



## September 18, 2012 Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

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

Michael Locklar  
Georgianna Witt Braden  
Joe Beauchamp  
Norma Bennett  
Anthony Matheny  
Shawn Foster  
Jennie Salazar  
Keana Taylor  
Bryan Adams  
Mark Chretien  
Carlyn Burton  
Jeff Andrews

The August 2012 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Mark Chretien moved to approve the minutes and Georgianna Witt Braden seconded the motion.

The meeting began with Judge Ferguson calling in to discuss the November meeting of the International Judges Association. The purpose of Judge Ferguson's call was to ask HIPLA if it would submit a monetary contribution as a sponsor of the meeting for exchange for recognition at the program.

After Judge Ferguson's call, the Board discussed whether to sponsor the International Judges Association meeting and if so, at what amount. A motion was passed to give Mike Locklar the authority to donate up to \$6,000 after determining what other like organizations were donating.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Locklar gave the Treasurer's Report for Ted Ro. Mike reported that there was more money in the account than usual because of the money coming in for the upcoming Fall Institute and that all was satisfactory with the account.

HIPLA Fall Institute - Shawn Foster gave an update on the 2012 HIPLA Fall Institute. Shawn stated that all sponsorships but one had been paid

and that the final sponsorship would be paid soon. Shawn also reported that the Friday night event would provide family entertainment. The Friday night event would also feature a specialty drink (“Treble Damages”) created for the occasion.

Jennie Salazar spoke on the reception for the USPTO’s Group Art 1600 examiners’ visit to Houston that was held on August 30, 2012. Jennie reported that reception went very well and that the examiners enjoyed the reception. Jennie also reported that the examiners enjoyed the tour of the Medical Center.

On a related note, Mike Locklar is collecting ideas on how to staff a committee to look into the possibility of future visits to Houston of the USPTO Group Art examiners.

AIA Roadshow - A reminder was sent out the membership regarding the AIA Roadshow to be held Rice University’s Fondren Library on September 26, 2012.

AIPLA Giles Rich Moot Court Competition - A discussion was held regarding a proposal that every third year the Southern Regional would be held in Atlanta instead of Houston. It was decided that Houston would not share the Southern Regional and that HIPLA would send a letter to AIPLA to that effect.

Houston Intellectual Property Inn of Court - Mike Locklar asked for an update on the Houston Intellectual Property Inn of Court. Shawn Foster gave a brief update discussing the goals of the Houston Intellectual Property Inn of Court, which are separate and distinct from those of HIPLA.

HBA Entertainment Law Division - HBA has inquired whether HIPLA would be interested in participating in some sort of event with HBA’s Entertainment Law Division. No interest from the Board in participating with HBA at this time.

HIPLA Judges Dinner - Georgianna Witt Braden reported on the Judge’s Dinner which will be held on February 21, 2013 at the Four Seasons in Houston. Comedians at Law will perform. We are currently looking for sponsors. All Southern and Eastern District Judges and Magistrates will be invited.

The next board meeting is to be held on October 19, 2012.

Carlyn Burton moved to adjourn the meeting, Georgianna Witt Braden seconded, and the motion passed.