**AGENDA**
**HIPLA BOARD MEETING**
**January 18, 2005**
**6:00 p.m**

| **Present**: | Sarah Harris | Craig Lundell | Paul Morico |
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| | Al Kimball | Jennifer Adamson | Richard Phillips |
| | Steve Koch | Marcella Watkins | Ted Ro |
| | Jayme Partridge | Gordon Arnold | Howard Speight |
| | Anthony Matheny | | |

**Approval of Previous Minutes** The minutes of the November 16, 2004 Board Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Al Kimball

The Board ratified the vote taken in December to settle the amount owed the Conklin, Hruzek.

The Board ratified the vote taken to advance the University of Houston Law Foundation $20,000 against its pro-rata share of the net proceeds from last fall's Galveston Institute, with the balance to follow upon completion of accounting for the Institute.

The Board approved of the Association signing an Engagement Letter with the Conklin, Hruzek CPA firm.

**Committee Updates**

Law School Relations Committee- Georgianna Witt will continue to work with students at each school to ensure that our objectives are being met. The Board recommended requesting more input from judges and other bar organizations on how HIPLA might participate in the Color of Justice program.

Speakers Bureau Commitee – Ted Ro reported that his committee has completed its first phase and is entering its second phase, in which a roster of speakers and/or topics will be made available.

Amicus Committee – Sarah Harris for Sharon Israel. No amicus briefing is currently underway.

**Fellowship Award** – Craig Lundell and Sarah Harris reported that helpful corporate attorneys have advised that more elaborate efforts are required in order to turn the "HIPLA Foundation" into an entity to which contributions are tax deductible. We will maintain the status quo until next year, at which time it will be revisited.

**Judges Dinner** – Gordon Arnold will call Craig about arranging hosts for judges.

**Presidents' Award** – Sarah Harris. The Board approved 2 x $300 for two awards.

**Calendar** – Sarah Harris

| Board Meetings: | Lunches: |
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| February 22, 2005 | January 27, 2005 |
| March 22, 2005 | February 17, 2005 |
| | March 31, 2005 |

**Judges Dinner - March 10, 2005 Hyatt**
**Board Meeting time for next meeting** – 5:00
**Adjournment**