

APPROVED (FEBRUARY 8, 2018)

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Intellectual Property Law Section

Council Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 9:30 am

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

1. **Meeting was called to order at 9:33am by Hope Shovein**
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 and Mike Lisi. Jeff Kirkey and Barbara Concannon from ICLE also attended

Minutes Approval: Hope Shovein moved to make certain amendments to the Minutes from the November 16, 2017 meeting and requested that these be recirculated. Accordingly, Beth Coakley amended the Minutes for November 16, 2018 and circulated these during the February 8, 2018 meeting for final review and approval along with the January 11, 2018 Minutes.

3. Reports

- A. **Financial Report:** Beth Coakley provided the financial report noting a balance of \$132,316.75.
- B. **IPLS Proceedings:** Hope Shovein recently sent photographs of the IPL summer institute at Mackinac Island to the IPLS Committee, and Dan Aleksynas reported that the proposed articles should be in final order and ready for publication this month or in the near future. Colin Cicotte advised that he would send an email to the publisher when the IPLS Committee had pulled all materials together for publication.

4. Continuing Business

- A. **Patent Pro Bono Project:** Dan Aleksynas reported that the Pro Bono Committee had a meeting recently and learned that it had three new potential clients and while one case had already been assigned to an attorney for assistance, the Committee was still looking for two more attorneys to provide assistance. As such, the Pro Bono Committee may have a new training session in the near future. Hope Shovein suggested that Dan include this information in a future newsletter.
- B. **New Ideas Committee:** Mary Margaret O'Donnell reported that the committee composed of herself, Angela Caligiuri, Matt Kendall, Dan Aleksynas and Colin Cicotte had not conferred or met yet but would do so before the next

meeting. Hope Shovein suggested that in the meantime, all Committee members should consider possible new ideas. Matt Kendall advised that he had talked to Rick Gaffin about the possible interest of the Michigan IP Inns of Court possibly receiving contributions from IPLS and indicated he would follow up on this point. There was also some discussion about possibly bringing back a writing contest for schools, for STEM programs and by MIPLA. Hope Shovein confirmed that this New Ideas Committee should meet or confer before our next meeting.

5. **Old Business:** Hope Shovein confirmed that the IPLS Committee now had full access to the Listserv. The information that could be sent via the Listserv was discussed and Hope Shovein suggested to Jeff Kirkey that an announcement be made about the Spring IP conference in the near future and dates for announcements by ICLE and IPLS were coordinated so as to not overlap and result in multiple pupil announcements.

A. Potential Sponsorship for Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WMLA) Woman's Centennial Gala on Friday, April 27, 2018. Hope Shovein indicated that the WMLA had sought sponsorship funding from IPLS in the amount of \$250. Hope Shovein moved to accept this request and for IPLS to sponsor the WMLA event in the amount of \$250 and Beth Coakley seconded this Motion and all unanimously agreed. Kendra Mattison asked about World IP Day and if anyone was involved in that or knew of other like events that IPLS has sponsored in the past or other groups that might be asking IPLS for contributions in order to possibly anticipate requests for contributions. No one identified any requests for further sponsorship or funding at this time and did not know of any upcoming similar events. All concluded that it would be best to try to "stay ahead" of requests of this nature given the past short notices received by the USPTO to sponsor luncheon events.

B. Planning for Upcoming CLE Events Monday, March 9, 2018 at Crowne Plaza hotel in West Landing. Hope Shovein indicated that there would be certain additional expenses such as alcohol at the faculty dinner before the Spring IP conference which typically IPLS agrees to pay for. Hope Shovein moved that IPLS agree to pay for the alcohol as the Spring IP conference with the amount to be agreed upon once determined and this was unanimously agreed upon and accepted. All Committee members were reminded to book a hotel room and that ICLE had blocked a number of rooms for faculty and Committee members. Other specific details were discussed by and with Jeff Kirkey including various details about the event and speakers. It was agreed that at the suggestion of Beth Coakley and at the request of the luncheon speaker, that John U. Bacon, would be allowed to sell his books after his luncheon discussion which all agreed would be acceptable. It was also agreed that the faculty dinner would be held at the Capital Prime Steakhouse and that Mary Margaret O'Donnell would assist Jeff Kirkey with the wine selection to be served during the afternoon break and networking session.

C. IP Law Institute on Thursday, October 25, 2018 through Friday, October 26, 2018 at the Dearborn Inn. Hope Shovein discussed various details about the possible venues of the reception the first evening and it was agreed by all that it would be held at the Dearborn Inn. It was further agreed that tours would be made available to conference participants at the Henry Ford Museum on Friday at the end of the conference and that Jeff Kirkey would look into providing a docent and a special rate for entrance into the museum for the seminar participants. Hope Shovein sent a written Motion requesting that IPLS be a \$7,500.00

sponsor for the IP Law Institute at the Dearborn Inn as it has in the past and as recently as 2015, and all unanimously agreed to sponsor this event in the amount of \$7,500.00.

6. New Business: No new business was raised or discussed.

7. Future Meeting Dates:

- A. March 19, 2018 (at Spring Seminar)
- B. April 12, 2018 (teleconference)
- C. June 7, 2018 (teleconference)

Adjournment: On Motion by Hope Shovein, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm

Respectfully submitted:



Lisabeth H. Coakley

Secretary