

HIPLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2004

Haynes and Boone, LLP - 5:00 p.m

Present:

Sarah Harris	Howard Speight	Craig Lundell
Gordon Arnold	Steve Koch (phone)	Neil Chowdhury
Jennifer Adamson	Al Kimball	Marcella Watkins
Benjamin Bai	Richard Phillips (phone)	

HIPLA Data Base Status Update – Steve Koch. The Board agreed that the Secretary would confirm that the Board had previously decided to remove the employment Page from the website. It was also agreed that the PowerPoint presentation from the May Luncheon should be uploaded to the website.

Inventor of the Year Committee Report – Benjamin Bai. The Committee has selected a winner, who will be announced at the June Luncheon.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The minutes of the April 27, 2004 Board Meeting were approved.

Calendar – Sarah Harris:

Proposed Board Meetings:

June 22, 2004
August 17, 2004
September 21, 2004
November 16, 2004
January 18, 2005
February 22, 2005
March 22, 2005

Proposed Lunches:

June 24, 2004 (Inventor of the Year)
August 26
September 30
November or December (Holiday Lunch?)
January 27
March 24, 2005

Fall Institute – Sarah Harris for Paul Morico. Printing of the program for the Institute is moving ahead.

Law School Relations – Georgianna Witt. The Committee is visiting law schools and will make a special effort to tout the HIPLA judicial internship fellowships.

Entertainment (Golf Tournament Proposal) – Neil Chowdhury. The Entertainment Committee proposed a Golf Tournament for the membership and their guests. Costs would be covered by a combination of entry fees and underwriting. The Board voted to approve the proposal and cautioned the Committee to be careful in their selection of sponsors.

Patent Rules for the Southern District of Texas Howard Speight stated that J. Lake intimated that HIPLA should propose some rules. After some discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. Speight and Mr. Arnold would approach J. Lake and J. Head, respectively, to determine whether the judges are truly interested in having a set of patent rules.

HIPLA Awards – Sarah Harris/Craig Lundell. It was discussed and agreed that it would be appropriate for the President to acquire a stock of items that can be used as tokens of HIPLA's appreciation, such as engraved paperweights or the like.

New Business. There was no new business.

Adjournment: 6:15