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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2005

Attendees: Frank Angileri, Craig Baldwin, Greg Bondarenko, Catherine Brown, Beverly Bunting, Catherine Collins, Denise Glassmeyer, Laura Hargitt, Lisa Smith, and Kelly Miller of ICLE

Absent: Charles Ashbrook, John Naber, Laura Slenzak and Lynn Chard of ICLE.

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40.

1. Secretary/Treasurer Report

a. The January 13, 2004 meeting minutes was unanimously approved. Ms. Bunting reported that the section has a balance of \$74,343.82. Ms. Miller indicated that all the bills from the October Trademark Seminar relating to speaker expenses have been submitted. There was some discussion as to why we have such a large balance at this time.

2. Spring Seminar 2005 – March 14, 2005

- a. There are two speakers from the PTO, Carol Bidwell and Jeff Nase.
- b. Dinner with the speakers will be held at Dusty's Wine Cellar the night before the seminar, at 7:00pm. Ms. Glassmeyer will make the reservation and send out invitations. Council members should e-mail Denise if they can attend.
- c. Ms. Collins will introduce the luncheon speaker, Ms. Smith will introduce the trademark session speakers, and Ms. Glassmeyer the patent session speakers.
- d. Ms. Miller will reserve two front tables at lunch for the speakers and council members. Council members should e-mail Denise if they can attend.

3. Summer Institute '05

- a. Mr. Baldwin will invite Judge Gajarsa to speak at the July 20-22, 2006 institute.
- b. All of the speakers are confirmed.
- c. The brochures are at the printer.
- d. The Honigan firm would like to be a sponsor. It was agreed to let them sponsor the women in IP breakfast. Ms. Miller will follow up.

4. Proceedings

The next issue of the proceedings will be published in May.

5. Old Business

Ms. Glassmeyer indicated that the state bar has approved the change to the bylaws to allow patent agents to join the section. A procedure to approve applications from patent agents was discussed. It was agreed that the state bar should handle the registration, and contact the secretary/treasurer for approval. The secretary/treasurer will verify the agent's registration status with the PTO, and communicate approval to the state bar. Ms. Glassmeyer will work out details with Susan McMann at the state bar. Since it is a yearly registration, we will have to verify registration status and submit approval on a yearly basis.

7. New Business

- a. Ms. Collins reported on a recent conference call between the AIPLA and state bar sections. It was suggested that the chair of each state section serve as the liaison between the state section and AIPLA.
- b. The AIPLA is hosting a series of Town Hall Meetings on Patent Reform. The council agreed to transmit via the listserv the AIPLA position on patent reform to section members for comment. The Council agreed to sponsor two council members at the AIPLA Town Hall meeting in Chicago, March 5, 2005, including registration and travel expenses. Preferably, an in-house member and an outside council member will attend.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 10:35 am.

The March 10, 2005 meeting will take place in Lansing.