

**State Bar of Michigan
Intellectual Property Law Section
Annual Business Meeting**

**Saturday, July 23, 2016, 8:00 am
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI**

Chair Kristen Spano called the Section's 2016 Annual Meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Review of 2015-2016 Section

Ms. Spano introduced the 2015-2016 Council members present at the meeting including:

David C. Berry (Chair-Elect)

Hope V. Shovein (Secretary-Treasurer)

Lisabeth H. Coakley

Kendra S. Mattison

Kristin L. Murphy

Thomas J. Appledorn,

Kimberly A. Berger

Aaron J. Wong

Ms. Spano noted that the Section membership was 1234 at present and that the Section continues to maintain a solid financial position, with a balance of over \$100,000. The balance includes funds dedicated for the establishment of the Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project.

For additional details, the Section Annual report can be found on the State Bar website.

Review of 2015-2016 Section Activities

Ms. Spano reviewed the Section's activities during 2015-2016. These included: presentation of an "Excellence in Intellectual Property Award," presented to Harold (Hal) Milton of Dickinson Wright; the 41st Annual IP Law Institute (co-sponsored with ICLE) held in Detroit in September 2015; the Spring 2016 Intellectual Property Seminar held in East Lansing in March 2016; this 42nd Annual IP Law Institute (co-sponsored with ICLE) held on Mackinac Island and several receptions/meetings:

Reception with U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Chief Judge Gerard F. Rogers	August 7, 2015	Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit, MI
US Patent & Trademark Office Enhanced Patent Quality Roadshow and Reception	November 4, 2015	Thomas M. Cooley Law School Auburn Hills, MI
IP Law Section Reception at SBM Annual Meeting	Scheduled for September 22, 2016	DeVos Place/Reserve, Grand Rapids, MI

Ms. Spano noted Section is likely to continue these valuable networking events in the future.

Ms. Spano noted that that the Institute would return to Mackinac Island for 2017 and that the Section was evaluating locations for 2018.

Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project

Mr. Berry discussed the status of the Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project, The Project was officially launched in November, 2014. The State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Initiative is acting as the Section's administrative partner for the Project, and is handling administrative functions at minimal cost to the Section. The Project receives approximately 50 client applications last year and matched 9 eligible applicants with volunteer patent attorneys for application drafting and responses to office actions. Mr. Berry noted that the State Bar Pro Bono insurance coverage now extends to patent pro bono activities allowing in-house counsel as well as private firm counsel who do not otherwise have insurance coverage for pro bono activities to participate in the program.

Election of Section Council Members and Officers

Ms. Spano reported that a committee of former Section Chairs (Ms. Budde and Mr. Strauss) along with Ms. Spano recently met to nominate three Section members to three-year terms on the Council: Mary Margaret O'Donnell (Birmingham); Matthew L. Goska (Grand Rapids); E. Colin Cicotte (Troy). Ms. Spano then presented the following nominees as a slate of new Section Council Members and Officers:

David Berry (Southfield) Chair

Hope Shovein (Southfield) Chair-Elect

Kendra Mattison (Auburn Hills) Secretary- Treasurer

Mary Margaret O'Donnell (Birmingham) Council Member – Term ending 2019

Matthew L. Goska (Grand Rapids) Council Member – Term ending 2019

E. Colin Cicotte (Troy) Council Member – Term ending 2019

The slate was presented to the Section and was elected by vote of the membership.

Installation of New Chair

Ms Spano invited Mr. Berry to come forward as the new Chair.

Mr. Berry noted the dates of the two upcoming seminars:

Spring 2017 Intellectual Property Seminar held in East Lansing on March 13, 2017; and

43rd Annual Summer IP Law Institute held on Mackinac Island on July 20-22, 2017.

Ms. Spano then adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kendra S. Mattison

Secretary

