

State Bar of Michigan

Intellectual Property Law Section Council Conference Call

February 11, 2016

Conference Call

Attendance: Kristen Spano, David Berry, Hope Shovein, Kim Berger, Kendra Mattison, Kristin Murphy, Aaron Wong, Lisbeth Coakley, and Gene Rath.

Not present: Tom Appledorn, Tamara Clark, Sharon Brady.

Jeff Kirkey and Barb of ICLE attended.

Meeting was called to order at 9:32a.m.

1. Minutes Approval

H. Shovein circulated minutes from Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 2015 and Jan. 14, 2016.

K. Murphy moved to approve, K. Berger seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

2. Reports

A. Treasurer (Hope Shovein)

H. Shovein circulated latest financials. No significant charges since January financial reports.

B. IPLS Proceedings (Tamara Clark and Beth Coakley)

No report. (T. Clark subsequently sent a report.)

3. Continuing Business

A. 2016 Seminars – (Jeff Kirkey, ICLE)

- Spring Seminar, March 14, 2016, East Lansing
 - J. Kirkey discussed the location for the Sunday night dinner. Dinner will start at 7pm.
 - 41 registered at this time. Last year at this time we had 65.
 - Looking ahead to next year. Checked with Kellogg Center regarding availability in 2017. March 13, 2017 is available, with all of the same rooms. The council will discuss and get back to Jeff as soon as possible.
- Summer Seminar, July 21-23, 2016, Mackinac Island
 - Brochure is in process. 1 person registered.
 - Sponsorships are still available.

B. Pro Bono Program (David Berry)

Addressed the premium increase for the Pro Bono initiative.

D. Berry moved to approve the insurance premium increase, K. Spano seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

D. Berry circulated the “Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project 2014-2015 Annual Report” and discussed the same during the call.

Discussion regarding the Pro Bono Initiative Steering Committee. The current ad hoc steering committee members have been contacted. The final list of names will be circulated to the council for approval.

9:56am K. Spano left the meeting and D. Berry led the discussion.

C. Social Media Activity (Gene Rath)

G. Rath gave a report regarding status of the Twitter account.

D. Achievement Award (Beth Coakley)

B. Coakley will prepare a summary of the award for review.

Goal is to collect nominations and announce the award at Mackinac meeting.

E. SBM Annual Meeting, September 21-23, 2016 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

- A. Wong coordinating an IPLS reception at the Annual Meeting. Most sections hosting receptions on Thursday, 9/22. A. Wong reserved a wine bar, Reserve. Space for about 100 people. Consider hosting with IT Section or other section where there is some overlap. A. Wong's firm will sponsor the event. IPLS to cover overage.
- D. Berry made motion that IPLS will pay overage (estimated to be 2k), B. Coakley seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Will approach IT Section and ACES regarding joining reception.

- Discussion regarding holding IPLS regular meeting at Annual Meeting.
- That meeting is usually our planning meeting for the coming year. Inclined not to hold our meeting in Grand Rapids, given low turnout. Will discuss with K. Spano.

4. New Business

A. University of Detroit Law School Bar Association Fair

D. Berry will attend.

B. Young Lawyers Section Summit

Discussion regarding the IPLS will sponsor the YLS Summit.

D. Berry motion to sponsor the YLS Summit at silver sponsorship level (\$175.00), B. Coakley seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Future Meeting Dates:

A. March 10, 2016 (cancelled)

B. April 7, 2016 (TBD)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted:

Hope V. Shovein
Secretary