

APPROVED (April 12, 2018)

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

**Intellectual Property Law Section
Council Meeting**

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 9:30 am

Dial In – 866-906-0123; Pass Code 3752058

1. **Meeting** was called to order by Hope Shovein at 9:33am.
2. **Attendance:** Hope Shovein, Kendra Mattison, Beth Coakley, Tom Appledorn, Kim Berger, Aaron Wong, Colin Cicotte, Mary Margaret O'Donnell, Dan Aleksynas, Angela Caligiuri, Matt Kendall, Mike Lisi with Jeff Kirkey and Barbara Concannon from ICLE also attending.

3. Reports

A. **Financial Report.** Beth Coakley reported the balance in the IPLS account was \$132,316.75. She was uncertain if this included all deductions for all past programs and seminars and noted the majority of the new income was from IP Committee Membership dues.

B. **IPLS Proceedings.** This sub-committee composed of Colin Cicotte, Dan Aleksynas and Matt Kendall provided an update to the Committee at large noting that it had been a busy last period and that material was now nearly ready for publication. Hope Shovein advised that she recently provided photographs of various past IPLS events and Matt Kendall indicated the next publication would issue this month. Colin Cicotte advised he would send an email notifying Hope Shovein and others on this sub-committee when all materials were pulled together and when the next publication would issue.

4. Continuing Business

A. **Patent Pro Bono Project.** Dan Aleksynas advised that he recently had a meeting wherein three (3) new patent applications were approved and while one (1) application had already been assigned to a Pro Bono Committee attorney to draft, two (2) other attorneys are needed to complete the other approved applications. The Pro Bono Committee is considering conducting another training program and Hope Shovein suggested that notice of this issue could be included in the IPLS newsletter.

B. **New Ideas Committee.** Composed of Mary Margaret O'Donnell, Angela Caligiuri, Matt Kendall, Dan Aleksynas and Colin Cicotte. Mary Margaret O'Donnell reported that the sub-committee had not yet met or conferred but agreed to do so before the next meeting and indicated that all involved should consider possible new ideas for distribution of IPLS excessive funds. Matt Kendall indicated he talked to Rick Gaffin about possibly making a donation to IP

Inns of Court and also talked about possibly bringing back a writing competition with law schools. There was consideration of a donation to MIPLA and this would also be explored further. Hope Shovein encouraged all to confer and meet before the next IPLS meeting.

5. Old Business

A. A review of final details of Spring Seminar to be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at Crowne Plaza Lansing West was discussed at length to resolve all final details and outstanding issues. Jeff Kirkey outlined program location details, the faculty dinner, the speakers, the wine networking breakout and various other details about the seminar. It was agreed that multiple announcements would be made about the new location.

B. A review of any outstanding planning issues was also briefly discussed concerning the IP Law Institute to be held on Thursday, Oct. 25 - Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan. Jeff Kirkey again led the discussion and nearly all final details were discussed and agreed upon.

6. New Business

A. Hope Shovein received a request from the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan requesting that IPLS donate \$250 to promote its Centennial Gala on April 27, 2018 and made a Motion that this donation be made and approved. Beth Coakley seconded the Motion which was unanimously approved.

B. A brief Committee meeting would be conducted at the March 19, 2018 Spring Seminar at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

7. Future Meeting Dates:

A. June 7, 2018 (teleconference)

8. Adjournment: Hope Shovein moved to adjourn the meeting and Kendra Mattison seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:24pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Lisabeth H. Coakley

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