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**HIPLA BOARD MEETING**  
**MARCH 25, 2008**

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Those in attendance –

Paul Morico  
Marcella Watkins  
Steve Koch  
Anthony Matheny  
Jennifer Adamson  
Michael Locklar  
Randy Furlong  
Pam McCollough  
Georgianna Witt  
Natalie Wright  
Steven Spears  
Al Riddle

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Continued until the April Board Meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Adamson reported that the Judges' Dinner expenses had yet to be paid and that there are still a few smaller items that need to be paid, but after payment of those expenses, HIPLA will have approximately \$160,000 on hand. Jennifer noted that last year's Golf Tournament expenses exceeded the revenue and she is still trying to find out from the accountants why this happened. To the extent certain expenses are not paid before April 1, 2008, and she cannot get an answer from the accountants regarding the Golf Tournament, she will make sure next year's Treasurer is fully informed.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Law School Scholarship Fund – Steven Spears

Steven reported that the Committee recommended awarding scholarships to two TSU students, Patrick O'Rourke and Cristina Guerrero. The Committee also proposed that any current 2Ls at any of the three local law schools who

are not awarded a scholarship this spring be allowed to reapply this fall and that all future determinations of scholarship awards be made in the fall. After discussion by the Board, Michael Locklar moved for awarding the scholarships to Patrick O'Rourke and Cristina Guerrero, for moving the award of scholarships for all future years to the fall, and for HIPLA having students apply for the scholarships in the fall of 2008, even though this would mean HIPLA potentially makes two awards in the same calendar year. Georgianna seconded. All were in favor.

Steven also reported that the Committee recommended that HIPLA award a fellowship to Ryan Abbott. Anthony Matheny moved to award a HIPLA fellowship to Ryan Abbott. Steve Koch seconded. All were in favor.

b. Judges Dinner – Marcella Watkins

Marcella reported that the Judges Dinner had 120 paying guests and the food, speaker, and location were very good; however, the cost was more expensive than planned. As a result, the Judges Dinner will likely be in the red approximately \$10,000.00.

c. Pro Bono – Michael Locklar

Michael reported that he is attempting a second time to work with the Boy Scouts of America to see if HIPLA can help. He hopes to have more information to report at the next Board meeting.

d. Amicus Briefs – Michael Locklar

Michael reported that Howard Speight has been tasked with writing the brief for the *In re Bilski* case and that a draft will be circulated to the 2008-2009 Board on April 1, 2008.

e. Fall Institute – Anthony Matheny

Anthony Matheny reported that most of the speakers are lined-up, but we are waiting to see who our Keynote Speaker will be before Anthony approaches the local Federal Judges regarding being on a panel. Anthony also reported that letters to potential sponsors will go out in the next month and that we are still unsure if revisions to the patent act will be enacted. If the revisions are enacted, the program will need to be updated to address these changes.

f. Long Range Planning Committee – Steve Koch

Steve previously circulated a proposal to place on the website with contact information for the Chair of the Committee. Anthony Matheny will make

arrangements for the content to be placed on the website. Steve or Paul Morico will make a short statement about the proposal at the March luncheon.

g. Giles Rich Moot Court – Anthony Matheny for Chris Shield

Anthony reported that the reception was very nice and had a good turnout.

h. Entertainment Committee – Paul Morico for Joe Beauchamp

Paul reported that there is a law student reception set for April 8, 2008. Anthony Matheny will send out an e-mail reminder. Paul also reported that the Golf Tournament is being moved from May 15, 2008 to June 12, 2008 due to the AIPLA meeting being held in Houston on May 15th.

4. Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held April 22, 2008, at 5:00 pm at the offices of Baker Botts.

5. New Business

a. Classified/Job Notices - website – Paul Morico

Paul reported that he was contacted about whether HIPLA would post job openings on the website. The Board discussed the issue and it was decided that an investigation should be undertaken to see if such listings are good for HIPLA and whether the logistics of it can be handled by HIPLA. It was decided that this item will be carried over to the next Board meeting for the 2008-2009 Board's consideration.

b. Annual Meeting – Paul Morico

The Board discussed the items that needed to be done at the Annual Meeting to finalize the 2007-2008 year and Paul, Marcella Watkins, and Steve Koch will take care of those items at the Annual Meeting.

c. AIPL Education Fund – Steven Spears

Steven informed the Board that he was contacted by the American Intellectual Property Law (“AIPL”) Education Fund (which is separate from AIPLA) who inquired as to whether HIPLA would co-sponsor a reception at the AIPLA meeting in Houston and if HIPLA would give them its e-mail membership list so that the AIPL Education Fund could invite HIPLA members to the reception. Marcella moved that the HIPLA mailing labels be

given to AIPL Education Fund free of charge in exchange for AIPL Education Fund providing HIPLA with its membership list for the Fall Institute. Georgianna seconded. All were in favor. No motion was brought to co-sponsor the reception.

6. Old Business

a. Trademark Applications – Paul Morico

Paul advised the Board that Elizabeth King had prepared the trademark application for HIPLA and the HIPLA Logo, but he was researching to confirm HIPLA's first use date of the HIPLA word mark. He said that if his research is not completed by April 1, 2008, then the applications will need to be signed by Marcella Watkins as President.

7. Adjournment

On motion by Anthony Matheny, seconded by Steve Koch, the Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.