

IATJ  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
October 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.  
By Teleconference

Participants:

Chief Justice Eugene Rossiter, Judge Philippe Martin, Judge Michael Beusch, Dr. Friederike Grube and Judge Wim Wijnen

1. The proposed agenda as attached as approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 15, 2020 were approved as circulated.

3. Financial Status:

Chief Justice Rossiter advised that the budget for the year ending December 31, 2020 as circulated February 1, 2020 remains relatively unchanged and will be updated as planning continues and the expenses are more firm for the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Budapest in September of 2021.

The financial status of the IATJ as of September 30, 2020 was reviewed and approved as circulated.

4. 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly Update:

Chief Justice Rossiter advised that he intended to contact the host for the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Budapest, Hungary sometime in January of 2021 for the purpose of having the particulars with respect to the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly firmed up. There was a discussion with respect to the planning for the Assembly, in particular, the agenda for the Assembly, the topics and the panel makeup which will be a follow-up for the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly as planned for September of 2020. It was expected that all planning for the Assembly would go ahead with further discussion as the date of the Assembly approaches and the finalization of all aspects with respect to same.

5. Webinars:

Justice Wim Wijnen reviewed the first webinar and discussed the options available with respect to further webinars. He initially suggested there might be up to four webinars this year before the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly but now it looks like there might be only a total of three webinars by the 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly because of scheduling. Judge Wim Wijnen advised that the exact topic for the second webinar has yet to be determined and the Permanent Program Committee is still looking and trying to finalize the topic. The second webinar will be held on Friday, January 29, 2021 at a time to be fixed. It is important to note that the success of the webinar is highly dependent upon the moderator and the interaction of the moderator with the panelists given the fact that the webinar is only 90 minutes in length.

It was agreed that we mine the list of attendees of the first webinar to determine who attended the webinar that was not a member of the IATJ. It was agreed that we would keep all webinars for the immediate future open to all interested in attending. The webinar itself, although recorded, would be only available on the IATJ website to its members by a code entry provided to the members.

6. Website:

Chief Justice Rossiter advised that the completion of the website is still ongoing. He advised that the General Report from the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly will be placed on the website sometime in January 2021. He suggested that they monitor, if possible, the number of hits on the website monthly and report it to the directors. He also suggested that they might have a countdown put on the website with respect to the webinars so that when someone opens the website they can see that we have a webinar and when it is and have a countdown for it. He further advised that he will review the website in detail to make sure it is proper in all aspects.

7. Successorship:

Chief Justice Rossiter introduced the topic of successorship with respect to members of the Executive Committee and Directors and the fact that we must start planning for appropriate successorship in

a variety of positions in the Executive Committee, as well as Directors over the next few years to ensure the longevity and ongoing operations of the IATJ. This matter will be discussed at a further time.

8. IATJ Membership:

Chief Justice Rossiter reviewed the fact that the statutes with respect to who is entitled to be a member of the IATJ. It was resolved that the Executive Committee would look at each applicant, vis-a-vie their Tribunal or Court they are a member of, their responsibilities and determine the approach with respect to accepting or rejecting any particular applicant for membership.

9. Guidance for conference speakers:

Chief Justice Rossiter has raised a possible adoption of guidance for speakers which he had come across from the Canadian Tax Foundation and is going to circulate this to the Executive Committee for discussion.

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