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HIPLA Board Meeting Minutes December 15, 2009

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In Attendance:

Al Riddle
Shawn Foster
Joe Beauchamp
Elizabeth King
Marcella Watkins
Stephen Koch
Chris Shield

1. Steve Koch called the meeting to order. The November meeting minute discussion was deferred due to Georgianna's late arising conflict.
2. Treasurer's Report
The current bank balance is \$208,852.59, with deposits in transit totaling \$1500.00, and outstanding checks totaling \$25,677.52. Thus leaving a net balance of \$184,675.07. Total income for the fiscal year to date (April-Nov. 2009) was \$252,492.00. with total expenses for this fiscal year \$193,184.58. UH has not yet been paid their share of the profits from the Fall Institute.
3. Old Business
A discussion was held regarding the WIPO/PCT Legal Division Director's offer to speak to HIPLA in late January. Due to the narrow time window that the Director was available, and HIPLA's previously scheduled January luncheon and speaker, it was decided

to decline the offer. S. Koch agreed to convey that message.

The proposal to sponsor a social event, and invite law school IP students, was discussed. Although there was some interest in the St. Arnold's location, it was decided to investigate at least two other locations – the House of Blues and Gravitas/Gallery. It was also agreed that a weekday was preferred to a weekend event. S. Koch agreed to ask Robb Edmonds to obtain information from both venues.

A discussion was held regarding the timing and location of the golf tournament. Although the idea of moving it earlier in the year was attractive from an afternoon heat point of view, most attendees felt it was better to leave it in late May or early June to allow law firms to invite their clerks. As to location, a number of attendees thought that other locations should be investigated other than Herman Park, to try to get better attendance. A question was also raised as to who would organize the event in 2010. Al Riddle agreed to talk with Luke Culpepper regarding his interest in hosting the event again, and thereafter additional discussions on timing (most likely late May/early June) and location would occur.

4. New Business

Several members had received emails from either the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Organization, or the equivalent organization in Cincinnati, asking whether we would recommend David Wanetick (a speaker at the 2009 Fall Institute) present at their own organization meetings. After a group discussion, a policy was adopted that the Board would not respond to such requests but if individual members wanted to do so that was in their own discretion.

5.

Marcella moved to adjourn, Al seconded.