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October 2014 Board Meeting

○ **Call to Order**

The meeting on October 28, 2014, was called to order by Shawn Foster. The following people were in attendance:

**Shawn Foster
Howard Speight
Ted Ro
Keana Taylor
Carlyn Burton
Luke Culpepper
Jason Sander
Andrea Tran
Todd Bynum
Albert Liou
Steve Boyd
Andrew Ward**

Approval of Minutes from September 2014 Board Meeting

The September 2014 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Jason moved to approve the minutes. Howard seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report

For the six months ending September 30, 2014, HIPLA had an income of \$182,496.00. We had expenses of 52,422.58, resulting in a net income of \$130,073.42. Keana is still awaiting the September bank statement from Dorothy. However, as of the August 31st bank statement, we had an ending balance of \$268,317.88. We are starting to reimburse for the fall institute, but that is not reflected in these numbers.

Committee Reports

Amicus – Peter Corcoran

The Amicus Committee is discussing whether to write an amicus brief for the *Commil/Cisco* case if SCOTUS grants cert. The issue is whether a defendant's good-faith belief that a patent is invalid voids its liability for indirect infringement

Entertainment – Andrew Ward

Happy hour was successful and well attended. Bob Shanley had to front the money for the food, and so we will reimburse him because we had committed to pay for the food.

Luncheon – Albert Liou

There are two more luncheons planned for the rest of the year. The holiday lunch will be at Tony’s on Dec. 16th. For November, the date is still being finalized, but likely Nov. 19, which is the day before the Inn of Court meeting. We may have one of the bar liasons give a report, but Albert is open for alternative speakers.

New Business

Future Fall Institute

We signed the contract for 2016, so we are looking for potential locations for 2017 and beyond. Keana is collecting numbers for potential boutique hotels in Houston. She reported that she has requested the absolute high end numbers for worst case scenario. We will discuss the numbers and options at either November or December meeting, depending on how long the Communications Committee report is.

Future Board Meeting

The next meeting will be November 18th, and will be the last meeting with both the board and the committee chairs. The December meeting is just the board without the committee chairs.

Adjourn

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