

International Law Association – Irish branch

AGM

Dublin, 12 November 2015

In Attendance: James Kingston, Patricia Conlan, David Fennelly, Aoife Budd, Diane Balding, Filip Kwilinski, Heather Watters, Carol Staunton, Louise Reilly, Brídín O'Donoghue, Eoin Murphy, Jamie Brislane.

Regrets: Anna-Marie Brennan, Ger Coffey, Maria Duffy, James Gallen, Sarah Field, Ray Murphy, Bill Schabas, Siobhán Wills, Judy Walsh.

1. Introducing the meeting, Dr Conlan provided an overview of the history of the Irish branch of the ILA. The Irish branch was “dissolved” by decision of the Executive Council in August 2008 during the Biennial Conference due to “lack of response/ activity”. However, at its meeting in November 2008, the Executive Council reinstated the Irish branch and it recommenced its activities in 2009 under the presidency of Prof Schabas, with Edwina Dunn as treasurer and Dr Conlan as secretary. In 2012, Prof Murphy took over from Ms Dunn as treasurer.

2. Dr Conlan noted that Mr Kingston had been proposed by Prof Murphy and herself as the new president of the Irish branch of the ILA. The meeting elected Mr. Kingston as president of the Irish branch. Prof Murphy (in absentia) and Dr Conlan expressed their willingness to continue in their current positions as treasurer and secretary, respectively and this was agreed by the meeting.

3. Addressing the meeting, Mr Kingston thanked everyone for supporting him in the election and praised Prof Murphy, Ms Dunn and in particular Dr Conlan in for their roles in reviving and keeping the branch alive. Dr Conlan noted that Prof Schabas hopes to be in Ireland for a period from 22 January and would like to participate in some event around that time.

4. Dr Conlan outlined the subscription rates. These are: €450 for the corporate rate, £150 of which goes to HQ; €50 full /£30 to HQ and €40 discounted /£30 to HQ. There are no fees for students, unwaged or retired members. Dr Conlan presented the financial statement for 2015, outlining the provisional opening balance, income, expenditure, bank charges and provisional closing balance. Dr Conlan also illustrated the transfers that had been made to headquarters dating back to 2008 and reported on other expenditure since 2008.

5. The Secretary's Report from 2015 illustrated the current membership of the Irish branch which totals 28. These are distributed amongst four of the five membership categories; corporate (1 membership with 8 persons), full membership (13 members), discounted which includes academics/ under 35s (7 members), unwaged/retired (1 member) and fulltime student (0 members). Dr Conlan provided an overview of membership of the ILA Irish branch between 2008 and 2014. In 2014, the Irish branch had 18 members, 1 corporate membership (8 members), full membership (13 members), discounted (4 members), student (6 members) and unwaged (2 members). During previous years the membership was as follows: 2013 (23), 2012 (15), 2011 (23), 2010 (23) and in 2008/09 there were 30 members. Dr Conlan explained the process for becoming a new member and

reported that ten Irish ILA branch members are Committee members on nine international Committees. Two are members of two Committees and two are alternates on two Committees.

6. Finally, Dr Conlan informed the committee that the next Biennial Conference will take place on 8 – 11 August 2016 in Johannesburg.

7. After the conclusion of the meeting, Louise Reilly gave a thought-provoking seminar on “Modern Challenges in Sports Governance”.