ABA SIL International Human Rights Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

I. Welcome and Roll Call
   a. Lisa De Gray
   b. Dan Appelman
   c. David Taylor
   d. Ed Felter
   e. Fatima Hassan Ali
   f. Beth Jacob
   g. Reeva Oza Tirmal
   h. Jean Elias Xavier
   i. Alan Gutterman
   j. If you were on the call and not included in this list, please email Lisa

II. Upcoming Events
   a. Spring Meeting – April 17-21, 2018 in NYC
      i. We are sponsoring/co-sponsoring several events. We hope that you can join us for all or part of the conference
      ii. Joint SIN-IHRC breakfast – David Taylor mentioned that we have not sent an invitation to the Committee Breakfast. Lisa will reach out to David after the meeting to confirm the breakfast date and develop an agenda (the SIL now wants committees to submit an agenda for these breakfast meetings). An invitation will be sent to the committee shortly.
         1. *Update: The joint IHRC-SIN breakfast has been confirmed for Thursday, April 19 @ 7:30 AM. Please email the co-chairs if you are interested in attending
   b. March 23, 2018 – DePaul Law Review Symposium 2018: The Intersection of International Criminal Law and Gender: Progress of the Past and Goals for the Future – registration link was sent to the listserv

III. Communications and Publications
   a. Call for submissions for The Clarion – contact Luke if you’re interested in submitting an article

IV. Call for volunteers: human rights lecturers for Darfuri refugee students
   a. We are soliciting volunteers for a program being organized by one of our committee members. Please let the co-chairs know if you are interested in delivering a lecture on a topic in international law for Sudanese refugees studying in Uganda.

V. Discussion: draft statement on CIA/State appointments
   a. We discussed the possibility of drafting a statement opposing the nomination of Gina Haspel to be director of the CIA. The general consensus of those on the call was that such a statement would be similar to the ABA’s past statements opposing certain nominees to the federal bench. However, we are not sure whether there is
any precedent for issuing a statement in response to political appointments. IHRC Co-Chair Dan Appelman will look into ABA policies and procedures.
b. If you are interested in being part of this working group, contact Dan.

VI. Other Matters
a. The Equal Justice Initiative is hosting an event April 26-27 to celebrate the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL. Tickets cost $25. More information about the event and a link to purchase tickets can be found here: https://eji.org/news/nationally-acclaimed-speakers-and-performers-celebrate-eji-museum-and-memorial-opening
b. Beth Jacob offered to organize a civil rights tour and meeting in Montgomery if any members are interested

VII. Next Meeting—Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at noon ET

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