

**HIPLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2003**

Present:

Gordon Arnold
Sharon Israel(By phone)
Albert Kimball
Margaret Kirick
Stephen Koch
Craig Lundell

Patricia Meier
Paul Morico
Kim Muller
Brit Nelson
Marcella Watkins

January 14, 2003 Minutes

The January 14, 2003 Minutes were unanimously approved.

Science Fair Committee

Kim proposed increasing award from \$50 to \$150 for each science fair winner and that award be in the form of a check. Craig suggested increasing it to \$250. Gordon suggested \$500. Craig then suggested \$500 for each student and \$500 to the Science Fair. The Board approved Craig's final proposal.

Future Lunch and Board Meetings

March 27th is the next meeting. It is the annual meeting during which the by-laws will be voted on. Kim can't make the next board meeting scheduled for March 11, 2003. Proposal was made to move it to March 18, 2003. Board approved.

February 27, 2003 Judges Dinner Update - Craig Lundell

Craig has received checks from a number of firms and a few individuals for the Fellowship (\$2,900 so far). Craig suggested listing donors in the brochure or on a board in lobby. Eight judges have said they will come. Seven have said they will not come. We are still waiting for twenty more to respond. Discussion was had regarding current membership list. Proposal was made to archive existing list and create new list based on those members who have paid. Discussion tabled until website update. Craig said that so far 21 people have responded that they will come.

Treasurer's Report - Steve Koch

353 people renewed their membership thus far. That is about 100 members less than it has been in the past. Board decided that a global e-mail should be sent to all members reminding members of delinquency policy under By-laws.

Nomination Committee Report

Plan is to send out nominations by the end of the month. Kim suggested contacting Paul Janike with proposed slate.

Executive Committee Report

Kim gave TPAC report discussing proposed updates/revisions to Trademark Law relating to U.S.'s adoption of the Madrid Protocol. He commented that revisions will make our practice more difficult. New rules will be out in March. PPAC has not met yet, but Kim has learned that the diversion will be reduced. Craig reported that the new strategic plan is out on the USPTO website.

By-Laws

Craig raised some issues. Who is our registered agent? Is it Paul? Sharon said that the office address is a P. O. Box at University of Houston. Gordon said it should be on file with the Secretary of State. Marcella volunteered to find out who the registered agent is. Craig suggested deleting "costs for events sponsored by the Association" at end of the Honorary Member definition. Gordon suggested deleting "for one year" in second sentence of Section 7.3 of Article VII. Grammatical changes to Section 9.2 were suggested by Craig. Grammatical change suggested by Craig in Section 12.4 — change "deposed" to "deposited." Craig proposed deleting last sentence of Section 12.6 — Notice of By-laws. No other comments. Changes were approved unanimously. [Paul: this needs to go to membership seven days before March 27th lunch]. Patty will make final changes. Paul will e-mail to membership at large.

HIPLA Data Base - Status Update

Steve Koch gave report. He reported that website revisions should be implemented within the next week or two. Paul Morico and Steve Koch will test. Goal is to have revised site up and running by April 1, 2003.

2003 HIPLA Fall Institute

Al Kimball gave report. He reported that the program is well under way. It will be at the Moody Gardens (October 16-18th, 2003). Judge Linn will be luncheon speaker.

Committee Chair Liaisons

Kim gave Inventor of the year report. Michael Angelo from HP/Compaq has been selected for Inventor of the year. Board approved having the Committee spend \$300-\$400 on a gift. Al Kimball gave report for Walter Brookhardt on Moot Court Committee. Walter is still getting people to judge/grade. Board approved \$2,000 for Birraporetti's party for Moot Court. Craig gave report of Nominating Committee. Board voted to sunset By-laws and Communications committees. Board voted to create Ethics Committee pursuant to the By-laws and change the Membership and Communications Committee name to the "Membership Committee."

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.