on October 26, 2022***

**MINUTES  
OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPONSOR MEMBERS  
OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW, INC.**

**Held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 5:30 pm GTM-3 (Paraguay)/3:30pm  
Central Daylight Time (US)**

**Hybrid Meeting via the Zoom platform and in person at the General Congress of  
the International Academy of Comparative Law, Asuncion, Paraguay**

The annual meeting of the Sponsor Members of the American Society of Comparative Law, Inc., was called to order by President Máximo Langer at 5:30 pm GTM-3 (Paraguay)/ 3:30pm Central Daylight Time.

**1. Secretary's Roll Call**

A silent roll call was undertaken based upon signing into the meeting on Zoom and by written signatures of individuals attending in person. The following 54 Sponsor Members were present at the meeting and were represented (in person or by proxy) by the individuals listed below:

1. University of Akron: Vera Korzun
2. Alabama University School of Law: Deepa Das Acevdo
3. University of Baltimore School of Law: James Maxeiner, Mortimer Sellers
4. Università Bocconi: Oreste Pollicino
5. University of British Columbia Allard School of Law: W. Joost Blom
6. University of California, Davis School of Law: Afra Afsharipour (by proxy)
7. University of California, Hastings: Chimene Keitner (by proxy)
8. University of California, Los Angeles School of Law: Máximo Langer
9. University of Chicago Law School: Thomas Ginsburg
10. City University of Hong Kong School of Law: Virginia Harper Ho
11. University of Connecticut School of Law: Richard S. Kay
12. Florida International University College of Law: Jorge Esquirol
13. Florida State University: David Landau
14. Fordham University School of Law: Martin Gelter (by proxy)
15. George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School: Nuno Garoupa
16. Georgetown University Law Center: James Feinerman, Yvonne Tew
17. George Washington University: Francesca Bignami
18. University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law: Charles Booth
19. Indiana University (Bloomington), School of Law: Hannah L. Buxbaum
20. University of Iowa College of Law: John C. Reitz, Cesar Rosado
21. National University of Ireland, Galway: Ioanna Tourkochoriti (by proxy)
22. Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law: Melanie Reid (by proxy)

23. Louisiana State University Law Center: Olivier Moreteau
24. Loyola Law School, New Orleans: Bernard Keith Vetter
25. McGill University, Institute of Comparative Law: Helge Dedek
26. University of Michigan School of Law: Mathias W. Reimann (by proxy)
27. University of Milan Law School: Antonia Baraggia
28. University of Minnesota Law School: Francisco Parisi
29. Mississippi College School of Law: Philip McIntosh
30. University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law: Jeffrey E. Thomas
31. University of Nevada (Las Vegas) William S. Boyd School of Law: Rachel Anderson
32. Northeastern University School of Law: Margaret Woo
33. Notre Dame Law School: Sadie Blanchard
34. University of Oklahoma Law Center: Peter B. Kutner
35. University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law: Jarrod Wong
36. University of Pennsylvania Law School: Jacques deLisle
37. Penn State University Penn State Law: Adam Muchmore
38. University of Pittsburgh School of Law: Vivian Grosswald Curran
39. Queens University Faculty of Law: Joshua Karton
40. Roger Williams University School of Law: Louise Teitz
41. Rutgers Law School: Richard Hyland
42. Saint Mary's University School of Law: Stephen Sheppard
43. Seton Hall University School of Law: Margaret Lewis
44. National University of Singapore Faculty of Law: Gary Bell
45. Southwestern Law School: Mark E. Cammack
46. Stanford University School of Law: Amalia D. Kessler (by proxy)
47. Texas A&M University School of Law: Irene Calboli
48. Trento Facoltà Università di di Giurisprudenza: Luisa Antonioli
49. Tulane University School of Law: Vernon V. Palmer, Sally Richardson
50. University of Washington School of Law: Clark Lombardi (by proxy)
51. Western New England University: Timothy Webster
52. West Virginia University Department of Public Administration: Paolo Davide Farah
53. Willamette University College of Law: James A. R. Nafziger, Symeon C. Symeonides
54. Zhejiang University School of Law: Chengdong Jin

## **2. Protocols Concerning Hybrid Meeting Procedure**

Parliamentarian, Sally Richardson, explained procedures for participation and voting via the Zoom platform and in person.

## **3. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Meeting of the Sponsor Members**

The minutes from the 2021 annual meeting were approved.

#### **4. President's Report**

President Máximo Langer gave a brief report, including information regarding the applications received for and the pending appointment of the inaugural AJCL Editorial Fellow. The President also reported on plans for the Society in the upcoming year.

#### **5. Election of New Sponsor Members and Individual Members**

The following application for sponsor membership was approved:

Washburn University (Editor & Director: Professor Craig Martin)

Ten individual memberships registered online since the 2021 annual meeting were also acknowledged.

Nicole Stolowy (Professor, HEC Paris)

Paul Barresi (Professor, Southern New Hampshire University)

Jonathan Brosseau-Rioux (PhD Candidate, Université Paris)

Francisca Pou Giménez (Associate Professor, ITAM)

Melissa Crouch (Professor, University of New South Wales)

Christine Mandell

Sagi Peari (Professor, University of Western Australia)

Henry Sopher

Moham Fade

Livia Ventura (Fellow, University of Cambridge)

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and approved that the Meeting of the Sponsor Members be adjourned at 6:45 pm GTM-3 (Paraguay)/ 4:45 pm Central Daylight Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Harper Ho

Secretary, American Society of Comparative Law, Inc.

**ASCL Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW, INC.**

**Held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6:48 pm GTM-3 (Paraguay)/ 4:48 p.m. Central Daylight Time, Hybrid Meeting via the Zoom platform and in person at the General Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Asuncion, Paraguay**

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Comparative Law, Inc. was called to order at 6:48 pm GTM-3 (Paraguay)/ 4:48 p.m. CDT by President Máximo Langer , immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Society's Sponsor Members.

**1. Secretary's Roll Call**

A silent roll call was undertaken based upon signing into the meeting on Zoom and by written signatures of individuals attending in person. The following 37 Directors were present (in person or by proxy) at the meeting, and are listed following the name of their institution:

1. University of Akron: Vera Korzun
2. University of Baltimore School of Law: James Maxeiner
3. Università Bocconi: Oreste Pollicino
4. University of British Columbia Allard School of Law: W. Joost Blom
5. University of California, Davis School of Law: Afra Afsharipour (by proxy)
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8. University of Connecticut School of Law: Richard S. Kay
9. Florida International University College of Law: Jorge Esquirol
10. Fordham University School of Law: Martin Gelter (by proxy)
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20. University of Nevada (Las Vegas) William S. Boyd School of Law: Rachel Anderson
21. Northeastern University School of Law: Margaret Woo
22. Notre Dame Law School: Sadie Blanchard, Christian Buset

23. University of Pennsylvania Law School: Jacques deLisle
24. University of Pittsburgh School of Law: Vivian Grosswald Curran
25. Queens University Faculty of Law: Joshua Karton
26. Roger Williams University School of Law: Louise Teitz
27. Rutgers Law School: Richard Hyland
28. Seton Hall University School of Law: Margaret Lewis
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30. Southwestern Law School: Mark E. Cammack
31. Stanford University School of Law: Amalia D. Kessler (by proxy)
32. Tulane University School of Law: Vernon V. Palmer
33. University of Washington School of Law: Clark Lombardi (by proxy)
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35. West Virginia University Department of Public Administration: Paolo Davide Farah
36. Willamette University College of Law: James A. R. Nafziger
37. Zhejiang University School of Law: Chengdong Jin

In addition, the following 19 individuals were present (in person or by proxy) and represented the Director from their institution:

1. Alabama University School of Law: Deepa Das Acevdo
2. Università Bocconi: Oreste Pollicino
3. University of California, Hastings: Chimene Keitner (by proxy)
4. University of California, Los Angeles School of Law: Máximo Langer
5. Florida State University: David Landau
6. Georgetown University Law Center: James Feinerman
7. University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law: Charles Booth
8. Indiana University (Bloomington), School of Law: Hannah L. Buxbaum
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18. Texas A&M University School of Law: Irene Calboli
19. Trento Facoltà Università di di Giurisprudenza: Luisa Antonioli

## **2. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The Minutes of the 2021 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**

Timothy Webster, on behalf 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: Maximo Langer (2022-2024)

Secretary: Virginia Harper Ho (2022-2024)

Honorar President: Mathias Reimann (2022-2024)

Executive Committee: Fernanda Nicola (2022-2024); and Gary Bell (2022-2024)

The President also announced that Gary Bell has been appointed the next Secretary-General of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL).

### **4. Report of the Treasurer (Ronald Scalise)**

The President presented the annual report of the Treasurer Ron Scalise on the finances of the Society on his behalf, as previously approved by the Finance Committee of the Society and circulated to the Board of Directors

The Treasurer's report indicates that the Society's financial condition is strong. There is an overall surplus even though asset values of the Society's investments declined due to market conditions. A small deficit is anticipated for 2023 based on conservative assumptions.

A suggestion was made from the floor that a balance sheet also be presented together with the budget of the Society in future years and that actual and projected investment income also be included in the budget presented going forward. Former Treasurer Mortimer Sellers noted that a certain percentage of the investment income of the Society is currently being applied to reduce operating expenses.

On behalf of the Treasurer, the President presented the final budget for 2021 and for 2022 as of October 1, 2022, as well as the proposed budget for 2023, both as previously approved by the Finance Committee of the Society and circulated to the Board of Directors

The following Treasurer's recommendations were presented by prior circulation to the Board of Directors:

1. The proposed 2023 ASCL budget be approved and that;
2. Dues for Sponsor Members for 2023 remain at \$700. In the event of a virtual annual meeting in 2023, dues to be reduced to \$350.

3. \$10,000 be paid for the services of the Executive Assistant and for other costs;
4. \$5,000 to be paid for the services of an Editorial Assistant;
5. \$3,000 to be paid to defer costs of the 2023 annual banquet;
6. Up to \$3000 to support the Asian Law Conference;
7. Dues be paid to the American Council of Learned Societies in the amount of \$1000;
8. Dues be paid to the International Association of Legal Science in the amount of €1000;
9. Dues to be paid to the IACL/AIDC in the amount of €250;
10. Up to \$1,000 to be paid in reimbursement for travel to the ACLS and the IALS by ASCL officers;
11. The maximum reimbursement for each Sponsor member represented at the 2023 Annual Meeting be set at \$600;
12. Up to \$3,000 be paid to recipients of prizes for scholarship authorized by the Society;
13. Up to \$2000 be paid in travel reimbursement to the recipient of the Society's Lifetime Achievement award;
14. Up to \$3000 be paid for expenses associated with the 2023 Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Workshop;
15. Up to \$7000 be paid for reimbursement of expenses for participants in and other costs of conferences and events to be sponsored by the Younger Comparatists' Committee;
16. Up to \$2000 be paid for website maintenance;
17. Up to \$2000 for technology support and enhancement; and
18. Up to \$2000 be paid for accounting services.
19. Up to \$1000 to be paid for miscellaneous office and transaction fees.

The Treasurer's recommendations were adopted.

## **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. Helge Dedek, Co-Editor-in-Chief, reported on the Journal, having distributed an extensive written annual report for the Journal in advance of the meeting. He noted the publication of the supplemental issue featuring the U.S. national reports to the Twentieth General Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL) Congress. The supplemental issue has been a tradition of the IACL quadrennial since it was hosted in Vienna. The Co-Editor-in-Chief also noted the publication in 2021 of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Survey on the choice of law in the U.S. courts under the leadership of Symeon Symeonides. The annual survey will be continued by Bill Dodge. He then presented the highlights of the financial results and scholarly impact of the Journal during the last year, noting the strong diversity and high quality of the scholarship, and the scholarly impact of the U.S. reports to the IACL Congress from past quadrennial supplements. The impact factor of the Journal has risen since 2020. OUP's profit and loss account, which has been reviewed by the Joint Audit Committee of the Society (chaired by the Treasurer) was presented. While subscription management and advertising has been satisfactory, the Society should continue to explore alternatives to the OUP contract in view of the continued production challenges that have not subsided as the pandemic has eased.

The President expressed thanks to Symeon Symeonides for his long service in preparing the annual survey on choice of law for the past three decades. He also thanked Frank Gevurtz for his work in coordinating the U.S. reports for the IACL supplement.

The President noted that the OUP publication agreement was renewed in 2021 for a further three-year term but that there is a need to reassess the relationship with OUP and consider alternatives. He therefore announced the formation of a publication task force to make recommendations regarding long-term publishing arrangements for the Journal. The President also thanked the Co-Editors for their continued service to the Journal, as their terms will conclude in 2023.

Discussion was invited from the floor.

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

There being no further discussion, the meeting of the Board of Editors was adjourned and the President reconvened the Board of Directors meeting.



## **7. Report on the ASCL Studies on Comparative Law book series published by Cambridge University Press (Mortimer Sellers)**

Mortimer Sellers reported on the books recently published and in press in the ASCL Studies on Comparative Law book series published by Cambridge University Press and invited proposals for more books in the series. He noted the publication of Helge Dedek's edited volume, *A Cosmopolitan Jurisprudence: Essays in Memory of H. Patrick Glenn* (2021). He suggested that annual meeting themes may be developed into a publishable volume in the future.

## **8. Report of the Prizes Committee**

President Langer presented the report of the Prizes Committee on behalf of its Chair Margaret Woo. The Prizes Committee that the Prize Committee reached unanimous decisions on the following three Prizes.

### **1. Yntema Prize.**

The 2022 Hessel Yntema Prize was awarded to Saskia Lettmaier, for the article, "A Tale of Two Countries: Divorce in England and Prussia 1670-1794."

### **2. The ASCL Lifetime Achievement Award.**

The 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to Vivian Curran, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburg School of Law, and James Gordley, W.R. Irby Chair in Law at Tulane Law School. The Prizes Committee applauds Professor Curran, in particular, for her extensive comparative law scholarship and her contributions as a leader of the ASCL in past years. The Prizes Committee applauds Professor Gordley for his remarkable breadth of scholarship; the Committee noted that he has worked at the intersection of comparative law, legal history and legal theory, covering legal systems from East to West, and in 2022 published a book with Cambridge University Press on *The Eclipse of Classical Thought in China and the West*.

Vivian Curran accepted her award in person. The other Prize recipients accepted their awards virtually.

## **9. Report of the Annual Meeting Program Committee (Francesca Bignami).**

Francesca Bignami, Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee presented the committee's report. The Program Committee received a proposal from Texas A&M University to host the annual meeting of the Society in 2024. The Program Committee approved and circulated to the Sponsor Members in advance of the meeting. The proposed theme of the 2024 meeting will be "Innovation and Sustainability: Comparative Law for a Better World".

Irene Caboli represented Texas A&M and its Dean. President Langer expressed his thanks to the Program Committee and invited questions regarding the proposal.

A motion to vote on the proposal was made by the President and the Proposal was passed.

The 2023 annual meeting will be held at Florida International University, with a program focused on “Comparative Comparative Law.”

#### **10. Report of the Younger Comparatists Committee (Antonia Baraggia and/or Vera Korzun)**

Vera Korzun, Co-Chair of the Younger Comparatists Committee (YCC), gave a report on the YCC. The current co-chairs are Vera Korzun (2020-2022) and Sara Ross (2021-2023). The 2022 YCC Annual Conference was held in hybrid format at Northeastern University School of Law on Oct. 7-8, 2022. Strong submissions were received and the conference was well-attended. The Co-Chair also expressed thanks for the support of the Society. The YCC Conference will be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Society in 2023 and 2024.

The YCC also put forward three calls for the annual prizes– the Colin B. Picker Graduate Prize, the Phanor J. Eder Prize in Comparative Law, and the Richard M. Buxbaum Prize for Teaching in Comparative Law. The following prizes were awarded by the Prizes Committee for scholarship by younger comparativists:

##### **1. The Colin B. Picker Prize.**

The Colin B. Picker Prize was awarded to Sam Bookman, S.J.D. Candidate & Byse Fellow, Harvard Law School, for the article, “Three Constitutional Responses to Environmental Crises (Or, What We Talk About When We Talk About ‘Environmental Constitutionalism’)”

Honorable Mentions were awarded to:

- Jonathan Brosseau-Rioux, Ph.D. Candidate, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and McGill University, for the article “A Jurisdictional Framework for Resolving ‘Ethical’ Issues Related to Party Representation: Distinguishing the Procedural from the Deontological;” and to
- Sandra M.T. Magalang, J.S.D. Candidate, Yale Law School, and Ana Beatriz Robalinho, J.S.D. Candidate, Yale Law School, for the article “A Roadmap to Democratic Backsliding: Lessons from the Global South”

##### **2. Phanor J. Eder Prize:**

The Phanor J. Eder Prize was awarded to Ian R. Maddox, J.D. Candidate '23, University of North Carolina School of Law, for the article “South Africa’s Dormant Emergency Clause and the Value of an Emergency Constitution”

No submissions were received for the Richard M. Buxbaum Prize for teaching excellence. The YCC encourages all members of the Society to encourage submissions on behalf of younger colleagues.

The YCC continues to sponsor a regular book talk series featuring recently published books by younger comparative scholars for which contributions are invited.

### **11. Continuing and New Business**

No new business was raised.

The President announced that the Society's Works-in-Progress Workshop will be held at the University of Pennsylvania on January 19-21, 2023, and that an Asian Law Workshop organized by the Asian Law Committee under the leadership of Gary Bell will be held in person at the University of Pennsylvania in Spring 2023 on dates to be confirmed.

The President expressed further thanks to the members of the Executive Committee and other Society committees for their leadership.

### **12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm GTM-3 (Paraguay)/ 6:03 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Harper Ho  
Secretary, American Society of Comparative Law, Inc.