

HIPLA Board Meeting Minutes  
Linda Stokley  
May 25, 2006

### **Attendance**

All the elected officers and directors were in attendance. Those attending were:

Al Kimball  
Paul Morrico  
Marcella Watkins  
Linda Stokley  
Al Riddle  
Gordon Arnold  
Norma Bennett  
Steve Spears  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Michael Locklar  
Pam McCollough  
Conlin Rose  
Randy Furlong

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the last meeting were unanimously approved

### **Treasurer Report**

#### **Al Riddle presented the Treasurer's Report**

Al Riddle is now named on the account and can sign checks. He will resolve a few outstanding payments asap and report back at the next meeting. According to the accounting firm, the bank account has a balance of \$181,046.00. He anticipates additionally money with membership dues and fees for the fall conference. The next meeting he will present a list of expected expenditures. Several attendees mentioned the following payments that will need to be paid: funds owned U. of Houston for their share of last years program, funds for HIPLA professorship, of the \$75,000., \$17,000. to \$18,000. is still outstanding. If anyone knows of other expenditures that are outstanding, please contact Al Riddle  
Al will check into the exact amount owed for the HIPLA Professorship and report back at next meeting

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Gordon Arnold**

Does HIPLA want to provide input to whether specialized patent judges should be appointed?  
Gordon's suggestion is that we should keep our resources for other matters. Agreed. No action requested.

### **Membership**

Linda Stokley will send out statements to membership after the end of May  
HIPLA's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. To remain current, dues should be paid by June 30. Add PDF of form and provide method to pay electronically similar to paying for the luncheon.

#### **Paul Morrico**

Attended the local bar leaders meeting two weeks ago

1. Houston Lawyer is going to run a series of articles on IP - late this year or early next year. Houston Lawyer would like for HIPLA members to contribute articles.
2. Houston Bar publishes a bulletin every month - events around town. They publish events of other bar associations; HIPLA could use this bulletin to publish HIPLA events. Deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month the

month before the event. Consider putting a notice for the fall institute or June lunch.

3. Is HIPLA interested in becoming a section of the Houston Bar Association?

Thoughts –

Al Kimball - president of both and thinks the organizations are very different.

HIPLA may hit 1000 members soon, which would allow HIPLA to have a member in the ABA.

AIPLA and ABA separate.

HIPLA has members that are not licensed attorneys.

Decision: Respond that we are highly flattered and under consideration.

### **Jeremy Welch**

Commend him for the success of the May lunch. It had the largest attendance for the year. One hundred and twenty two people attended.

The cost for the luncheon was \$57. HIPLA members were charged \$50.

### **Steve Koch - Fall Institute**

Paul Janicke is corresponding with Commissioner Doll to get him to be one of the key note speakers at the fall institute.

U of H working on the schedule.

The Moody Gardens is booked.

Steve is working on the contract for a dinner at the Ocean Star Drilling Museum and still needs to sort out transportation to and from the museum.

Several organizations have offered to fund events.

The Eastern district of Texas Bench Bar is having their annual event at same hotel and has asked if we want to have a joint event with them. Steve is working with Dave Healey on this.

The options include:

Joint lunch on Thursday – the Bench Bar is trying to get Justice Scalia for that lunch.

Since their event ends on Friday, some may want to come to PTO lunch on Friday or dinner on Friday evening.

We must consider that the Ocean Star Drilling Museum can only seat 150 people. We would not want to have to turn fall institute attendees away because the dinner filled up with Bench Bar.

Steve will report again at June 22 meeting

### **Joe Beauchamp**

Golf Tournament

Great Weather, 85 golfers, 95 at barbeque.

Dave Sewell sponsored the event - other sponsors came in, so now he will sponsor a Happy Hour at some museum

Bob Shandley offered to sponsor the next Happy Hour Thursday, July 13.

### **Randy Furlong**

Inventor of the Year Committee met, Committee recommended William Spencer Wheat and Vesna Mirkovic for Outstanding Inventor. Board approved committee recommendation.

The award will be presented at the next lunch meeting on June 20 at Smith and Wollensky Steak House  
Committee Recommends and Board Approves -

### **Amicus Committee**

Sharon Israel reported that participation on Amicus Committee is not very good. Linda Stokley will send an email to see if there are other volunteers that would like to be part of the Amicus Committee.

In email - list the issues that the Amicus committee considered filing a brief  
Ideally, we want balanced representation across our organization.

**Steve Spears**

Judicial Intern Fellowship

Al Kimball will call Alan Rosenthal to find out what applications he has received for the HIPLA Fellowship.

Adjourned to July 22.