



**International Criminal Court Bar Association**

**Association du Barreau près la Cour pénale internationale**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **Review of meeting**

**30 JUNE 2017**

**ICC Permanent Premises**

**Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK Den Haag**

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Outgoing President, David Hooper QC, welcomed members to the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the ICCBA, and thanked them for their work during the 2016-2017 ICCBA term.

Chair of the Victims Committee, Luc Walley, gave his committee report.

Chief of the ICC Registry's Counsel Support Section (CSS), Dr. Esteban Peralta-Losilla, addressed the Assembly, outlining the modalities of appointments of duty counsel and answered questions from the floor.

This was followed by the committee reports of the Professional Standards Advisory Committee chaired by Ian Edwards, the Training Committee also chaired by Ian Edwards, the Amicus Committee chaired by Philippe Greciano, the Defence Committee chaired by Michel Bourgeois, the Legal Advisory Committee chaired by David Jacobs, the Membership Committee chaired by Jean Claude Mubalama Zibona, and the Counsel Support Staff Committee chaired by Francesca Anzovino.

The chairs of both the Legal Advisory Committee and the Counsel Support Staff Committee were absent. David Hooper QC and Anand Shah (a member of the Support Staff committee) delivered the respective committee reports for these committees.

Treasurer Natalie von Wistinghausen then gave her budget report. The proposed budget for the 2017-2018 ICCBA term was unanimously accepted.

### **Voting Procedure for constitutional amendments**

Only full members in attendance at the meeting were allowed to partake in the voting process regarding constitutional amendments. Amendments required a 2/3 majority to pass. With 41 full members present, at least 27 members needed to be in favour of a proposed amendment. After the review of each amendment the President requested that hands be raised in dissent.

### **Constitutional amendments**

18 of the 21 proposed amendments were accepted without dissent. Item 3 was declared rejected after more than 1/3 of the members voted to reject it. Item 15 and 16 were struck off the list of proposed amendments.

### **Elections**

Vice President Chief Charles Taku led a vote of thanks for outgoing Vice President Ghislain Mbanga. Vice President Mbanga, who was not seeking re-election, then assumed his seat as Election Chair.

After the Election Chair outlined the election procedure and rules, he announced that Karim Khan QC was officially elected, unopposed, as President of the ICCBA for the 2017-2018 term.

The new President, Karim Khan QC, then addressed the membership. He thanked the outgoing President and Vice Presidents for their work during the last year, and outlined some of the objectives and challenges for the forthcoming year.