

Minutes

Monthly Meeting IP Law Section Council– December 11, 2008 Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Denise Glassmeyer at 9:38 am. In attendance were council members Denise Glassmeyer, Jennifer Sheehan Anderson, David Wisz; Anna Budde; Kevin Mackenzie; Eric Sosenko, Scott Keller, Julia Voutyras.

Also present were Ryan Bailey and Stephanie Law of the Institute of Continuing Education.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 13, 2008 are pending approval upon review from the council.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer's report – As of October 31, 2008, the Section has \$56,614.38. The November figures have not yet been released by the State Bar. Revenue from dues is down approximately \$15,000. Jennifer Anderson will contact the State Bar to inquire regarding the decline in an attempt to determine the reason for the decline in section numbers and compare to overall bar membership. Some possible reasons for the decline discussed by the council include: lawyers leaving the state, people dropping multiple section, and/or not registering for any sections.

After evaluating the reasons for decline and numbers of section members, the council will consider what adjustments should be made to program and services to members, if any.

Update 12/17/2008: As of November 30, 2008, the Section has \$68,411.30

B. Proceedings

Council members Kevin Mackenzie and Anna Budde are working on the December/January issue. Articles regarding Biliski and the Egyptian Goddess have been received. Anna is working on an article. Jennifer Anderson will send an article regarding the new IP legislation. Denise Glassmeyer will review and send a Letter from the Chair article. Other items to be included in the issue include Spring and Summer seminar information.

ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Patent "Bootcamp" aka Kayton Course On January 13, 2009, PRG will offer a course pertaining to inequitable conduct at the Inn at St. John Plymouth. A paper mailing for the course was sent out. Denise Glassmeyer sent out an e-mail blast with the details of the course and will send out another blast regarding the course.

Denise contacted the Ohio IP section of the bar and it is not interested in this program but was interested in learning more out the section. Denise received the contact details for the Illinois IP section from council member Eric Sosenko and will contacting the section to see if there is interest.

David Wisz is going to follow-up with PRG to see if there is a minimal level of participation required in order for the course to take place and to find out the deadline to submit materials to be included with the PRG course materials. The section would like to include Spring and Summer seminar information as well as a copy of Proceedings if possible.

B. Spring Seminar Update

The Spring Seminar will be held at the Kellogg Center, Lansing Michigan, on March 16, 2009, and will be moderated by Council members Don Wallace and Eric Sosenko.

The Spring schedule has been finalized and ICLE has circulated a draft brochure for approval by the council. Eric will review, comment and sign off on the brochure.

The registration fees for the course will remain the same as last year.

C. Summer Seminar Update

The 35th Annual Intellectual Property law Summer Institute will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort, July 23-25, 2009 and will be moderated by Council member Frank Angileri.

Sponsor for the seminar as still needed.

The Council is looking for sponsors for the evening receptions (\$7500 per night), breakfasts (\$3000 for both days); and the Women in IP breakfast (\$1500). If member sponsor do not present themselves Denise Glassmeyer will open the sponsorship opportunities up to outside vendors. Sponsors need to be confirmed by December 15, 2008 to be included in the literature.

The remaining scheduling items to be include:

Confirming the advanced copyright/trademark topic – Google settlement
Speakers and bullets points for District Court IP Panel – Ryan Bailey to discuss with Frank to finalize
Speaker and bullets pints for EPO topic/speaker – Ryan to work with Denise to finalize

D. Law School for Legislators

Eric Sosenko to be the point person. Denise will forward Eric all of the contact details o register to participate in the meeting. A conference call will be held with Eric, Denise and Jennifer to outline a program and potential speakers.

NEW BUSINESS AND/OR FORMAL ADJOURNMENT

EPO liaison – Anna Budde called Mary Cameron and learned that the meeting was held on November 17, 2008 in Munich. Mary will be sending Anna the materials form the meeting. Kevin Mackenzie volunteered to write and article for Proceedings about the November 2008 meeting after receiving the materials.

Council will consider who should attend the next EPO liaison meeting.

Denise Glassmeyer received a request from Beverly Bunting for the list of women members to be used to invite women members to an AIPLA women in IP dinner. The council discussed and agreed to give the list to Beverly for this specific purpose.

Upcoming Program Dates

Stephanie Law reserved the Kellogg Center for March 22, 2010 for the Spring Seminar. Council discussed and approved the date.

Stephanie also reserved dates in Grand Rapids on October 5,2009 and Troy on October 6, 2009 for the Fall seminars. After some discussion among council member, Stephanie is going to see how long the dates can beheld and the cancellation policy to cancel without penalty.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

