

Minutes of the Intellectual Property Section Council Meeting
December 12, 2013
(Via Teleconference)

1. **Attendance**

Present: Adam Strauss, Karl Ondersma, Kristen Spano, David Berry, Kendra Mattison, Kristen Murphy, Tamara Clark, Sharon Brady, Eugene Rath, Hope Shovein, Chad Kleinheksel and Amy Tilchen of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

2. **Call to Order**

Chair, Adam Strauss called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

3. **Reports**

A. Treasurer's Report: No report at time of meeting due to financial statements not being available from State Bar. Post Meeting: Financial reports for the month of November indicate a beginning fund balance of \$87,031.94, and an ending fund balance of \$120,539.92. It is again noted for the record that the Section is holding excess sponsorship funds from the USPTO Detroit Office Gala that will be dedicated to starting an IP Pro Bono Program.

B. IPLS Proceedings and Writing Competition: A Proceedings issue should be coming out this winter, possibly in February. Articles are welcome and we need articles to complete the issue. Announcements have been sent to law schools announcing this year's writing competition.

4. **Continuing Business**

A. Pro Bono Program: No report.

B. Seminars:

(1) Spring Seminar 2014 - Speakers and topics finalized for the seminar on Monday, March 24, 2014 at Kellogg Center, East Lansing. Dave Berry and Hope Shovein will moderate the patent and trademark tracks.

(2) Summer Seminar 2014: July 17-19 (40th Annual). Continued to finalize speakers and topics, including panel of judges. Council agreed that schedule will be adjusted to provide more time for panel discussion.

5. **Old Business**

A. Social Media Activity – Gene Rath reported discussions and suggestions from State Bar. Council agreed that section members should be pre-invited to LinkedIn group through the State Bar. The group will likely be closed and we will need an admin to monitor and rules established.

B. Strategic Plan/Membership Survey – Karl O. drafting sample questions for member survey.

6. **Future Meeting Dates**

A. January 9, 2014, teleconference

B. February 13, 2014, teleconference

7. **Formal Adjournment**

Kristen Spano motioned to adjourn, Karl O. seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.