



Minutes
HIPLA Board Meeting
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Paul Morico
Randy Furlong
Joseph Beauchamp (telecom)
Chris Shield

1. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Paul Morico moved to approve, Randy Furlong seconded. All approved

2. Committee Reports

- Law school scholarships Yoo-Sun Park – no report
- Movie Night – *Flash of Genius*/Shane Nelson –an event is being planned for October 16. Prof. Janicke will speak beforehand.
- Membership renewals
449 exp 2008
560 exp 2009 (up 70)
28 exp 2010+

3. Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, the bank account contains \$210,523. We hope to recover some deposits made to Galveston vendors.

4. Old Business

- US Bar EPO Liaison Committee/The Hague/H.Speight
US Bar JPO Liaison Committee/Japan/J. Osha

The Board agreed to ask Howard Speight and John Osha whether they are interested in attending their respective conferences. There is a small amount (\$2500) budgeted toward their expenses.

- Website modifications made/in progress, non-Member price for lunches raised to \$75, website resources added
- Standing of HIPLA/Registered Agent – topic tabled

5. New business

- Reschedule of Fall Institute

Paul Morico moved and Stephen Koch seconded the motion that Anthony Matheny be given approval to secure an alternative location for a rescheduled Institute some time in October and to make all necessary arrangements. All approved.

6. Next Board Meeting date October 9, 5:00 PM at the Omni

Stephen Koch moved to adjourn. Randy Furlong seconded. All approved.

US BAR/EPO LIAISON COUNCIL
24th MEETING – MUNICH

Date: Monday, 17 November 2008
9:30 - 16:00

Venue: TBA

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

1. Report of the President of the EPO *The President*
2. Trilateral Cooperation *EPO*
 - Patent Prosecution Highway*
3. Update on Harmonization Efforts, Including SPLT *EPO*
 - What would the EPO like from US Applicants and the USPTO?*
4. Fee Policy *EPO*
5. Update on US developments *US Bar*
 - Current status of legislation* *US Bar (Mike Kirk)*
 - USPTO Rule Changes and Proposals* *US Bar (John Pegram/
James Forstner)*
 - Patent Quality* *US Bar (WJ or MK?)*
 - Biotechnology update* *US Bar (Sharon Crane)*
 - Computer-related inventions* *US Bar (Chris Forstner)*
6. Technical issues
 - Small entity Fees: Does the EPO intend to introduce these?*
 - Back log: How does the EPO intend to deal with the back log?*
 - “Inescapable traps”: Does the EPO intend to change practices (formalities) that may lead to patent invalidity?*
US Bar (Jim Forstner)
 - What can US Applicants do to their applications to make European prosecution run more efficiently?*
 - Delays in examination: Does the EPO intend to continue the practice of examination according to a hierarchy (PCT applications, then EP cases first filed in EPO, lowest priority EPO cases which are Paris Convention filings)?*
 - Is this practice contrary to the Paris Convention?* *US Bar (Will Jones)*

Miscellaneous EPO practice and operations questions

- *Are EPO examiners relying too much on Oppositions to assure quality examinations?*
- *Should the EPO continue to send notices of failure to enter the European PCT national stage directly to applicants, rather than to the PCT professional representatives?*