

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2004

Present (via telephone): David Kelley, Catherine Collins, Craig Baldwin, Lisa Smith, Charles Ashbrook, Catherine Brown, James Drake, Beverly Bunting, Denise Glassmeyer, Laura Slenzak, Kelly Miller, Lynn Chard.

Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30.

1. Secretary/Treasurer Report

The Council passed a motion to approve the minutes, subject to a minor revision, of the December 4, 2003 meeting as prepared by Mr. Drake and circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were revised to reflect that Ms. Smith will ask Warner Norcross to sponsor a reception – not that they had agreed to sponsor a reception.

Mr. Baldwin reported that the Section account balance was \$60,509.74.

2. Spring Seminar

A flyer with the current schedule was circulated prior to the meeting, and Mr. Ashbrook gave a status update. All speakers are confirmed and lined up. Magistrate Scoville agreed to be on the ADR panel. Robert Clark will now talk about 102(e) in addition to his update on patent rules. Mr. Banner will not speak at the seminar. Ms. Collins will close the loop with Mr. Banner and will refer him to Mr. Baldwin as a possible speaker for the summer 2005 seminar.

The council discussed some of the logistics regarding travel and dinner plans for the spring seminar speakers.

3. Summer Institute

Ms. Collins was required to leave the meeting early but the group identified that the remaining issues of sponsorship for the receptions and the details of the corporate round table. Mr. Miller said that sponsors for the reception are now set – on Thursday, Cooley Law School and Rader, Fishman & Grauer will co-sponsor. On Friday, Young & Basile will sponsor.

Ms. Smith will ask Warner Norcross if they wish to sponsor the corporate roundtable. It was estimated that it would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 in sponsorship to allow the lunch to be provided at a reduced fee. The council agreed that a small charge for lunch was a good gate keeping measure to ensure that participants are interested and want to be there.

Ms. Slenzak is continuing to work with Camp Invention and suggested that a law firm may wish to sponsor it. Two days of four hour modules was suggested. Ms. Slenzak will continue to follow up and will get more specific details about how the program might work for Mackinac.

The council set \$15 as the cost for the corporate roundtable. Ms. Slenzak, Ms. Chard, Ms. Bunting, and Ms. Glassmeyer will follow up on the corporate roundtable and will be available to help as needed on camp invention.

4. Model State Trademark Bill

Ms. Smith thinks that the Michigan legislature will pay more attention to this issue if Michigan organizations are behind it. Ms. Baldwin said that it is difficult to give expert opinion on the content as a council, so a yes/no vote would be too difficult without much study and consultation with experts. Ms. Chard clarified that State Bar of Michigan positions on legislation always refer to specifics and do not simply give general support for a measure. She suggested that we do what other sections do, which is solicit outside expertise to go through the bill with a fine tooth comb. She suggested John Martin at Warner, Norcross has expertise on pushing probate legislation through the legislature and could give us advice on this issue.

5. Madrid Protocol – IPLS Seminar

Ms. Smith will look at the Madrid Protocol issues after the next meeting. Cooley Law School is an option for the location.

6. Michigan Bar Journal – IP Issue

The articles are not due until May. Work is continuing on the articles. Ms. Bunting and Mr. Drake will review the articles within the next few weeks.

7. Proceedings

The Proceedings are set and will mention that Camp Invention will happen at Mackinac and that the corporate round table will return.

8. New business

Mr. Kelley asked for nominations for next year's IPLS council.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting will take place on Feb. 5 via teleconference.