

NAFTA 2022 COMMITTEE
2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF WEBSITE SUB-COMMITTEE

At the 2015 Annual Meeting, the Website Sub-Committee presented the larger Committee an update on the multi-phase re-drafting process for the website that had been started a few years earlier. As reported at the 2015 meeting, these changes and updates to the website have all been implemented and only a few smaller revisions still remain.

As such, the larger Committee determined that while the Website Sub-Committee has satisfied its current commitments, instead of formally dissolving the sub-committee, it should remain in place to handle all communications with the webmaster and to continue to make smaller updates as needed, including the addition of member bios. This is the role the Sub-Committee has been playing over the past year.

a. Addition of Documents

During the 2015-2016 working year, the Website Sub-Committee has continued to assist the webmaster in keeping the website up-to-date by providing copies of the Committee documents for upload. These documents include the annual meeting minutes, legal update reports, and other Sub-Committee and Committee Reports. Should members of the Committee have versions of these documents they would like included in the website, please send such documents directly to the Website Sub-Committee by email. The Sub-Committee also plans to add Bill Horton's document to the website as soon as it is approved by the co-chairs.

b. Addition of Committee Member Bios

The Website Sub-Committee has continued work on adding Committee Member Bios to the website. As members will recall, the Committee approved the addition of biographical information for all members and voted that bios should be limited to 100 words and include only information related to education and work experience that is relevant to International Commercial Arbitration. To gather this information, the Website Sub-Committee originally distributed a Bio Form (attached as Annex I) to all Committee members via email. At this point, a number of bios have already been submitted to the Website Sub-Committee for posting however the sub-committee has decided to wait to post these until they can gather bios from the new Committee members so the posting can occur at the same time. The Website Sub-Committee plans to collect all remaining bios during the 2016-2017 working year. Upon receipt bios for all, the Website Sub-Committee will pass any bios that have not yet be approved to the Government Co-Chairs for approval before sending these to the webmaster for posting.

c. Other Updates

In 2013, the Secretariat's website platform was changed. Since that time, the webmaster has not had the capability of capturing statistics related to the website hits. The Website Sub-Committee will continue to monitor the progress of these updates and will report any changes to the larger Committee.

The website Sub-Committee has also attached the most recent versions of the NAFTA 2022 informational flyers for reference should there be any action required.

d. Remaining Website Revisions

In addition to presenting suggested revisions to improve the overall functionality of the website in prior years, the Website Sub-Committee also highlighted certain text of the website that could be improved with the assistance of volunteers and input from those in the larger Committee. The Website Sub-Committee has sent several emails to the larger Committee requesting this assistance and has not received any volunteers. As such, the Website Sub-Committee will again ask for volunteers at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

In particular, the Website Sub-Committee is seeking volunteers from the larger Committee to help drafting text for the following areas.

- 1) Add sentences from Legal Development Subcommittee about how ADR is used within the Region – include statistics if possible
 - <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Default.aspx?tabid=103&language=en-US>
- 2) Consider adding paragraph on the limited Enforcement and Recognition of Mediation Settlements (certain states)
 - <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Default.aspx?tabid=106&language=en-US>
- 3) Consider adding more information on Enforcement of Awards
 - <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Default.aspx?tabid=106&language=en-US>
- 4) For a discussion on enforcement of arbitral awards in the NAFTA region, see "Enforcing Agreements to Arbitrate and Arbitral Awards in the NAFTA countries." (Need to locate this Document)
 - <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Default.aspx?tabid=106&language=en-US>
- 5) Section on Conciliation – Needs to be added and re-drafted
 - <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Default.aspx?tabid=106&language=en-US>

If anyone is interested or willing to assist the Website Sub-Committee in drafting text for any of these sections, please reach out directly to the Sub-Committee members by email.

Should the larger Committee have any other tasks for the Website Sub-Committee to perform, the Website Sub-Committee welcomes this discussion at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

ANNEX I:

NAFTA 2022 Committee Member Bio Forms

Name:

Country Represented:

Firm/Affiliation:

Title:

Bio Paragraph: (Please limit to 100 words and include only education and work experience relevant to International Commercial Arbitration)