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MINUTES FOR
HIPLA BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2007

In Attendance:
Al Kimball, Linda Stokley, Norma Bennett, Howard Speight, Michael Locklar, Al Riddle, Georgiana Witt, Anthony Matheny, Marcella Watkins, Colin Rose, Pam Mc Collough

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – minutes approved – Moved by Marcella Watkins and seconded by Pam Mc Coullough

2. Treasurer's Report – HIPLA has a balance of almost $350,000.00. Have not yet received bill or paid The University of Houston.

3. Judge's Dinner – Paul Morico – date February 22, 2007. We have space and a date lined up and invitations went out week before last. The speaker Bob Eury is committed for the talk. Paul is considering judges gift of a pictorial view of downtown Houston. At present, 30 have rsvp'd, but have not coordinated with internet registration, so there may be more. Rene Traveno is a recipient of HIPLA fellowship, and he will be honored at the Judges Dinner. Send out an email reminder the first week of February and then again the week before.

4. Committee Reports

a. Local Rules – Howard Speight – A couple of weeks ago, Judge Atlas invited attorneys to attend a meeting, and then opened up meeting to others. Post rules on website and have rules and ask for comments. Howard Speight will contact Judge Atlas' clerk to seek permission to post the draft rules on the HIPLA website and seek HIPLA comments.

b. Giles Rich Moot Court Competition –

Anthony Matheny - Sent out email requesting judge volunteers. Have 10 or so brief graders already signed up and that many oral argument judges as well. Also have 9 to 11 teams. Things are running as usual.

c. Science Fair – Georgianna Witt – Seek approval to approve about $1650.00 for award plaques. Colin Rhodes motioned and

Michael Locklar seconded. Al Kimball will send language for announcement for the Science Fair judges.

d. Nominating Committee – chair: Paul Morico – Kayran Reed, Randy Furlong, Craig Lundell

Secretary will submit list to organization one week before the meeting on about March 15, 2007.

e, Luncheon – Jeremy Welch – Luncheon today was well attended, presentation was excellent. Capital Grill is good place to have a luncheon, but not very good for a speaker. Consider next year to underwrite the luncheons more liberally.

5. Next Board Meeting – February 15, 2007

6. New Business

7. Old Business

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