

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
Intellectual Property Law Section of the
State Bar of Michigan

22 July 2006
Grand Traverse Resort
Acme, Michigan

Craig Baldwin called the meeting to order at approximately 8:15am and provided a quick summary of the 2005-06 year. Financially, the section remains sound. The section underwrote a number of events that benefited the membership. For example, yet another new event was added to the usual spring and summer CLE events. This year, there was an arbitration seminar with the American Arbitration Association, following on the heels of the 2004-05 year's successful Madrid Protocol seminars held in both Troy and Grand Rapids. The Spring Seminar, held at its usual location of the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, boasted record attendance levels, as did last summer's 36th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Craig highlighted other accomplishments as well. The section's newsletter, "Proceedings", was given an updated style to enhance readability. The women's and corporate counsel networking activities at the Summer Institute were well-attended, and have provided added opportunities for both professional and personal development. All of this would not be possible without the council board members who volunteer their time and talents.

Craig then moved to the last item of business: the election of the 2006-09 council board members and of the 2006-07 officers. Craig pointed out that he and two prior chairpersons, Dave Kelly and Tom Williams, served as the nominating committee.

First, Craig thanked outgoing council members Lisa Smith of Alticor in Grand Rapids, and Charlie Ashbrook of Pfizer in Ann Arbor. He then presented the section our slate of council board members to each serve three-year terms from 2006 through 2009:

Austin Zhang of Pfizer in Ann Arbor
David Wisz of Carlson Gaskey & Olds in Birmingham, and
Jennifer Anderson of Honigman Miller in Bloomfield Hills

And presented the slate of officers as:

Beverly Bunting of Gifford Krass in Troy for chairperson
Laura Slenzak of Siemens Corporation in Auburn Hills for vice chairperson, and
Denise Glassmeyer of Young Basile in Troy for secretary-treasurer.

Craig then called for any additional nominations. Hearing none, the vote was called, and the slate of council board members and officers were approved as submitted. The meeting was adjourned prior to 8:30am.