

April 2015 Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on April 21, 2015 by Howard Speight. The following people attended:

Howard Speight, Ted Ro, Betsy King, Carlyn Burton, Jason Sander, Tanya Chaney, Andrea Tran, Todd Bynum, Keith Jaasma, Iona Kaiser, Albert Liou, Steven Boyd, Andrew Ward, Priya Prasad, Brad Chin, Jennifer Sickler, and Lee Eubanks

Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2014 Board Meeting

The February 2014 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Betsy moved to approve the minutes. Todd seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2014 Board Meeting

The March 2014 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Carlyn moved to approve the minutes. Ted seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report

The attached 2015-2016 budget was reviewed and approved. The budgeted income is \$238,000. The budgeted expenses are \$242,800. Two line items were questioned: “merchant fees” of \$11,000 and “miscellaneous expenses” of \$9,000. Howard explained the merchant fees were for processing of credit cards, and the miscellaneous expenses were related to EPO and CPTO liaison activities. Albert moved to approve the budget. Iona seconded the motion.

Results of the 2014 Galveston Institute: HIPLA made about \$36,000.

Results of the 2015 Judges Dinner: HIPLA broke even.

Membership Cycle

Shawn Foster agreed to lead the effort to change to the membership cycle, which will likely require a change to the bylaws and a change to the HIPLA web page.

Website Update

Howard reviewed and updated the website. He asks the board members to please do the same and report any issues to him.

Calendar

Tammy created a calendar that will identify conflicting dates to facilitate planning (for example, conflicting CLEs by other organizations). The calendar has been circulated to the committee heads. Howard asks that they review and comment.

Committee Reports

Andrew – Spring Happy Hour is set for 4/30/15. It is sponsored by Esquire and shouldn't cost HIPLA any money. The Golf Tournament only has 12 people signed up. More people are needed. Andrew asks for the board members to "spread the word".

Tammy – Next lunch is set for May 14. Inventor of the year lunch will be either June 23 or 24 and probably in the Galleria area.

Steve – Two science fair winners. Steve suggests we skip having the students speak at a lunch. None were opposed. The students will receive their winnings by mailed check.

Priya – nothing to report.

Lee – still working through the amicus committee member list.

Jennifer – we sent out a request for additional nominations.

New Business

None.

Future Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 13 at 5pm.

Adjourn

Andrea moved to adjourn the meeting. Keith seconded, and the motion passed.