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April 2014 Board Meeting

○ Call to Order

The meeting on April 30, 2014, was called to order by Shawn Foster. The following people were in attendance:

**Shawn Foster
Howard Speight
Joseph Beauchamp
Keana Taylor
Ted Ro
Carlyn Burton
Nathan Dunn
Jason Sander
Tanya Chaney
Andrea Tran
Todd Bynum
Steve Boyd
Elizabeth King
Pete Corocan
Henry Griffin
Jennifer Sickler
Iona Kaiser**

○ Approval of Minutes from February 2014 Board Meeting

The February 2014 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Joe moved to approve the minutes. Jason seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Keana Taylor

None. Awaiting information from Dorothy who is recovering from April 15. She will circulate the report upon receipt from Dorothy to the Board and it will be adopted by emailed.

Committee Reports

Fall Institute – Elizabeth King

Jason is leading efforts for a Sponsorship Committee, including Stone Turn sponsorship for Thurs reception, as well as breakfast sponsors (Salazar,

Edmonds Nolte, and maybe Boulware and Valoir), printed materials (Conley Rose). All speakers set as well as judge's panel (which will be at 3pm Fri at Judge Atlas's request), which has now come together. The brochure should be going to print by June 15. We still need more sponsors, and will probably need sponsors for Friday Wine Tasting event, which will immediately follow the judge's panel. Keana mentioned that Copy Source One is interested in sponsoring something for HIPLA. Betsy and Jason will reach out to past signage sponsor.

Entertainment Committee – Andrew Ward

Happy hour is tomorrow from 6-8 at St Arnolds. Golf tournament is May 21. Lunch at noon then shotgun start. The tournament has sponsorships but slow response on players.

Giles Rich Wrap Up – Tanya Chaney

Successful competition at the end of March. Had some glitches at the courthouse with red tape that is involved with holding an event there. There has been more rumbling at AIPLA about moving the regional competition out of Houston. Tanya will inform Shawn if she hears anything more.

Science Fair Wrap-up – Steve Boyd

Winners will be at the July luncheon. They will not present on their projects but will receive plaques and recognition.

Amicus – Pete Corcoran

Pete has gotten several new members, which is good. The *Teva/Sandoz* case is pending at SCOTUS, and briefing ISO Teva/neither party is currently due by May 22. One new member expressed interest in drafting an amicus brief. We will need at least one or two others to volunteer before it's a viable project. But time is also running out. The first committee meeting is tomorrow at 3P. They will discuss the pending cases at SCOTUS, *e.g.*, *Commil/Cisco* and *Baxter/Fresenius* and any other cases the committee finds important. Pete will send an email to the Board with position for approval.

Law School – Henry Griffin

Things are winding down with the end of the semester. Henry has tried to get contact information for new leadership in IP societies.

Luncheons - presented by Joe on behalf of Albert

Speakers are lined up for July, Aug and Oct but still looking for speaker for June. If have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Albert. Potentially consider IOTY if available for June.

Scholarship – Iona Kaiser

Two new members have joined. The new members are interested in renewing the fellowships (because there are students who have maxed out their out of school credits and who are not taking fellowships for credit and who could take money), and reducing the amount. Last year 3 scholarships at 2k. The committee is willing to reduce to 1.5k, and remove the amount from the publicity materials, and add back in fellowship(s).

IOTY – Jennifer Sickler

Have 4 nominations but deadline is May 19. Committee will meet at the end of May to finalize selection. There are members who are the committee who have served for a number of years, but it might be good to get additional members.

New Business

We have received a second notice from agent (though, no first notice was received by anyone on Board) from Texas Secretary of State to update contact information because we have otherwise been banned from conducting business in the state. Shawn will take care of online immediately.

Reinstatement of Communications Committee – Chris Shield/Shawn Foster

At holiday dinner, there had been discussion about needed work on HIPLA website. Mostly will involve automated updates
Request for the Board to send a wishlist of items, changes, fixes for the website for Chris to review and compile what we can or cannot do and the cost associated with those changes.

May Board Meeting

Meeting set for May 27th at an alternative establishment (TBD) at 6pm. Motion passed to provide no more than \$500 for first round of drinks. The idea is that better discussion and camaraderie will be achieved with

individuals participating in person. If successful, will look to continue this on a quarterly basis.

Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded, and the motion passed.

Intra-meeting Decisions

On 14 May, Amicus Committee Chair Pete Corcoran proposed for Board approval the filing of an amicus brief in Teva v. Sandoz, No. 13-854. The Board voted via email on the proposal with the following results: 11 supported, 2 abstentions (Joe Beauchamp and Keana Taylor). Pete was informed of the Board's approval on 19 May.