

**Minutes of the May 2011 Council Meeting  
Intellectual Property Law Section,  
State Bar of Michigan**

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May 10, 2011  
By Telephone Conference

**Attendance**

Present: Jennifer Anderson, David Wisz, Anna Budde, Scott Keller, Joellen Shortley, Kevin Mackenzie, Adam Strauss, Jean McCarthy, Amanda Duhaime, Kristen Spano, Karl Ondersma, and Ryan Bailey (ICLE).

Absent: Eric Sosenko.

**Call to Order**

Chair Jennifer Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**Minutes**

A correction was made to the minutes from the April meeting, then the minutes as corrected were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Section had a balance of \$55,922.37 as of March 31, 2011. The report from SBM through April 30 had not yet been received.

The third prize for the Section's writing contest for Michigan law school students has been paid out. A bill for the telephone conference charge from April's meeting was approved for payment.

**Continuing Business**

**2011 Spring Seminar**

Ryan Bailey of ICLE advised that the bill for the Spring Seminar will be \$3472, which includes an adjustment for an earlier charge for course materials.

## **Writing Contest**

Professor David Berry of Cooley Law School suggested that the writing contest run for two semesters, until the end of the spring semester, to attract more entries. Papers will be due in early May. The Council agreed with these changes. The winners will not be able to be announced at the Spring Seminar, then, as they were this year. After discussion, the Council decided to announce the winners at the Summer Institute, but the Section will not pay for the winners to attend. One consideration was that only two of the three winners decided to attend the Spring Seminar after our invitation, so it appeared that the chance to attend a seminar for free was not a strong inducement to enter the contest. The winners will be notified after the judges make their decisions (likely in June), but the public announcement will be made at the Summer Institute's Section business meeting next summer.

Joellen Shortley will prepare a modified announcement to reflect these changes.

## **2011 Summer IP Institute**

All speakers have been confirmed. Deputy Director Teresa Rea will be the USPTO speaker. She has also agreed to speak or speak on a panel at the Women in IP breakfast.

Sixty-three people have registered so far, down from eighty-five at this time last year. ICLE plans to send out a fresh email announcement.

The Faculty/Council dinner will be on Friday night.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Section to pay the Summer Institute seminar fee for any council member whose employer will not reimburse the seminar fee, on that council member's written request to the Chair for the Section to do so. This policy will remain in effect unless repealed.

One sponsorship slot for an evening reception remains open. The Section will pay that expense (\$7500) unless a sponsor is found.

## ***Proceedings***

A number of papers are in preparation for publication at this time.

## **Nominations for New Council Members**

Chair Jennifer Anderson has received indications of interest from several candidates. However, the Council is still seeking candidates from western and northern Michigan who are interested in serving as council member for the 2011-2014 term.

## **New Business**

### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

There will be no June meeting.

The annual business meeting for the Section will be held Saturday morning, July 16, 2011 beginning at 8:00 am at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island during the Summer Institute.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32.