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APRIL 11, 2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following people were present: Kelly Askin, Jeffery Atik, Katarina Grenfell, Cynthia Lichtenstein, Lucy Martinez, Paul Moreman, John Murphy, James Nafziger, Ved Nanda, John Noyes, Houston Putnam Lowry, Alfred Rubin, Leila Sadat, Michael Scharf, Charles Siegal, Rachel Smith, Karen Spergel, David P. Stewart, and Susan Tiefenbrun.

1. Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2006 meeting was deferred because they were unavailable.
2. Carlos Pelayo and Eileen A. Ahearn were thanked for their past service.
3. President Charles Siegal reported:
 - a. The ABILA's programs are vibrant and growing.
 - b. Membership is growing.
 - c. Branch committees are generally not performing well.
4. James Lynch's treasurer's report was skipped due to his absence. About 25% of the dues payments are electronic through the web site.
5. David P. Stewart reported on the efforts between the ASIL and ABILA to collaborate. A panel on "Transparency in the field of International Investment Arbitration" will hopefully be presented at the 2008 International Law Weekend as part of this joint effort.
6. The September 26-27, 2008 regional meeting at Case Western Law School on the "International Criminal Court and the International Crime of Aggression" was discussed.
7. The budget was presented and approved in the treasurer's absence. A copy is attached to the minutes and incorporated by reference.
8. John Noyes did a presentation on the upcoming International Law Weekend October 16-18, 2008 at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. John Bellinger (Legal Advisor of the State Department) was invited as the keynote speaker, but he has not yet formally accepted. The weekend will likely end on Saturday, October 18, 2007 at 3:30 pm in accordance with past tradition (and to avoid staff overtime).

9. Jim Nafziger reported on the March 6-7, 2008 International Law Weekend West to be held at Willamette University College of Law in Salem Oregon. They are presently looking for proposals.
10. Phil Moreman reported for the co-directors of studies that they are encouraging committees to:
 - a. Present legislative testimony.
 - b. Submit amicus briefs.
 - c. Sponsor and arrange substantive programs.
 - d. Post material on the new forum/blog on the ABILA web site.
 - e. ILSA will provide student research assistants to committees.
11. Jeff Atik reported the proceedings should be delivered this summer.
12. Noyes reported on membership retention and recruitment.
13. Cynthia Lichtenstein reported on the upcoming ILA Rio conference. A link appears on the ABILA web site for the Rio conference web site. **Please be advised you need to get a visa at a Brazilian consulate not more than 90 days before the conference begins or you could be refused entry into the country.**
14. Charles Siegal reported on upcoming conferences, all of which are on the web site.
15. Houston Putnam Lowry reported on the web site:
 - a. The web site is up and running. It is updated frequently, but any errors need to be reported to him so they can be fixed immediately.
 - b. Committees can be provided with listservers upon request.
 - c. ConstantContact.com is being used to send emails to all members because of the size of the membership (slightly more than 500, including students).
16. Karen A. Spergel raised concerns about transparency and independence at ICSID. The matter was referred to the directors of study for further discussion.
17. Rachel Smith reported on programs being sponsored in Washington DC, primarily at the Georgetown University School of Law.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Houston Putnam Lowry
Honorary Secretary
Thursday, April 24, 2008

American Branch ILA Budget 2008

	2007	2008	
	Actual	Budget	
Dues	21,075	26,000	Dues Increased
Contributions	21,005	20,000	
Fees-ILW	5,861	6,000	
Dividends and Capital Gain Distributions	20,856	8,000	Capital Gains will decrease
Total Revenue	<u>68,797</u>	<u>60,000</u>	
ILW	(25,223)	(30,000)	Assume small increase
Headquarters Dues	(17,013)	(20,000)	Assume unfavorable exch. rate
Printing	(4,393)	(5,000)	
Accounting	(2,300)	(2,400)	
Other	(795)	(2,600)	
Total Expenses	<u>(49,724)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	
Net Income	19,073	0	