

**Minutes of the  
Intellectual Property Law Section Annual Meeting  
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island  
July 20, 2013**

Chair Anna Budde called the meeting to order prior to the start of the presentations and discussed the accomplishments and activities of the IPLS for the year, including the annual Spring Seminar, a fall introductory IP program that was attended by State Bar members, efforts to develop a pro-bono program.

Vice Chair Adam Strauss thanked Anna Budde for leadership and guidance during the past year, and noted the sections efforts to develop a pro-bono program and enhance ties with the Detroit Patent Office.

- Noted that our section has over 1,100 members and discussed the benefits of membership.
- Informed members that this year Adam and Kristen Murphy from the council would be participating in the State Bar's annual meeting Thursday, September 19, 2013, in Lansing by presenting an outreach program "IP Overview: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, & Trade Secrets in 60 Minutes or Less"
- Stated goal to continue benefits of personal connections through section through opportunities to meet, collaborate, and network with fellow IP section members more than twice a year.
- Discussed possibility of promoting these opportunities through social media and invited section members to contact the council if they would be interested in assisting with these efforts.
- Indicated goal to increase diversity of active membership, including based on geography and attorneys outside of law firms, such as those in-house, at universities, in academia, or government/PTO.
- Introduced Kristen Spano as Secretary-Treasurer;
- Introduced the following new members to the council: Gene Rath--Flynn, Thiel, Boutell & Tanis, P.C. in Kalamazoo; Sharon Brady Assistant General Counsel, IP at Dow Corning in Saginaw, and Hope Shovein, Brooks Kushman.