

HIPLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2003

Present:

Stephen Koch

Kim Muller

Marcella Watkins

Sharon Israel (Via Telephone)

Craig Lundell

Paul Morico

Brit Nelson

Albert Kimball

November 19, 2002 Minutes

The November 19, 2002 Minutes were unanimously approved.

Future Lunch and Board Meetings

The January lunch meeting will be held on January 30th at Morton's. Kim raised the issue of instituting some approval mechanism for luncheon speakers. He was concerned that there would likely be some fall out from having an accountant speak at the next meeting. March 21, 2003 was set for the last lunch/annual meeting.

February 27, 2003 Judges Dinner Update - Craig Lundell

Craig gave the report. He circulated a draft document to send to the law schools stating the details about Applications for HIPLA Fellowship Grants for Federal Court Interns. Craig suggested expanding the Fellowship to include internships at the PTO. The Board agreed. Discussion was had regarding the application requirements, in particular whether there should be a G.P.A. or class rank requirement.

Treasurer's Report - Steve Koch

Steve Koch gave the report. Steve said that we only got approximately 200 members to renew their membership. It was suggested to send a reminder. The 2002 Fall Institute made a profit of \$47,185.45, the largest ever. The money will be split with the University of Houston. Discussion was had about lack of service the organization has gotten from James Hruzek. We have approximately \$140,000 in the bank. Report was adopted unanimously.

Nomination Committee Report

The Committee hasn't met yet to come up with nominations. Craig said it would be done (and had to be done according to the By-laws) by the end of February. Al Kimball has agreed to Chair the 19th Fall Institute to be held in October.

Executive Committee Report

Kim gave the report. The new strategic plan will be made soon. Kim suggested waiting on sending our letter in view of this. The new strategic plan is expected to be made public by April 1, 2003. Kim suggested putting off our letters/response until then.

By-Laws

Patty Meier couldn't make it to the meeting. She told Kim that she wanted to make final changes to the By-laws this weekend and would send a compare-write version to the Board for its review. Patty will prepare a draft Powerpoint presentation and consult with the person doing the presentation to the membership at the March meeting.

HIPLA Data Base - Status Update

Paul/Steve will follow-up with Marilyn to see that the changes have been implemented as promised.

Committee Chair Liaisons - Science Fair, Moot Court, Inventor of the Year

- Discussion was had about increasing the money award to the Science Fair winners. Kim will invite Jennifer to the next meeting to discuss this issue further.
- Marcella gave a report from Ken Goodman regarding Inventor of the Year. The report is that we expect two new nominations this year.
- Al Kimball gave the report of the Moot Court Committee. He had nothing to report. Walter Brookhart had not updated him.

New Business

- State Bar of Texas notified Kim that the President of HIPLA will be invited this year to the August meeting of Law Association Presidents.
- Kim sent over our letterhead with a list of events to the State Bar of Texas.
- Steve has a new address and phone number.
- Time has expired for HIPLA to file an Amicus Brief in the transgenic moose case.
- Kim was invited to the planning meeting for the ABA Litigation Section Annual Meeting in Houston, which will be held in April. Scott Atlas is the Chair of the event.
- Kim was invited to the HBA Area Bar Lender's Lunch. He can't attend, but invited other Board members to attend.
- Sharon volunteered to take over the Entertainment Chair Committee's responsibility given that Keith Gray has moved to California.

Adjournment

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