

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2003

Present: David Kelley, Catherine Collins (via phone), Craig Baldwin, Lisa Smith, Charles Ashbrook, Catherine Brown, James Drake, Beverly Bunting, Brian Pickell, Denise Glassmeyer, Kelly Miller, Lynn Chard.

Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30.

1. Secretary/Treasurer Report

Mr. Baldwin circulated the October 2, 2003 meeting minutes by email prior to the September meeting. The Council passed a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Baldwin reported that the Section account balance was \$47,399.78 and would increase as the upcoming dues were added to the account.

2. Spring Seminar

Mr. Ashbrook gave a status update. He sent a letter to Mr. Paugh at the PTO requesting a trademark speaker. Ms. Collins said she would email a copy of the Paugh letter to Lynn Beresford and left a message for Judge Quinn asking for help in contacting Lynn Beresford.

On the ADR topic, Rick Grauer has confirmed that Judge McKeague will attend and speak. Mr. Grauer will also invite Sue Halverson from Medtronix and Judge Enslin to participate in the ADR panel discussion. Ms. Chard requested that we try to focus the ADR topic to keep it interesting. She will talk to Rick Grauer to try and get further details about the organization of the topic.

Ms. Collins contacted Susan Knoll at Howrey & Simon to speak on the 35 U.S.C. 102 topic. Ms. Knoll has not responded yet.

Mr. Ashbrook will follow up with Fitzpatrick Cella regarding the trade secret audit topic.

Speakers are confirmed for the IP due diligence topic and the FTO topic.

Ms. Glassmeyer will pursue speakers for the topic on IP litigation.

3. Summer Institute

Ms. Collins gave an update on the status. All speakers have been invited except for Governor Granholm. Ms. Chard and Ms. Collins will work together to contact Gov. Granholm.

Mack Webner has verbally confirmed he will attend. Mr. Irving and Ms. Spellman have confirmed. Mr. Fleming is confirmed on the Internet topic. John Allen is confirmed on the ethics topic. Mr. Yang is confirmed on the bankruptcy topic. The lawfirm of F.R. Kelley has confirmed that they will send a speaker on the EPC patent topic. Robert Sacoff has been invited to speak on the Madrid protocol but has not yet confirmed. Joe Lavelle has confirmed on the antitrust topic. Mary Beth Peters will be invited to speak on the copyright topic.

4. PCT Seminar

Ms. Collins and Ms. Bunting reported that we are all set for the PCT seminar. 200 people have signed up for the Troy seminar, and 68 have signed up for Grand Rapids. The council passed a motion to cover the parking charge for the Grand Rapids attendees.

5. Old Business

Regarding The Proceedings, the last issue went out in September. The next issue will probably go out in December or January.

Regarding the possibility of an IP seminar in s.w. Michigan, this issue has been tabled. Bruce Stern (IP lawyer) suggested that issues have already been covered in a recent IP seminar in the area.

Mr. Kelley will follow up with Jeanne Marshall regarding whether there is any interest in an IP seminar in Traverse City. Mr. Ashbrook will contact the Traverse City Bar Association to explore this further.

Regarding the Model State TM Bill, Ms. Smith outlined the benefits of the bill. The Council will review the bill and vote at the next meeting on whether we support it.