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2013 Fall Institute – Ted Ro

The newly established sponsorship committee has secured spots for all breaks except Saturday morning. The Thursday reception is sponsored by StoneTurn Group. Ted is meeting with Janice at Moody Gardens to go over all events and to talk about the Women in IP Law Friday breakfast. The keynote speaker for the breakfast is Kathleen O'Malley. Cindy is still securing speakers for the institute; approximately 70 percent have been already secured.

Entertainment Committee (Happy Hour and Golf Tournament) – Andrew Ward

There are two events in May. May 2nd is the Happy Hour at Celtic Gardens, which is being sponsored by Esquire. The HIPLA Golf Tournament is May 22nd at Hermann Park. Fourteen (14) players have signed up.

There are four (4) sponsors for the golf tournament so far, and two (2) of which have paid. Frost is giving goody bags and 3B Studios is also sponsoring a hole. We will blast reminder emails ahead of time. Luke suggests sending out reminders the Monday prior to the Wednesday when the price increases. Keana Taylor recommended adding a four (4) pack of players in addition to sponsorships, but it was decided that the greens fees would be too high to justify including the four (4) packs to the sponsorship.

Inventor of the Year – Richard Schafer

Richard has already sent out nominations. So far, there are two (2) nominations. The deadline is May 20th. The committee doesn't get many submissions until closer to the deadline. The June luncheon is when the inventor award will be presented.

Science Fair – Nathan Dunn/Steve Boyd

The winners have been selected. Nathan will contact them to see if they will accept their awards at our next luncheon.

- **New Business**

- Art Groups

Jennifer Salazar was successful with bringing the biochemical art group to Houston. The problem is that this event can't have sponsors. Michael

Locklar recommends starting a new committee. John Love, a former examiner, would be a nice addition to the committee. Joe asked about costs. Locklar said there is money in the budget to accommodate this event. Last year it cost \$3k for a reception. Locklar is not sure if this is a good year to start this given their budgets are being cut. Luke said it served to take the place of the Fall Happy Hour last year and asked if it would do so again this year. Mike doesn't know if the event will necessarily happen again in the Fall. Mike thinks it should be a standing committee but he is okay with it being an ad hoc committee. Joe recommends an ad hoc committee first. Mike will be the chair. He will come to the Board with all expenses. Shawn moved to approve the creation of an ad hoc committee; Howard seconded.

Website Committee Chair

There is no one to keep the site up to date. Shawn likes the idea of having a separate chair just to keep the website up to date. Shawn sent several updates earlier this year; Keana did too. The idea was floated to incorporate the responsibility into the secretary role. Shawn, Joe and Keana will work to keep it up to date.

Judge's Dinner

Shawn has an agreement in principle to have Judge Rader speak but he doesn't have a date and will ask Rader's Court Supervisor to get a date. Once he has a date, he will firm up a location. Shawn will do some follow-up calls to see if any Inns of Court judges are interested in case Judge Rader falls through.

○ **May Board Meeting**

It was proposed that the next board meeting should be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

○ **Adjourn**

Shawn Foster moved to adjourn the meeting, Jason Sander seconded, and the motion passed.