

FINAL MINUTES

IAOLE Board Meeting, 2022

Held at ILEC 9, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 7.30pm (PST)

Attendees

Yasutomo Morigiwa (outgoing President); Matthias Kilian (incoming President); Francesca Bartlett (outgoing Secretary and incoming Vice President (via livestream)); Bradley Wendel (outgoing Vice President); Iris van Domselaar (Conference Chair 2022-2024); Helen Kruuse (Director); Scott Cummings (incoming Treasurer and Director); Tim Dare (Director); David Luban (Director); Sergio Anzola Rodriguez (Director); Kyoko Ishida (Director); Helena Whalen-Bridge (Director (via livestream)); Christine Parker (Director (via livestream)).

Apologies

Swethaa Ballakrishnen (new Director), Bruce Green (outgoing Treasurer), Renee Knaake Jefferson (new Director), Vivien Holmes (incoming Secretary).

1. Confirmation of past Minutes

Confirmed. Noted error in spelling of incoming President's name, to be corrected and updated.

2. Outgoing President's report

The outgoing President noted his commitment to spreading the study of legal ethics, and conversations, across common law and civil law jurisdictions. Pleased to include more academics from Europe as part of the Association and hopes this internationalization trend will include Islamic countries. As 1 in 4 people across the world is expected to be Muslim at the end of the century, it is crucial that we understand each other's legal systems and cultures. Another function of the Association is to link theory and practice. In medicine, translational research is common – from laboratory to medical practice. In law, there is often a divide between theory and practice. The outgoing President sees legal ethics as an important link. Theory must be connected to practice to achieve greater justice.

The outgoing President noted two mandates during his terms as: greater outreach (geographically, better gender representation and generational diversity) and amendments to the Association bylaws to remove inadequacies, as well gendered language.

The outgoing President thanked Scott Cummings for perseverance to successfully hold an in-person conference, ILEC 9, at the end of the global pandemic.

3. Noting previous agreement of Board by flying minute (since last meeting)

- Approval of conference, ILEC 10 in 2024, to be held in Amsterdam in association with The University of Amsterdam.
- Approval of Iris van Domselaar as ex officio Director from 2022-24 as Conference Chair.
- Amendment to the Association bylaws so that Webmaster is ex-officio member of the Board.
- Endorsement of interim conference Law Clinic/Legal Ethics conference hosted by Stellenbosch University, South Africa (virtual), 29-30 November 2021.

4. Treasurer's report

Outgoing Vice President, Bradley Wendel, provided report for Treasurer, Bruce Green.

Board approved financial report as prepared and filed by outgoing Treasurer for 2022.

Stanford University Law School's Centre on the Legal Profession has agreed to prepare financial statements and other Association periodic filing requirements as the Association was established by the Centre and is incorporated in California, USA. The outgoing President thanked Jason Solomon for support.

5. Approval of incoming Officers

The Chair of Nominating Committee, David Luban, called for a show of hands to approve the appointment of new Officers. Noted nominees for Directors and Officers and that anyone can nominate themselves.

Officers:

President:

Matthias Kilian

Vice President:

Francesca Bartlett

Treasurer:

Scott Cummings

Secretary:

Vivien Holmes

Conference Chair (2022-24)

Iris van Domselaar

Approved unanimously.

Noted nominated new Directors:

- Swethaa Ballakrishnen; Kyoko Ishida; Renee Knake Jefferson; Sergio Iván Anzola Rodríguez.

Noted nominated continuing Directors:

- Scott Cummings; Tim Dare; Helen Kruuse; David Luban; Christine Parker; Helena Whalen-Bridge.

Continuing and incoming Directors to be voted upon at the General Assembly held during ILEC.

Chair of Nominating Committee explained two considerations for nomination of Directors as seeking regeneration and diversity, and institutional continuity.

Discussed composition of the General Assembly. Incoming President proposed that attendees of ILEC conferences be encouraged to sign up to be a member of the Association through the website. Members will have voting rights at the General Assembly.

6. ILEC 11 in 2026

Outgoing President noted that an expression of interest was considered by Directors from Warsaw, Poland, but this is no longer viable. Discussion of another host in Europe, Africa, Asia or South America. Singapore or Mexico might be a viable option. Discussion of distribution lists for members and interested academics. Outgoing Secretary has an old email list from those registering through the website and list of ILEC attendees from ILEC 7 and 8. Updated list to be created and agreed people encouraged to register (or re-register) as members.

7. Amendment of Association Bylaws

David Luban proposed amendment of bylaws according to Article VII by vote of majority of the Board to replace binary with non-binary language. No semantic or substantive change made by this amendment. Amendment to be noted to the members at the General Assembly.

Proposed amendments pursuant to Article IV, section 3, appointment of 'Other Officers'. Establishment of the Vice President and the Vice-President shall automatically become President if the sitting President vacates that office before the President's term has expired and shall serve until a new president is appointed by the Board.

Both motions (set out in annexure) approved unanimously.

Outgoing President thanked David Luban for excellent work chairing the Nomination Committee and for proposal of amendment.

8. Rhode essay prize and panel

Chair of the Rhode Essay Prize Committee, Christine Parker, (via livestream) spoke to Parker's report recommending a change to policy to attract quality submissions for the prize and to preserve the purpose of encouraging and assisting early career researchers to publish in *Legal Ethics* and to honour Deborah Rhode's legacy. No applications received in 2018. The proposed changes have been agreed through correspondence between the Board but it is appropriate that the policy change and proposed funding approach be ratified by the Board. A key change is to accept published and unpublished works and establishment of an early career panel at ILEC 2022 at which three early career researchers would present papers and receive comments from senior legal ethics scholars.

Noted that there was a good number of applications of high quality for this round (12 paper applications). Matthias Kilian and Helena Whalen-Bridge joined Christine Parker on the prize subcommittee. Scott Cummings and Tim Dare joined Christine Parker to form the subcommittee to decide on the three early career panel members.

Sought ratification of the approach and that the Rhode essay prize winner and the three participants in the early career panel would all have their expenses to attend ILEC defrayed by the Association.

Both motions approved unanimously.

Committee Chair thanked commentators, Scott Cummings, Tim Dare, and Renee Knake Jefferson, and Directors commended the panel as a success for the discussion and as generational outreach.

Discussion of whether submissions should be in English.

Board thanked and asked Christine Parker to continue as Chair, and Parker agreed. Chair will formalize process for next ILEC and agreed that Association will support cost.

9. Uses of Rhode endowment and fundraising

Outgoing President explained Rhode endowment and sought to ensure sustainability of funding for the Rhodes Essay prize. Outgoing President offered donation to Association of USD 10,000.

Recommended that further philanthropy be sought. Discussion of fee for membership.

Discussion of spending of Rhode endowment. Agreed that Directors will pay for their own expenses at any social dinner held related to Association business.

10. Legal Ethics

Current Editor, Lisa Webley. Board to seek information about incoming Editor from Taylor and Francis. Noted that the journal website appears to be out of date. Suggest *Legal Ethics* be listed on SCOPUS. David Luban and Helen Kruuse will undertake preliminary work on accreditation of the journal.

11. Website update

Heartfelt thanks to Laurel Terry for long service in hosting and updating Association website. Incoming Treasurer will purchase and send Laurel a memento of thanks. Fordham Law School to takeover hosting of Association website and Swethaa Ballakrishnen has agreed to be Webmaster. Agreed to new logo for the webpage.

12. Incoming President to address Board

Incoming President gave great thanks to the outgoing President and other Officers for their carriage of the Association business during a very difficult pandemic period. President discussed their background as a scholar and commitment to civil and empirical studies and legal ethics. Commitment to continue outreach work and, given difficult global times, it is more important than ever to reconnect and build connections across borders.

13. Other business

Iris van Domselaar (Conference Chair 2022-2024) explained possible themes for next ILEC including social benefits fraud, legal ethics in the media, money laundering, AI and algorithmic societies. Flyers for Amsterdam shown to Board. European network to report back to Iris van Domselaar.

Proposed ANZLEC for mid-next year (2023) probably hosted in Queensland, Australia. Proposed regional legal ethics conference ILEST (International Legal Ethics Symposium in Tokyo) in Japan next March.

- MEETING CONCLUDED.