INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING

IOJT By-law Voting Meeting Notes

May 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM (EDT)

Attendees: President, Adèle Kent; General Secretary, Danielle May-Cuconato; Corporate Secretary, Geeta Gera and IOJT Members (USA)

Adèle Kent led the meeting to initiate the approval and voting process for the new By-law of the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) Canadian entity.

The meeting's main objective was to consider and commence the voting process for the approval of the new IOJT (Canada) By-law, with the meeting being recorded and minutes to be distributed to all members after vetting by NJI staff.

Una Doyle formally moved the approval of the By-law, Antonio Da Roza seconded the motion, establishing the official proposal to be voted on by the members, subject to any amendments raised during the meeting.

Geeta Gera demonstrated the electronic voting process, showing members how to access the voting link sent via email, review the By-law, and submit their vote, with the poll remaining open for 24 hours to accommodate different time zones.

It was explained that only one vote per institute is permitted, advising members to confirm their authority to vote and ensure no duplicate votes are cast, with the NJI able to verify votes based on institute identification.

Adèle Kent addressed questions raised by members during previous information sessions, including concerns from the China National Judges College about the inclusion of organizational purposes and borrowing powers, and from Nepal regarding director dismissal without cause, outlining how these issues will be handled in future meetings.

In response to concerns from the China National Judges College about the power to borrow, Adèle Kent stated that IOJT Canada currently has minimal funds and no intention to borrow and committed to proposing an amendment to remove the borrowing power at the upcoming Bordeaux meeting.

Addressing a question from Nepal, Adèle Kent clarified that the ability to dismiss directors without cause is standard in Canadian law and will be discussed further at the Bordeaux meeting to ensure fairness and alignment with principles of natural justice.

It was also explained that the purposes of IOJT Canada are included in the articles of incorporation, not the By-law, and that these articles were circulated to members, with wording adjusted to meet Canadian charitable status requirements.

Adèle Kent noted that additional minor amendments, such as terms for directorship to facilitate the transition from the United States to Canada, will be presented for a vote at the Bordeaux meeting, not at the current session.

Members were then asked to introduce themselves and speak a little about their institutes.

Updates on the upcoming Bordeaux conference were provided, including agenda finalization, presenter confirmations, and the imminent announcement of scholarship availability for member institutes, with logistical details to follow in June.

The agenda for the Bordeaux conference is nearly complete, with final questions being addressed to presenters and efforts underway to ensure a balanced and engaging program. The information regarding scholarships for conference attendance will be sent to member institutes, including those with pending membership or waivers, enabling applications for financial assistance.

Adèle Kent confirmed that meeting minutes, once reviewed and finalized, along with the results of the bylaw vote, will be distributed to all members after the voting period concludes.

Follow-up tasks

1. Prepare and present a proposed amendment to the By-law to remove the power to borrow at the meeting in Bordeaux. (Adèle)
2. Bring the issue of dismissing directors without cause to the attention of members at the Bordeaux meeting for review. (Adèle)
3. Propose an amendment regarding terms for directorship to address the transition from the United States to Canada at the Bordeaux meeting. (Adèle)
4. Send out the announcement regarding the availability of scholarships for the Bordeaux conference to member institutes. - DONE