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November 6, 2011 Board Meeting Amended Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President-Elect Mike Locklar, and the following people were in attendance:

Shawn Foster
Mike Locklar
Keana Taylor
Charles Walker
Jennifer Carnahan
Al Riddle
Jennie Salazar
Joe Beauchamp
Mark Chretien

The October 2011 Meeting minutes were reviewed. Al Riddle moved, and Shawn Foster seconded, and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Shawn Foster provided an update on HIPLA's finances. Total income \$152,000; expenses ~\$42,000; \$67,000 just submitted; no checks for Fall Institute yet. \$91,000 income from the Institute, and waiting on one sponsorship to pay. Mike Locklar received bill from Moody Gardens for \$30,104.21, which has already been taken care of and submitted for check request.

Joe Beauchamp gave an update on the Fall Institute, which was going well, and there were 180 paid attendees. Al Riddle congratulated Joe Beauchamp on the Fall Institute and the quality of the programming. IT was pointed out that the Eastern District of Texas Bar Conference is a week before next year's Fall Institute.

The location for future Fall Institutes was discussed. Al Riddle is leading a committee to investigate moving the Fall Institute to Houston for 2013 or 2014. Al Riddle moved, and Shawn Foster seconded a motion to investigate holding the Fall Institute in Houston.

Brian Adams provided an update on Scholarship Applications for the three local law schools. The applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be provided to the Board. There was discussion regarding how many to will be given out this year. Further discussion

will be held when the committee's recommendations are made to the Board.

Discussion was held and it was decided to form a committee to lobby locating one of the USPTO Satellite Offices in Houston. Gordon Arnold will head this ad hoc committee.

It was discussed and decide that further discussion is needed regarding a committee to review the new patent rules. Therefore, this topic will be discussed further at a future Board meeting.

It was announced that Bill Ramey is the AIPLA Chair for the Giles Rich Moot Court Competition for the 2011-2012 competition, and Brian Chin of Bracewell and Harry Laxton of Goldstein Lipiski will be HIPLA co-Chairs.

Discussion was held regarding HIPLA's EPO Liaison, which was officially Howard Speight until Charles Knobloch was named liaison recently. Council was informed that Charles Knobloch is the HIPLA EPO Liaison.

The HIPLA JPO Council Liaison position was discussed. It was agreed that a new liaison needs to be appointed.

Discussion was held and no resolution made regarding HIPLA sending a representative to meetings for SIPO, or should HIPLA send a representative to SIPO instead of JPO. Jennifer Carnahan plan to attend a conference call regarding SIPO on December 15, 2011 and will advise the Board so that a decision can be made regarding both the JPO and SIPO Councils.

Discussion regarding HIPLA EPO and JPO Council Liaisons was held. Al Riddle moved, and Shawn Foster seconded that the reimbursable expenses paid by HIPLA going forward will be \$1000 for U.S. meetings and \$1500 for foreign meetings.

Al Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike Locklar seconded, and motion passed.