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May 24, 2011 – Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Anthony Matheny, and the following people were in attendance:

Anthony Matheny
Michael Locklar
Georgianna Witt Braden
Christopher Shield
Jennifer Carnahan
Jennie Salazar
Keana Taylor
Joe Beauchamp
Jason Sander
Richard Schaffer
Mark Chreitien
Nathan Dunn

The March and April HIPLA Meeting minutes were reviewed for approval. Mike Locklar moved, and Keana Taylor seconded, and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Anthony Matheny provided an update for Shawn Foster, approximate bank balance is around \$171,000, Shawn to provide an update on expenses and income at next HIPLA Board Meeting.

The Inventor of the Year nomination was presented to HIPLA Board- via email by Richard Schafer. Christopher Shield moved, Jennifer Carnahan seconded, and Charles Morris Smith of ExxonMobil was chosen as the 2011 Inventor of the Year. Mike Locklar and Shawn Foster abstained from the voting.

Joe Beauchamp provided an update on the Fall Institute, the Friday night dinner will be onsite at Moody Gardens.

Anthony Matheny provided on the golf tournament, which currently has 11 sponsors and more than 40 players signed to attend.

Jason Sander provided an update on monthly lunches: May will be for the Inventor of the Year; and June will be for the Science Fair Winners. The HIPLA June Lunch may be moved from June 23 to June 30 to accommodate Science Fair Winners.

Nathan Dunn provide a brief update on Science Fair Winners and issue relating to the HIPLA June Lunch.

Mark Chretien provided a membership update and reminded everyone that HIPLA memberships expire on June 30. Membership over the past four years has consistently hovered around 580 to 600 members, with a current membership of 570.

Steven Spears provided an update for Amicus Committee, not enough interest in submitting a brief in the *Akamai* case.

Update by Al Riddle on 2012 Fall Institute dates was carried over to next month's HIPLA Board Meeting.

It was discussed and agreed that the next HIPLA Board Meeting would be June 21, there will be no meeting July, and the August Board Meeting will be August 23.

Christopher Shield moved to adjourn the meeting, Georgianna Witt Braden seconded, and motion passed.