

## **Latino Law Library Caucus Business Meeting Minutes**

Business Meeting held at AALL 2006 Annual Meeting and Conference (St. Louis)  
Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 5:15-6:15pm

### **Present**

Marisol Floren-Romero, Mike Forrest, Elena Gonzalez, Ismael Gullon, Dennis Kim-Prieto, Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Mike Martinez, Jr., Teresa Miguel, Raquel Ortiz, Maria M. Otero, Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Michelle Rigual, Cesar Zapata.

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Introductions**

### **III. Old Business**

A. Approval of minutes from the 2005 meeting.

B. Chair's Report

1. Website is active at URL: <http://www.aallnet.org/caucus/lllc>. Designed and posted by Roy Balleste then responsibility was transferred to Raquel Ortiz.
2. Discussion forum is active, requested that postings be in English.
3. As a caucus, we are provided space in the exhibit hall activities area.

C. Vice Chair's Report

1. Seeking to add a *baile* to the roster of AALL's social events. Will perhaps seek sponsorship to offset costs.
2. Program proposals for 2007 meeting. Suggestions of influence of Spanish and French law on the laws of various U.S. states. Perhaps seek to partner with FCIL SIS.

D. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

1. Membership directory available on website. Numerous members joined since the previous meeting.
2. Caucus cannot require membership dues.
3. Caucus archive initiated with the materials from the inaugural meeting and will be continued.

#### E. Bylaws Committee Report

1. Committee Members were Victoria Santana, Dennis Kim-Prieto, and Raquel Ortiz. Victoria drafted original language.
2. Bylaws approved with the following amendments:
  - Change “Executive Committee” to “Executive Board”
  - Add a paragraph describing the Chair-Elect’s term.
  - Change the Vice Chair/Chair Elect’s term from two to three years to reflect the year spent as Past Chair
  - Add position of Advisory Representative who will have a term of one year
  - Add language regarding how vacancies in Advisory Representative position would be filled, use the same language from the Secretary/Treasurer’s position (“the Chair shall appoint a replacement with the Approval of the Executive Board”).
  - Remove “Caribbean” from purposes/*propositos*.

#### IV. New Business

A. Vicente Garces reported on the Diversity Symposium and the upcoming publication of *Celebrating Diversity* (part of the AALL Publication Series) which profiles AALL minority leaders.

#### B. Election of New Officers:

1. After nominations we voted by paper ballot. Votes were counted by Michelle Rigual.
2. The incoming Vice Chair/Chair-Elect is Cesar Zapata
3. The incoming Advisory Board Representative is Teresa Miguel.

#### C. Committees

1. A nominations committee was formed consisting of Ismael Gullon, Pedro Padilla-Rosa, and Vicenc Feliu. They are charged with seeking nominees for the next elections.
2. A communications and publicity committee was formed consisting of Marisol Floren-Romero, Mike Forrest, and Raquel Ortiz. They are charged with care of the website and preparing flyers to be distributed at the exhibit hall activity table, CONELL marketplace, etc.
3. A membership and mentoring committee was formed consisting of Elena Gonzalez, Dennis Kim-Prieto, Mike Martinez, and Cesar Zapata. They are charged with finding ways to increase membership.

#### IV. Greetings from the Incoming Chair

Dennis thanked all members and especially Raquel for her work as the first Caucus Chair. He asked all membership to feel free to send him their thoughts on the Caucus direction and activities.

## **V. Photos and Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Rigual, Secretary/Treasurer.