



# IAG International Assembly

## TORONTO

6<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## Minutes

**Present: see list attached**

### **1) Chairman's welcome and Committee update**

The Chairman welcomed all delegates, and outlined recent activities by the Committee. He introduced a video presentation by Brett Finkelstein, Linked In/ digital marketing consultant, and a progress report from John Ridgway on Asia Pacific recruitment.

### **2) Minutes of Salzburg Assembly, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

The minutes from Salzburg were reviewed, and approved without amendment

### **3) Host Firm Presentation**

The meeting welcomed a presentation on host firm Pallett Valo LLP, made by Anne Kennedy, followed by a presentation on 'Doing Business in Canada', made by Pam Greene.

### **4) Accounts 2013**

Treasurer Paolo Alinovi presented and commented on the audited Financial Statements 2013, inviting questions. Stephanie Bschorr asked about Assembly subsidies, and the Committee's policy of subsidising delegate fees for all Assemblies to a significant level, often adding further subsidies for associate delegates, was outlined.

### **5) Membership matters**

The Assembly heard impressive presentations on their respective firms, attending for the first time as observers, from Thomas Maack of Maack & Company, Accountants, Hamburg, and from Janet Francis of Smeets Law (Cayman).

All representatives of potential members were asked to leave the meeting briefly and the Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments relating to Maack & Company, Smeets Law, ALMT Legal (attending for the second time as prospective members) or the two candidates for ratification, Aaron & Partners and Serafim Sotiriadis & Associates. No questions or comments were made.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands on the ratification of first of Aaron & Partners and then of Serafim Sotiriadis & Associates. Both votes were unanimously in favour, with no abstentions or votes against, and the two firms were ratified accordingly.

The representatives of potential member firms were invited to rejoin the meeting, the two new member firms being welcomed and congratulated by the Assembly

## **6) Committee and Auditor elections**

A secret ballot was held for the election of Committee officers and candidates. Nayra Prado Marrero was elected as Chairman, Daden Hunt as Vice-Chairman, Iben Lindhardt as Secretary, and John Ridgway and Mitch Marinello as Committee members.

Andreas Hahn was re-elected as auditor for financial year 2014

## **7) International Seminar Club**

Stuart Haynes made a presentation of his proposal on this, aimed to facilitate cooperation of this kind between IAG members, which was warmly received.

## **8) Future meetings**

Nayra Prado Marrero and Satoria Ortega Felix presented their attractive plans for the October Assembly in Gran Canaria.  
Christopher Whitamore outlined the intention to hold the first meeting of 2015 in Hong Kong, and invited views on several date options, from which no clear preference emerged.

## **9) Any other business**

The Chairman invited delegates to raise any items of other business. None were raised

## **10) 'Speed Dating'**

Delegates held a series of brief one-to-one meetings

## **11) Specialist Groups**

The meeting then broke into specialist groups. Sub meetings were held by the IBTG, Litigation, Real Estate/ Commercial Property, and Tax groups.

### **Present:**

#### **AUSTRALIA**

Rockwell Olivier  
Lawyers, Sydney

#### **AUSTRIA**

SCWP Schindhelm  
Lawyers, Linz

#### **BELGIUM**

ERYV Sprl  
Tax Advisers & Accountants  
Brussels

### **Delegates**

John Ridgway

Franz Mittendorfer

Eric Laurent

## **CANADA**

### **Host Firm**

Pallett Valo LLP  
*Lawyers, Mississauga, Ontario*

Anne Kennedy  
Ray Mikkola  
Pamela Greene  
Murray Gottheil

## **CZECH REPUBLIC**

Saxinger Chalupsky & Partner vos  
*Lawyers, Pilsen & Prague*

Monika Wetzlerová-Deisler

## **DENMARK**

Ellebye Lawyers  
*Lawyers, Odense C*

Iben Lindhardt  
**IAG Committee Member**  
Henrik Bornebusch

## **ENGLAND**

Birketts LLP  
*Lawyers, Ipswich*

Daden Hunt  
**IAG Secretary**  
James Austin

Kingston Sorel International (KSI)  
*Accountancy Network, Worldwide*

Jon Sutcliffe

## **FRANCE**

Colbert Advocats  
*Lawyers, Lyon*

Albane Lafanechère

## **GERMANY**

de faria & partner  
*Lawyers & Notaries, Wiesbaden*

Thomas Róskens

Dr. Appelhagen und Partner  
*Lawyers, Braunschweig*

Steffen Helbing

HTG Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH  
*Accountants & Tax Advisers,  
Berlin-Mitte*

Stephanie Bschorr

## **ITALY**

Studio Alinovi Guiotto Ferrari  
& Mattioli  
*Tax Advisers & Accountants, Parma*

Paolo Alinovi  
**IAG Treasurer**

## **JAMACIA**

Henlin Gibson Henlin  
*Lawyers, Kingston*

Georgia Gibson Henlin  
Taniesha Rowe

## **MEXICO**

Cuesta, Llaca y Esquivel  
*Lawyers, Mexico City*

Bernardo Llaca

## **NETHERLANDS**

Ten Holter Noordam Advocaten  
*Lawyers, Rotterdam & Dordrecht*

Jan de Rooij

## **SPAIN**

Fernando Scornik Gerstein  
*Lawyers, Madrid, Barcelona &  
Las Palmas*

Nayra Prado Marrero  
**IAG Vice-Chairman**  
Saturia Ortega Felix

## **USA**

Allegaert Berger & Vogel LLP  
*Lawyers, New York*

Mark Bauman

Burns & Levinson LLP  
*Lawyers & Tax Advisers, Boston*

Gil Breiman

Devereaux, Kuhner & Chin LLP  
*Accountants, San Francisco*

Mark Devereaux  
Karisa Chin  
Cynthia Bonavia

Foulston Siefkin  
*Lawyers, Wichita*  
Genovese, Joblove, Battista  
*Lawyers, Miami*

Harvey Sorensen  
Chris Hurst  
Michael Joblove

Jewell & Partners  
*Lawyers, San Francisco*

Phyllis Jewell

Keller Rohrback LLP  
*Lawyers, Seattle*

Gary Gotto

Novack & Macey LLP  
*Lawyers, Chicago*

Mitchell Marinello  
Tim Miller

Shepherd Finkelman Miller & Shah  
*Lawyers, Media, Pennsylvania, USA*

James Miller  
Valerie Chang  
Ron Kravitz  
**IAG Chairman**

Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg  
*Lawyers, Cleveland*

Lawrence Crowther  
Jason Worgull

## **OBSERVERS**

Maack & Company  
*Tax Consultants, Hamburg*

Thomas Maack

Smeets Law (Cayman)  
*Lawyers, Grand Cayman*

Janet Francis

## **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

ALMT Legal  
*Lawyers, Mumbai*

Sameer Tapia

## **CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION**

Serafim Sotiriadis & Associates  
*Lawyers, Athens*

Elena Venizelou  
Anastasios Antonakos

Aaron & Partners LLP  
*Lawyers, Manchester*

Stuart Scott-Goldstone  
Stuart Haynes

## **IAG Administration Office**

Christopher Whitamore  
Carey Jones

