

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Intellectual Property Law Section

Council Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2018, 9:30 am

Crowne Plaza Lansing, Barossa Room, 925 South Creyts Road, Lansing MI

Minutes Approved at September 20, 2018 Meeting

1. **Meeting was called to order by Hope Shovein at 9:52am** (delay due to traffic issues)
2. **Attendance:** Hope Shovein, Kendra Mattison, Beth Coakley, Kim Berger, Aaron Wong, Colin Cicotte, Mary Margaret O'Donnell, Dan Aleksynas, Angela Caligiuri and Matt Kendall. Tom Appledorn and Mike Lisi were not in attendance. Attending from ICLE were Jeffrey Kirkey, Barbara Concannon & Jenny.

Minutes Approval. Kendra Mattison moved to approve draft Minutes for June 7, 2018 meeting and Hope Shovein seconded and the Minutes from June 7, 2018 were approved.

3. Reports

Financial Report. Beth Coakley reported that the current balance in the IPLS IP account is \$130,457.89. She noted that she had not yet received an updated or current balance for the month but this most recent balance did NOT include the various costs associated with recent events and so it can be expected this balance will be significantly reduced next month.

IPLS Proceedings Colin Cicotte indicated that they have a new article of interest and that a proceedings would go out in about 2 weeks. Hope Shovein suggested that the IP Award be announced or included in proceedings in the future.

4. Continuing Business

Patent Pro Bono Project. Dan Aleksynas reported that one more person was added to the Board of approved attorneys, but also noted that not all attorneys or firms signed up and approved are taking cases. There was some discussion about possibly making a "call to action" in the proceedings to seek more participation and this was tabled for possible future discussion.

- A. New Ideas Committee. Mary Margaret outlined possible new ideas for donations by IPLS to various worthy causes relevant to IP. The first option included possible sponsorship of the Florence King patent scholarship which consists of \$15,000 total or \$3,000 per year for 5 years to students who are pursuing patent law. The second option includes a "general IP educational" scholarship that could be open or available to all IP students, including those interested in patent, trademark and copyright law. There was much discussion about these options and

further information and details will be considered once event schedules are finalized.

5. New Business

A. Planning for Upcoming CLE Events:

- Spring Seminar – Monday, March 18, 2019 to be held at Crowne Plaza, West Lansing. Jeff Kirkey led the discussion and various topics and speakers for the Spring event were discussed and considered. After the meeting Jeff sent a revised draft schedule with all the follow-up assignments for various Committee members. The schedule for the March meeting must be completed by October 17, 2018. Hope Shovein moved to approve payment and travel costs for the presentation by The Slates at the Spring Seminar for its three (3) band members up to the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) and Beth Coakley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. It was also agreed that Jeff Kirkey would proceed to work with The Slants and sign its performance agreement and pay the contract deposit and arrange travel and then seek reimbursement from IPLS.
- IP Law Institute – Thursday, July 18 - Saturday, July 20, 2019 to be held at Grand Hotel Mackinac Island. Jeff Kirkey led the discussion and various topics and speakers for the IP Law Institute and details were discussed and tentative speakers were considered. Again, Jeff followed up with a revised draft schedule with assignments designated.

6. Old Business

- A. Excellence in Intellectual Property Award 2018 – Nominations due August 31 and Beth Coakley, the repository for all nominations, reported that no nominations have been received as of the date of this meeting. Hope Shovein suggested and it was agreed that all should attempt to send around announcements about the Excellence in IP Award.
- B. USPTO PTAB Judicial Conference in Detroit, Monday, July 10. Hope Shovein reported that Andrew Turner from Brooks & Kushman attended this meeting.
- C. Possible Event Co-Sponsored with IT Section re GDPR. Hope Shovein indicated that she is continuing to work on this issue and will update further in the future.

Possible scholarship sponsorships—see earlier references made by Mary Margaret O'Donnell who is also considering whether to compose and send summaries around for further future discussion.

- D. E-mail to in-house counsel in IPLS re topics of interest, etc. This topic was briefly mentioned and tabled with Beth to prepare a list of in-house IP State Bar Members and Mary Margaret O'Donnell's sub-committee to draft letter of inquiry about in-house issues and interests.

7. Future Meeting Dates:

August 9, 2018 – Thursday-- Teleconference

September 20, 2018 – Thursday--Teleconference

Oct. 11, 2018- Thursday—In Person in Lansing

Adjournment. On Motion made by Hope Shovein and seconded by Kim Berger, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted:



Lisabeth H. Coakley

Secretary