

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Intellectual Property Law Section Council Meeting Thursday, October 11, 2018, 9:30 am

Meeting in Lansing, MI (Crowne Plaza)

Dial In – 877.352.9775, conference code 2463400525#

Minutes Approved at November 14, 2018 Meeting

AGENDA

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Kendra Mattison at 9:42am.
2. **Attendance:** Kendra Mattison, Beth Coakley, Kim Berger (via phone), Aaron Wong (via phone), Mary Margaret O'Donnell, Dan Aleksynas, Matt Kendall, Michael Lisi, Pervin Taleyarkhan (via phone) and Lora Graentzdoerffer (via phone). Colin Cicotte and Angela Caligiuri were absent. Also attending from ICLE were Jeffrey Kirkey and Jenny Colagiovanni.
3. **Minutes Approval** –September Minutes submitted by Beth Coakley were approved subject to minor amendments: Michael Lisa moved to accept the amended September Minutes and Dan Aleksynas seconded it and the amended September Minutes were approved.

4. **Reports**

- A. *Financial Report.* Beth Coakley reported that there was nothing new to report on financial status matters since the State Bar had not provided recent financial information given that the State Bar was approaching its fiscal year-end and was conducting an annual audit.

IPLS Proceedings. Dan Aleksynas and Matt Kendall reported that they were very close to publishing Proceedings and had received an article on an update on the Patent Pro Bono program. It was noted that the “View from the Chair” was still needed and Mat Kendall indicated he would review certain cost issues. It was confirmed that a new *Proceedings* would be published either before or shortly after the approaching IP Law Institute seminar on October 25 and 26, 2018.

5. **Continuing Business**

Kendra Mattison reported on the luncheon IPLS planned and sponsored for the new Midwest USPTO Director, Damian Porcari, noting that approximately fifty (50) people had attended the event at the Detroit Athletic Club. Kendra Mattison further described Director Porcari's interest in reaching out to the IP community

with regard to what its needs and interests were so that he could better serve the this region. Kim Berger also briefly discussed the success of the luncheon and kindly served as the DAC host and club event organizer noting that an invoice from the DAC would be submitted for payment as soon as received from the DAC.

A. Planning for Upcoming CLE Events:

Spring Seminar-- Scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019 to be held at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. A lengthy discussion and review of the proposed schedules was conducted by Jeffrey Kirkey with the assistance of Jenny Colagiovanni. After a comprehensive review of each topic, speaker and other related details, it was concluded that nearly every issue had been addressed and finalized. Various Council Members agreed to provide certain follow up details to ICLE to allow them to assist with finalizing the program.

IP Law Institute – Scheduled for Thursday, July 18 - Saturday, July 20, 2019 to be held at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. A shorter discussion and review of the proposed schedules for this event was conducted by Jeffrey Kirkey with the assistance of Jenny Colagiovanni. After a comprehensive review of each topic, speaker and other related details, it was concluded that significant progress in planning the program had been addressed. Various Council Members agreed to provide certain follow up details to ICLE to allow them to assist with finalizing this event.

- B. Patent Pro Bono Project. Dan Aleksynas indicated that there had been one (1) submission within the last month and that they were looking for someone to take on the new charge. It was also noted that the announcement in the Proceedings about the Patent Pro Bono program would include a notice to seek more participants. It was also suggested that it may be possible to coordinate with the Pro Bono efforts of Wayne State University Law School and Michigan State University.

6. Old Business

- A. Excellence in Intellectual Property Award 2018. Kendra Mattison confirmed the decision made by the Excellence in Intellectual Property Award Sub-committee composed of Hope Shovein, Kendra Mattison and Beth Coakley and advised all Council Members that the new recipient of this Award was David Berry of Brooks Kushman. Beth Coakley reported she had purchased framed Pewabic tiles for this Award and would have an engraved plaque prepared with David Berry's name for presentation during the IP Law Institute during the lunch hour. Kendra Mattison moved to have IPLS pay for David Berry and his wife to pay for his attendance at the seminar and for his food and hotel while attending the seminar which was seconded by Michael Lisi.
- B. Possible Event Co-Sponsored with IT Section re GDPR. Matt Kendal recently spoke to Hope Shovein about this issue and graciously agreed to take over her

responsibilities concerning this subject. Kendra Mattison identified Joanne Shortly as the Chair of the IT Committee.

- C. E-mail to in-house counsel in IPLS re topics of interest: This topic was delayed in view of the ICLE issues to be finalized.

7. New Business

- A. Brainstorming/ New Ideas Committee composed today of Mary Margaret O'Donnell and Dan Aleksynas. There was a limited discussion about this topic. There was some further detailed discussion about the timing of hosting another "hands-on" clinic.

Possible scholarship sponsorships. Mary Margaret O'Donnell reported that she had further discussed possible scholarship opportunities and ideas and had essentially been given some vague information that did not clearly dictate the guidelines for making donations or gifts. Before further consideration of which groups and/or persons should be recipients of scholarships, it was suggested and agreed that the amount of money that can and should be donated by IPLS and over what period of time can money be donated should be further considered. It was also agreed that the specific amount that is needed for IPLS to maintain a sustainable cash flow to allow for payment of IPLS "ordinary" expenses should be considered. Beth Coakley reminded the Council that Kendra Mattison had conducted an audit of various "standard" cost items while she was the Treasurer a few years ago and Beth Coakley agreed to review this issue further with the new incoming Treasurer, Dan Aleksynas, to allow him to report on anticipated fixed and/or anticipated costs to better understand the extend of additional cash on hand for use in connection with new ideas and possible scholarships.

It was noted by Kendra Mattison that an e-blast notice costs \$175 but use of the List Serve is free to IPLS Members.

8. Future Meeting Dates:

- A. Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 (Dearborn Inn) –Annual Meeting at the IP Institute
- B. December 13, 2018- Telecon

- 8. **Adjournment** on Motion of Kendra Mattison, seconded by Beth Coakley, at 11:52pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Lisabeth H. Coakley

Secretary/Treasurer