

August 23, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order on August 23, 2015 by Howard Speight. The following people attended:

Howard Speight, Keana Taylor, **Jason Sander**, **Ted Ro**, **Carlyn Burton**, **Albert Liou**, **Iona Kaiser**, **Keith Jaasma**, Steve Boyd, Jennifer Sickler, Andrew Ward, Tammy Pennington, Lee Eubanks, Tanya Chaney, Shawn Foster, Betsy King, Henry Griffin

- 1) Approval of minutes from June 23, 2015
 - a. Motion to approve by Iona; seconded by Carlyn. None opposed; approved.
- 2) Treasurer's report – Carlyn Burton
 - a. No questions
 - b. Ending cash balance (July 31, 2015) was \$263,357.23. June income was \$46,405.57 and expenses were \$28,997.27
- 3) Membership committee report (Brad Chin)
 - a. 316 members paid; 227 expired members. Some of expired members said they intent to renew and the reminders are helpful.
- 4) Fall Institute update – Keana Taylor
 - a. 1/3 of sponsors are paid.
 - b. All speakers are confirmed.
 - c. Still picking food; casino night is finalized; wine and cheese is in the works.
 - d. Decided to permit solos and unemployed lawyers to pay the in-house rate.
- 5) Calendar – Tammy Pennington Rhodes
 - a. The calendar is updated as new events are brought to our attention.
- 6) State bar program to publicize one local bar event
 - a. We decided Keana will allow the state bar to publicize the Annual Institute.
- 7) Resolved by email before meeting that HIPLA amicus committee will file brief on In re Cordua Restaurants
 - a. Lee Eubanks reports that the brief has been filed.
- 8) Resolved by email that HIPLA will partner with USPTO on 9/16 and 9/17 event to recruit examiners for the new Dallas office by (1) arranging a venue; (2) paying for refreshments – up to \$1000; and (3) publicizing the event using HIPLA's email blasts and communications through HIPLA's law school liaison
 - a. Venue will be at Baker Botts.
 - b. HIPLA send the email blast.
 - c. Albert Liou will take to the students
- 9) Resolved by email that HIPLA will co-sponsor the HBA Federal Practice Section's August 21st lunch.
 - a. Good turnout.
 - b. We expect the total bill to be very low, and well under the agreed \$2000.
 - c. HBA liked working with HIPLA and indicated they will do so again.
- 10) Website upgrade (Chris Shield)

- a. Still working on bids and hopeful to get them by the September board meeting.
- b. Goal is to finish the website by April/May 2016.

11) Law School relations (Henry Griffin)

- a. We currently offer 3 student spots per school at our monthly meetings.
- b. We will consider having students rotate so that the same people aren't attending all of the meetings
- c. In the past we've gone to the schools to talk to the students over a free pizza lunch. We'll consider doing that again.
- d. We raised the issue of a mentoring program but don't want to duplicate the efforts of the Inn of Court.

12) Entertainment committee report (Andrew Ward)

- a. Our fall happy hour will be October 15 at Saint Arnolds.
- b. Sponsored by Fourtune.

13) New Business

- a. Paul Janicke suggested that we invite Michelle Lee at this time to be our keynote speaker at next year's fall institute.
- b. Howard moved to approve Michelle Lee. Betsy seconded the motion but suggested we seek a back-up speaker. The board approved, subject to Betsy's suggestion.

14) Next meeting Wednesday, September 23 at 5pm.