

1. Meeting began ~12:45, Quorum:

- a. Yassin El-Ayouty – Founder of SUNSGLOW**
- b. Gregory Alexander – A. Robert Knoll Professor of Law, Cornell Law School**
- c. Elizabeth Defeis – Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law**
- d. Samir Nizam – Managing Director, Invesco Affiliates, Ltd.**
- e. James Silkenat – Sullivan and Worcester LLP**

2. Introduction by Dr. El-Ayouty –

- i. SUNSGLOW has been focusing on the Arab and Muslim parts of the world in the past, but is looking to broaden efforts to Latin America
- ii. Topics of Interest to communicants with SUNSGLOW
 - 1. Police Reform
 - 2. Criminal Procedure
 - 3. Universal Jurisdiction – long arm of international law
 - 4. Relationship between the Bar and the Judiciary
 - 5. Development of Judicial Infrastructure
 - a. Clerks – in the Middle East and North Africa (“MENA”) most work is done by hand by clerks
 - b. Service of process – many areas lack addresses so service of process is difficult, local enlistment to solve problems is important
 - 6. Acceleration of the judicial calendar
 - 7. Corruption
 - a. Impact of low judicial pay
 - b. Prof. Defeis asked about other benefits available to the judiciary, despite the low pay
 - c. Prof. Alexander asked about the regard with which the legal profession is held in the MENA
 - d. Dr. El-Ayouty spoke about student overcrowding of law schools in the MENA and about the rote memorization method of learning. He also spoke about how Cairo University coordinates legal education in member states of the League of Arab States.
 - e. Dr. El-Ayouty spoke about how it was important to focus on detailed but mundane issues to establish the rule of law, and about the Cooperation Agreement between the League of Arab States and SUNSGLOW
- iii. Training Delivery
 - 1. Judges don’t want to be called trainees. Organizing a roundtable discussion is more effective, or alternatively, a lecture where a local legal expert attends and participates as well.
 - a. Dr. El-Ayouty gave the example of Judge Weinstein’s discussion of Complex Litigation
 - b. Vexatious litigation is also a topic of interest for judges

- c. “Break away” sessions are not useful because attendees will simply leave, rather than attend small group sessions. It is important to keep the audience in the meeting
 - d. Participant evaluations are important to collect
 - i. Helps evaluate the effectiveness of the sessions and what participants absorbed
 - ii. Helps identify topics of interests for future events
 - e. Dr. El-Ayouty spoke about SUNSGLOW'S involvement in Iraq and future involvement there
 - i. Chief Judge of Iraq chairs the SUNSGLOW liaison center in Iraq
 - ii. Dr. El-Ayouty interacted with a number of Iraqi judges during the Bilal case
 - iii. Legal Education videos planned for Iraq
 - 1. 10 short videos for TV; example - registering property. Topics advised by judges and lawyers
 - iv. Hind al-Shnayen, the Executive Assistant, is pivotal to this future project.
 - iv. SUNSGLOW maintains a program connection with Fordham University School of Law through the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, headed by Prof. Bruce Green. Prof. Green is a SUNSGLOW Advisor and a member of the Executive Committee.
 - v. Funding
 - 1. Dr. El-Ayouty spoke about trying to engage an outside organization to raise funds for SUNSGLOW, bolstered by two Associates, Gale Wayman and Wil Carter.
 - 2. UN Connections – UN Missions of countries with well known rule of law support programs. Examples:
 - i. Canada
 - ii. Netherlands
 - iii. Norway
 - iv. Brazil
 - 3. Per program the budget is \$100k-\$120k USD (from conceptualization to evaluation) including 20% as SUNSGLOW management fee.
3. At this point in the meeting, members of the EC commented on additional topics
- i. Mr. Silkenat suggested listing the liaison centers in the SUNSGLOW brochure, and a general re-design of the brochure to include more details. He also suggested creating a donation form that prospective donors could fill out easily. Mr. Silkenat will propose the contents of such a form.

- ii. Dr. El-Ayouty spoke about the goal of hosting 2-3 programs a year and mentioned that volunteer associate should play a larger role in getting programs going
- iii. St. Francis College would like to host the next meeting of the EC in approximately 3 months
- iv. It was suggested that the agenda for the EC should be circulated in advance of the next meeting, and that generally, more frequent communication would be important
- v. The members agreed to send comments on the brochure to Dr. El-Ayouty
- vi. Dr. El-Ayouty mentioned that Sao Paolo Brazil wants to host a SUNSGLOW center and organize programs in Brazil
- vii. Mr. Silkenat spoke briefly about the ABA's World Justice Project
 - 1. The WJP involves lawyers and non-lawyers worldwide in promoting the rule of law.
 - a. About every 18 months, the WJP meets at a "mainstreaming event"
 - i. Participants discuss projects they want to pursue in their home countries, which the ABA partially funds.
 - ii. Participants also discuss how to implement ideas at home
 - iii. A Rule of Law index has been developed. It measures rule of law compliance in a long list of countries, which allows countries to compare assessments and results
 - b. The WJP has about 7 or 8 permanent staff and is a 501c3 organization, which is now separate from the ABA
 - c. It is planning to host regional meetings in Morocco, Brazil, Hong Kong
 - d. It is funded by large institutional (and now governmental) donors like Irish AID, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Carnegie Endowment.
 - e. The WJP has a MENA project in the West Bank
 - f. The WJP's Africa program was immensely successful and the WJP has high hopes for future programs in Africa
- viii. Prof. Defeis spoke about Judge Hikmet, who is currently serving on the ICC in Rwanda. Dr. El-Ayouty and Prof. Defeis will visit with her in March, in New York City, and hope to get her involved in SUNSGLOW programming
- ix. The EC agreed that a contact list for the members to correspond with one-another through should be established. A "Google Group" was suggested.
- x. Prof. Alexander mentioned that Cornell faculty might be interested in becoming involved in SUNSGLOW programming and mentioned that

Jack Clark at the Cornell Center on the MENA had secured foundation funding in the past.

- xi. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is envisaged for early June 2010. Members of the Executive Committee are (alphabetically arranged): Hon. Judge Dearie; Prof. Defeis; Mr. Futterman; Hon. Judge Gardephe; Prof. Green; Mr. Horan; Mr. Horton; Dr. Macchiarola; Mr. Nizam; and Mr. Silkenat. Professor Gregory Alexander participates whenever he is able to meet with the Executive Committee in New York City. SUNSGLOW welcomes him as the most recent addition to the SUNSGLOW Board.

4. At about 2PM the meeting adjourned

MEETING AGENDA for February 25, 2010

- 1) **The host calls the meeting to order (Quorum is 5 of 10 members)**
- 2) **Brief introduction by Yassin of the broad topics of concern to SUNSGLOW:**
 - i. **The geographic area of present SUNSGLOW operational focus**
 - ii. **Topics of training of interest to that area**
 - iii. **How is training to be delivered to its targets**
 - iv. **Funding of such activities**
- 3) **Comments and suggestions by members of the EC**
- 4) **Summary of the above for communication to the entire SUNSGLOW community**
- 5) **Date for EC meeting #2 in April:**
 - i. **Wednesday April 7 or April 14?**
 - ii. **Venue?**
- 6) **Other Matters**
- 7) **Adjournment and thanks to Sullivan and Worcester, through Jim Silkenat**