



RESOLUTIONS OF THE IX MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met in Santiago, Chile on January 5 2004 at the headquarters of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas, henceforth JSCA or the Center. In attendance were Board President Douglass Cassel and Board Members Callizo, Nagel, Thomson, Hudson-Phillips, Arellano, and Lloyd Ellis, in addition to the Executive Director and the Board Secretary. The following resolutions were taken in virtue of Article 13 of the Statutes and Articles 18 and 19 of the Regulations:

1. To congratulate and welcome the new Board Members, who were appointed during the 33rd Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, and to celebrate Board Member Cassel's reappointment, which took place during the same event.
2. To approve the resolutions proposed following the VIII Meeting of the Board of Directors and reiterate that the Board Secretary should communicate this to the appropriate OAS organs.
3. To approve the Annual Report on activities presented on this occasion and congratulate the Executive Director and his team for the sustained increase in activities that JSCA continues to achieve in the areas of research, cooperation, and the dissemination of instruments designed to improve the design of policies in the region's justice systems. In this sense the Board Members highlight the importance of continuing to strengthen the relationship between JSCA and Ministries of Justice and similar authorities throughout the hemisphere at the bilateral level and in the context of multilateral forums such as the next REMJA.
4. To approve the Plan for 2004 presented by the Executive Director and manifest its satisfaction with the projection of new research areas in the field of Civil Justice and Economy, as well as the beginning of new projects through the administration of funds from international organizations for cooperation projects. The Board also manifests its satisfaction with the presentation of projects related to the Report on Judicial Systems in the Americas, the Judicial Statistics and Indicators project, the Access to Information project, and the Justice Index of the Americas. In regard to the last, Board Member Thomson presented a motion, which was seconded by the rest of the Board, that there be a review of the areas to be included in the proposed indexes and that a plan for its partial implementation be designed and presented at the next Meeting of the Board of Directors.



5. To approve the Financial Report presented by the Executive Director and congratulate him on the opportune planning, effective fundraising, and efficient budgetary management carried out by JSCA's Executive Directorship. Board Member Arellano requested that future reports present information on voluntary contributions from member states, such as that which has been received from Brazil and Chile, and resources obtained from the sale of JSCA products and services separately. The Board agreed to work on all levels to emphasize the need for OAS member states to provide financial support for JSCA activities.
6. To ratify the Cooperation Agreements signed by JSCA through its Executive Director with the *Instituto de la Judicatura de Bolivia* (Judiciary Institute of Bolivia), the *Defensoría General de la Nación de la República Argentina* (General Public Defender's Office of the Republic of Argentina), and the *Poder Judicial de Belice* (Belize's judicial branch). In regard to the application for associate membership filed by Haité Solidarité Internationale, the Board charged the Board Secretary with the task of gathering additional information on the organization in accordance with the requirements contemplated in the Regulations. The Board President has been asked to ensure that the Board Members reconsider the application in the manner that he deems most efficient so that an opportune decision can be made regarding this request.
7. To elect Dr. Federico Callizo Nicora as the President of the Board and Board Member George Thomson as Vice-president, and to thank Board Member Cassel for his service and support.
8. To charge the President, with the assistance of the Executive Director and Board Secretary, with the task of proposing a date for the next Board meeting, which should be announced and agreed to by the members before the next REMJA, which will be held at the end of April in Washington, D.C. The above mentioned individuals have also been asked to generate a proposal for JSCA's participation in said event.

Francisco Cruz Fuenzalida.
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