

IATJ
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
January 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
By Teleconference

Participants:

Chief Justice Eugene Rossiter, Judge Michael Beusch and Judge Wim Wijnen

Absent:

Judge Philippe Martin unable to attend due to telephone difficulties
Dr. Friederike Grube unable to attend due to telephone difficulties

1. The proposed agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 19, 2020 will be approved at the next Executive Committee meeting and will be circulated accordingly prior thereto.

3. Financial Status:

The financial information was unable to be distributed prior to this Executive Committee meeting but the President noted as follows:

- a) The financial status as of December 31, 2020 basically remains unchanged. There may be some additional deposits for membership fees but there have been no further expenditures and an updated financial statement will be provided shortly up to December 31, 2020.
- b) The budget/actual of 2020 will be completed shortly and also circulated.
- c) The budget for 2021 a draft will be updated and circulated.
- d) The President noted that it has been difficult collecting the membership fees for 2020 but a drive will be put on in the next month or so to see if they can be brought up to date and follow-up with the memberships for 2021.

- e) Monthly IATJ trust account – TD Bank. The President noted that the fees charged by the TD Bank were approximately \$95 to \$100 per month. This was mainly due to equipment rental required to receive payments on membership and deposits for Assembly fees. These fees were negotiated from approximately \$100 per month to about \$55 per month, a saving of about \$550 per year.
4. IATJ Best Procedures:
- The IATJ Best Procedures had been circulated to the Executive Committee. There will be further discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.
5. Website:
- The President advised that when the Assembly information was put on the website previously it was scanned in some circumstances in an erroneous order. He advised that he had reviewed the IATJ Assembly website information and has prepared a hard copy of all IATJ Assembly information from all Assemblies which will be placed on the website shortly in proper sequenced order.
6. Second Webinar:
- The Program Chair, Judge Wim Wijnen advised that everything seems to be going well with respect to the second webinar. The Chairperson for the webinar Justice Robert Hogan is very active; he has engaged with several conference calls and numerous emails with the participants so that everyone is up to speed and the preparation seems to be well on its way. Unfortunately, India will not be able to participate in the webinar.
7. Third Webinar:
- The topic for the 3rd webinar is still an issue and will be followed up by Judge Wim Wijnen, Program Chair. The date and time will be fixed shortly. The President confirmed that the Tax Court of Canada's IT is available to have the webinar start early in the

morning hours, if necessary, to ensure that there is good connection with the Pacific Rim Judiciary.

8. 11th Assembly:

The Executive Committee was advised that President Péter Darák was no longer President of the Curia of Hungary but had passed on the information with respect to the proposed 11th Assembly in Budapest, Hungary to the new Curia President. Whether the new President will be involved with the 11th Assembly is yet to be determined. The President advised that he had forwarded correspondence to the new President of the Curia of Hungary inviting him to be an active member in the IATJ, as well as inviting them to support the 11th Assembly. He has no reply to date but will follow-up with respect to same. In the meantime, Judge Wim Wijnen is to contact his sources in the Curia of Hungary to determine a) if the new President will be actively involved in the 11th Assembly and support same; b) whether the Curia President will not be actively involved in the 11th Assembly but still support the participation of his Court in the 11th Assembly; or c) whether or not the 11th Assembly will be able to be conducted in Hungary without the support of the Curia of Hungary.

This was going to be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting which will be held in early February.

There was also a discussion with respect to fixing a date which a final decision will be made as to whether or not the 11th Assembly will proceed as planned or look at alternatives. It was suggested that the latest date would be June 1, 2021, but this again will be an item to discuss at the next Executive Committee meeting.

9. IFA Letter and Response:

Correspondence has been forwarded to IFA in response to IFA's invitation for more involvement by the IATJ with IFA. The response had been given to IFA but there has been no response from the President of IFA to date and this will be followed up by the President of the IATJ.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.