

# STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

## Intellectual Property Law Section Council Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016, 9:30 am  
Teleconference

1. **Meeting was called to order at 9:35.**
2. **Attendance:** David Berry, Hope Shovin, Kendra Mattison, Aaron Wong, Tom Appledorn, Kristin Murphy, Mary Margaret O'Donnell, Colin Cicotte, Angela Caligiuri, Beth Coakley and Matthew Goska were in attendance. Kim Berger was not in attendance. Jeff Kirkey from ICLE also joined.
3. **Minutes Approval-** Minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed. David Barry moved to approve, all in favor, minutes were approved.
4. **Reports**
  - A. Financial Report- Kendra Mattison commented on the Section finances. The Section has a balance of approx. \$120k, which includes funds earmarked for the Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project. The Council will receive audited financials later in October and plans to establish a budget review and financial planning project group.
  - B. IPLS Proceedings- Colin Cicotte discussed content previously approved, discussion on whether to update or publish as previously reviewed.
  - C. Welcome Angela Caligiuri from GM has joined the council to fill the last open position.
  - D. Reception for Dep. Dir. Russ Slifer (Sept. 15) Dep. Dir. Slifer was visiting Detroit for several other meetings and approached the section to sponsor a lunch with representatives from the Detroit patent office. Thank you notes from Dr. Sheppard, Director of the USPTO, Detroit noted her appreciation for the Section. See page 2 of minutes.
  - E. SBM Annual Meeting Reception (Sept. 23) Attendance lower than hoped, but many opportunities to network with attendees from Arts and Entertainment section and IT Section. Next time, consider better coordination with State Bar to promote event so "held in conjunction with annual meeting". Consider starting earlier with State Bar contact.
5. **Continuing Business**
  - A. Patent Pro Bono Project - David Berry gave a report on the Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project. Screening committee call earlier this month and have one potential client to match. The Council has working group responsible for monitoring of the Patent Pro Bono Project.
  - B. Social Media Activity- No updates. The Council has working group responsible for monitoring of the social media activity. Update at the next meeting.
6. **Old Business-**
  - A. 2017 Program Planning  
(1) *Spring IP Seminar, Monday, March 13, 2017 (Kellogg Center), Lansing, MI.*

There was an extended and active discussion of potential formats, speakers, and topics for the 2017 Spring Seminar, to be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing in March 2016.

- Deadline for finalizing is September 26, 2016- pushed out. Intend to do partial post to open registration.
- Considering Zingerman's counsel/business leaders for lunch speaker in replacement of CAFC judge with \$10K honorarium.
- Council agreed to fees of \$95 for section members, \$150 for non-section members, \$25 for student registration rate.
- Cost of print material set at \$50, electronic material available at no cost.

(2) *Intellectual Property IP Institute, July 2017, Mackinac Island.*

There was an extended and active discussion of potential formats, speakers, and topics for the 2017 Summer Seminar, to be held July 20-22, 2017 (Mackinac Island). Deadline for finalizing is November 15, 2016.

## 7. New Business

### A. Proposed Amendment of MCR 9.115

(1) The proposed amendment of MCR 9.115(F)(5) would clarify that a hearing panel shall be authorized to allow parties to submit an amended stipulation. If a hearing panel rejects an amended stipulation, the matter would be referred to a different hearing panel to conduct a hearing. This proposed language was submitted jointly by the Attorney Grievance Commission and Attorney Discipline Board.

(2) Unless David Barry receives notice from council members, we will not be submitting comments.

## 8. Future Meeting Dates:

The next Council meetings will be held:

- A. November 10, 2016 (teleconference).
- B. December 8, 2016 (teleconference).
- C. January 12, 2016.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted:



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Secretary



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