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January 24, 2012 Board Meeting –Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Anthony Matheny, and the following people were in attendance:

Anthony Matheny
Michael Locklar
Shawn Foster
Christopher A. Shield
Keana Taylor
Charles Walker
Robb Edmonds
Jennie Salazar
Bryan Adams
William Ramey
Harry Laxton

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Matheny.

The December 2011 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Chris Shield moved, and Shawn Foster seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Shawn Foster provided an update on HIPLA's finances, which are on budget.

Bryan Adams presented the proposed recipients for scholarships from the Scholarship Committee, which included 3 recipients out of 9 applicants from University of Houston, 2 recipients out of 5 applicants from South Texas, and 1 recipient out of 2 applicants from Thurgood Marshall. The candidates were discussed and approved by the Board on a motion by Chris Shield, which was seconded by Mike Locklar. Shawn Foster abstained from voting regarding Priya G. Prasad. The scholarship recipients for 2011-2012 are:

South Texas College of Law
Jared Grodin
Yujane Wu

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Randel Cross

University of Houston
Eleanor Tyson
Blaine Larson
Priya G. Prasad

Bill Ramey provided an update on the 2012 Giles-Rich Moot Court Competition and requested approval for up to \$1000 to cover fees from the Federal Court House implemented this year. Chris Shield moved, and Jennie Salazar seconded, and the motion was approved to cover the new fees.

Harry Laxton provided an update regarding judges, brief graders and host reception for the 2012 Giles-Rich Moot Court Competition and requested approval for up to \$3000 for the Friday reception for this year's competition. Chris Shield moved, and Mike Locklar seconded, and the motion was approved to cover the proposed budget for the reception.

The location for future Fall Institutes was discussed, and the Fall Institute will be in Houston for 2013 and Galveston for 2014. Location for 2013 Fall Institute still under evaluation.

Further to last month's discussions, additional discussion was held regarding sending a representative to SIPO and JPO. Chris Shield moved, and Charles Walker seconded, and the motion was approved to send representatives to both SIPO and JPO meetings.

Proposed amendments to the HIPLA Bylaws were discussed, and it was agreed to only raise the membership dues from \$75 to \$90, and to not amend the Bylaws regarding qualifications to be vice president of HIPLA. Shawn Foster moved and Keana Taylor seconded, and the motion was approved to propose raising membership dues to \$90.

Anthony Matheny provided an update for Ad Hoc Committee regarding USPTO Satellite Offices and HIPLA's support for bringing an office to Houston.

Anthony Matheny provided an update for the Amicus Committee, which has considered and declined to provide briefing on recent cases.

Mike Locklar provided an update on the Judges' Dinner scheduled for February 10, 2012.

No update on long range planning this month.

Chris Shield moved to adjourn the meeting, Keana Taylor seconded, and motion passed.