

IATJ
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 31, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
By MS Teams

Participants:

Chief Justice Eugene Rossiter
Judge Philippe Martin
Judge Michael Beusch
Judge Wim Wijnen
Judge Peter Panuthos
Justice Henry Visser

1. The agenda was approved as circulated without additions.

2. Financials:

The President reviewed the financials as presented, in particular, the Budget for the year ending December 31, 2023 as of September 30, 2023, as well as the Financial Status as of September 20, 2023. The President provided explanations with respect to various items therein and noted that it was projected to have a positive cash flow for the year of approximately \$5,181.56 US. He noted that there were payments due with respect to the honorarium for the reporter as well as travel expenses for the 13th Assembly, plus the honorarium for past services to the IATJ totalling approximately \$9,616.41. He reported that he attempted to transfer this to the reporter but for some reason the wire transfer was not effective and he is going to follow up with respect to same and report.

With respect to the financial status it was noted that this was as of September 29, 2023. There was to be a reimbursement from Judge Wijnen with respect to a cash advance which had been given in order to cover certain expenses for the 13th Assembly. The reimbursement is to be €72.14. This will be deposited in the Euro account with the Bank of Nova Scotia. It was noted that the President had already deposited €10.00 into the normal operating account for the IATJ being the balance of the cash not used directly by Judge Wijnen.

3. Matters Arising from the 13th Assembly:

a) Directors:

The Executive confirmed the report which had been presented to the 13th Assembly and the report accurately reflected what was approved by the 13th Assembly which follows the Nomination Committee Report which is attached.

b) 14th Assembly Location:

The submission of Philippe Martin of October 30, 2023 was approved. Effectively, it is recommended that the 14th Assembly be held in Paris at the Conseil d'Etat on September 13 and 14, 2024. The President is to forward to Justice Martin a checklist with respect to the matters to be looked into on a logistical basis for the 14th Assembly. Justice Martin reviewed in particular matters which he had discussed with the principles with the Conseil d'Etat. An organizing committee is in place and will be working towards confirming various aspects of the logistics subject to the location and date choices of the Directors.

c) Future Assemblies:

Judge Wijnen reported he had a contact at the University in Portugal who had been appointed to the Supreme Court in Portugal effective January 1, 2024. It was noted that this would open the opportunity for having the 15th Assembly in Lisbon, Portugal in the fall of 2025. It was noted there is a IATJ member from Portugal but is not a member of the Supreme Court. This is to be further discussed at further Executive Committee and Director's meetings. It was noted that IFA in Portugal was October 5 to 9, 2025.

d) 16th Assembly

It was noted by Judge Michael Beusch that he had communications with a court in Germany and they are open to hosting the 16th Assembly of the IATJ in Munich, Germany in 2026. This is very good news as it opens the door for building our relationship with the German colleagues.

e) The President noted that IFA was scheduled for Stockholm 2027 so Stockholm would be a possibility for the 17th Assembly.

4. Successorship and Transition

There was a detailed and comprehensive discussion with respect to the transition and successorship of the Executive Committee. It had been emphasized that it was not in the best interest of the IATJ for all of the present Executive Committee members to move off the Executive Committee at the same time. The President noted that a successorship plan should include the ability for the Executive Committee to have ex-officio members for a such period of time as the Executive Committee may feel appropriate.

The matter was resolved on the understanding that:

- a) the Executive Committee could and would invite as ex-officio members potential successors for respective positions on the Executive Committee before they would become actual members of the Executive Committee;
- b) the present Executive Committee members who will be moving on in either 2024 or 2025, if they so desire, could continue to be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee for a term as being required by the Executive Committee from time to time;
- c) the potential successors for the Executive Committee would be invited to participate on an ex-officio basis on a go forward basis – this would include Judge Robert Koopman from The Netherlands and Judge Pierre Collin from France.

5. Executive Committee Attendees for Meetings:

It was noted that successorship planning of the Executive Committee suggested that the Committee be free to invite ex-officio members from time to time for such duration as required. It was agreed that Judge Wim Wijnen, Judge Philippe Martin as well as the President would be invited to attend future Executive Committee meetings as required.

6. Chamber of Commerce Registration Amsterdam
Judge Wim Wijnen advised that it was important to update the information required for the Chamber of Commerce registration in Amsterdam and he is going to follow up with this documentation.
7. Alumni Association / Treatment
There was a detailed discussion with respect to an alumni association or how alumni would be treated in the assemblies. It was noted that the numbers of the alumni association who would attend for the assembly and the social events was very small. It was decided to build some parameters and rules around alumni of the association such as they must be a member of the association and cannot be actively practicing law or accounting after their retirement and participate in the assemblies.
8. Permanent Program Committee
There was a discussion with respect to the membership of the Permanent Program Committee and how it would evolve. It was resolved that this issue would be left up to the determination between Judge Wim Wijnen and Philippe Martin as they were the Executive Committee members, along with Judge Peter Panuthos, gave direction with respect to the Permanent Program Committee.

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