

State Bar of Michigan

Intellectual Property Law Section Council Conference Call

January 14, 2016

Conference Call

Attendance: Kristen Spano, David Berry, Hope Shovein, Kim Berger, Tom Appledorn, Aaron Wong, Kendra Mattison, Sharon Brady, and Gene Rath. Jeff Kirkey of ICLE attended.

Kristin Murphy did not attend.

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

1. Minutes Approval

H. Shovein will circulate outstanding meeting minutes (November 12 and December 10, 2015).

2. Reports

A. Treasurer (Hope Shovein).

Noted the reduced mileage rate and new reimbursement request form. Updated financials will be circulated once received from the SBM.

B. IPLS Proceedings (Tamara Clark and Beth Coakley)

Tamara noted that Steptoe & Johnston reached out to contribute. The next issue will go out in February and likely include IPLS upcoming event advertising.

3. Continuing Business

A. 2016 Seminars – (Jeff Kirkey, ICLE)

- Spring Seminar, March 14, 2016, East Lansing
 - Invitation to Director Sheppard.
 - Discussion whether to hold Sunday night speaker dinner before the Spring conference.
 - Jeff Kirkey will send around list of available sponsorships.
- Summer Seminar, July 21-23, 2016, Mackinac Island
 - Transitioning to electronic materials. Posting on the website is always best, due to late submission of materials.
 - Jeff Kirkey left the call.

Discussion regarding current sponsorship status. K. Spano made a motion for the IPLS to continue as a reception sponsor if there are not a full four sponsorships filled. H. Shovein seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

B. Pro Bono Program (David Berry)

Nothing to report. David is completing the annual report for 2015, which may be included in IPLS Proceedings. We also need to fill the Pro Bono committee. There is some interest to expand to international program.

D. Berry made a motion to approve his travel expenses to attend meeting in Washinton on Jan. 28 in connection with the pro bono program, to be paid with funds earmarked for patent pro bono program. H. Shovein seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

C. Social Media Activity (Gene Rath)

No update. Discussion regarding Twitter account. K. Spano will reach out to SBM contact regarding Twitter handle.

D. Achievement Award (Beth Coakley)

Consider announcing nomination process in February. Discussion regarding whether to present the award annually.

Beth Coakly made a motion to present the award in 2016. H. Shovein seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Process will launch in February with goal to present at Summer seminar.

Award Committee will consist of – Beth Coakly, K. Spano and D. Berry. Other volunteers notify the committee.

4. New Business

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

Discussion regarding whether the IPLS should the Section sponsor a reception. A. Wong and H. Shovein to investigate.

Also some discussion regarding holding IPLS regular meeting at Annual Meeting.

B. 2016 Summer Seminar IPLS sponsorship and efforts to increase in-house/academic/government employee attendance

A discussion was held regarding how to increase attendance at IPLS events.

5. Future Meeting Dates:

A. February 11, 2016 (teleconference)

B. March 10, 2016 (teleconference), if necessary

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38am.

Respectfully submitted:



Hope V. Shovein
Secretary