



## IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

### MINUTES February 22, 2023 Via [Zoom](#)

- I. Vice Chair Abril Valdes Siewert called the meeting to order at 12:06pm
- II. Recording Secretary Kimberly Buddin called roll of Council members
  - Council members present:
    - Abril Valdes Siewert
    - Kimberly Buddin
    - Farah Hobballah
    - Christopher Dutot
    - Ruby Robinson
    - Marva de Armas
    - Sarah Yore- VanOosterhout
    - Krista Hurst
    - Mani Khavajian
    - Rebecca Olszewski
    - Robert Mirque
  - Council members not present
    - Brad Maze
    - Arturo Alfaro
    - Alexander Gibson Vernon
    - Jonathan Contreras
    - Ellie Mosko
    - Rebeca Ontiveros-Chavez
    - Caterina Amaro-Luedtke
  - 11/18 Council members present. Quorum reached
  - 18 section members in total present via zoom
- III. Motion to approve [Minutes](#) from January 25, 2023 meeting by Farah Hobballah and second by Ruby Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Agenda approved unanimously.
- V. Membership open comment
  - Welcome Jen Tello, private practice.
- VI. Reports
  - **Chair Report** (Abril Valdes Siewert acting as Chair for Brad Maze in his absence)

- New Sub - Committees
  - SBM Journal/Publications
    - 13 articles in process so far
    - Trying to determine criteria for which articles will be picked for SBM journal. Those not picked will be in newsletter.
    - Survey for those interested in publications editing and collaboration between sections
  - Collaboration Between Sections
  - Talking Series
    - 30 minutes in meeting to talk about areas of interest/experiences
  - Scholarship
  - Annual Meeting/Social Event (Robert Mirque)
- **Treasurer**
  - Budget Overview and Updates (Kimberly Buddin read report-out from Atruro Alfaro in his absence)
    - In January 2023, 15 members paid section dues, current total is 365 section members
    - Current account balance is \$32,555.35, after section contributions to Lighthouse and MIRC, and 2022 annual meeting expenses.
    - We have not received any expense proposals for events to benefit our section members, but there is now a [sample proposal application](#), currently saved on our drive for distribution to our membership.
    - We have a current expense proposal for a \$27/month subscription for MailChimp to contact over 500 members and send up to 15,000 emails per month. Projected annual cost is \$324, but necessary as we anticipate our section membership will continue to grow.
- **Section Representatives**
  - Solo/Small Practice Section - none.
  - Family Law Section (Farah Hobballah)
    - Done with brainstorming and basic ideas for article regarding educating family law practitioners and judges on how to treat undocumented or underdocumented individuals in
  - Criminal Law Section - none
  - Employment Law Section - none
- **Congressional Liaison** (Sarah Yore-VanOosterhout)
  - Working on collecting contact information due to new districts and new liaisons
  - Two goals
    - Panel for ILS about utilizing their services, forums, communication
    - Resource for ILS for contact information and privacy release forms for departments/agencies

VII. Next Meeting: March 29, 2023

VIII. Motion to adjourn meeting by Mani Khavajian and seconded by Farah Hobballah Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:26pm.