Proposed Agenda  
Steering Group Conference Call  
October 30, 2007  
12:15 p.m. Eastern Time

1) Follow up: Are we interested in having some type of meeting or discussion with German family lawyers/judges to discuss Hague cases in and between the two countries? (In NY in April 2008? In Brussels in fall 2008? Conference Call?)

   We might be able to incorporate this meeting into a program proposal. We could have a panel presentation with a German judge or attorney. We could propose a meeting as part of a conference. We could propose an in-person meeting with more than just U.S. and German participants. Stephen agrees that anything with the Germans to improve dialogue would be great. Get a German social worker to participate. Melissa said she would open a dialogue with Christoph and the German judge who have participated in the bilateral meetings with the State Department. We could hold the meeting at the Brussels section meeting, if possible.

2) Follow up: Susan from NCMEC has expressed an interest in needing help on two projects:
   i) Increasing volunteerism on the ICAAN pro bono attorney network
   ii) Drafting amicus briefs with NCMEC on abduction issues (for example, grave risk of harm)

   Maggie volunteered
   Melissa volunteered to send out an email to the listserv asking for additional volunteers

3) Update on CLE & Teleconference Proposals: Maggie, Marion, Brad

   April NYC 2008 CLE: Jeremy put forth a CLE proposal
   Brussels: international prenuptial agreements (James from London is helping)

   Deadline: January 2008

   The London meeting was very successful in networking, getting people to join our committee, and our CLE was very informative.

   If a meeting with Germans to discuss child abduction issues does not occur, we could consider a future program with German panelists.
4) Update on YIR Article: if we need more than 15 – 20 pages double spaced, we need to request these by November 23, 2007; the article is due on December 3, 2007
   For all practical purposes, the YIR article is finished.
   Bob is planning on using the Maintenance Convention portion for an article for the newsletter.

5) Spread the Word: State Department December 7, 2007 meeting on 1996 Convention
   Bob asked that everyone try to attend. The 1996 Convention is not an easy read, so please review it prior to the December 7, 2007 meeting.
   Bob will email Melissa articles that can be posted to our committee website to read prior to the meeting to prepare us for discussion.

6) Further Discussion: How to publicize our committee to foreign attorneys so they know to use us as a resource

   Word of mouth; contact foreign attorneys; contact the International Bar Association to distribute our newsletter

7) Call for Articles: Do not wait to send Jeremy your e-newsletter articles! He has already begun to gather articles for our next e-newsletter

8) Website: Please review our committee website at www.abanet.org/intlaw, specifically reviewing the Committee Library; Melissa needs assistance in gathering the remaining links and adding anything else to the website

9) Newsletter Circulation: The committee chairs have worked with Larry, Chair of the Family Law Section’s International Law Committee so that the Family Law section committee will circulate our newsletter to its membership

   If we address topics that are interesting to other committees, other sections, etc., we could gain more membership. For instance, if we write an article, not only about family law, but how family law applies to trusts and estates or corporate law, etc.

10) Next Conference Call Date & Time: Discuss suggestion that we set each conference call for a predetermined date every month (for example, every third Tuesday of the month at noon, eastern time
   Third Tuesday every month at 12 noon eastern time.
   Specifically:
   November 20, 2007 at 12 noon Eastern Time
   December 18, 2007 at 12 noon Eastern Time
   January 15, 2008 at 12 noon Eastern Time
   And so forth
Melissa will ask if Conference Calls can be recorded and available in some format to people who miss the call.