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February 2015 Board Meeting

○ **Call to Order**

The meeting on February 24, 2015, was called to order by Shawn Foster.
The following people were in attendance:

**Shawn Foster
Joe Beauchamp
Howard Speight
Ted Ro
Keana Taylor
Carlyn Burton
Nathan Dunn
Jason Sander
Tanya Chaney
Andrea Tran
Steve Boyd
Keith Jaasma
Iona Kaiser
Albert Liou
Chris Shield
Jennifer Sickler
Ifti Ahmed**

Approval of Minutes from December 2014 and January 2015 Board Meetings

The December 2014 and January 2015 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Keana moved to approve the minutes from December 2014. Ted seconded the motion. Jason moved to approve the minutes from January 2015. Howard seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report

For the ten months ending January 31, 2015, HIPLA had income of 228,051.00 and expenses of 120,498.57, for a total net income of 107,552.43. We will be cutting the Fall Institute check to UH tomorrow.

Committee Reports

Judge's Dinner – Howard Speight

The event included 10 of the 12 judges and 4 of the 5 scholarship recipients. A total of 190 people attended.

Entertainment – Andrew Ward

The spring happy hour will be April 30. We are working on a venue and date for the golf tournament.

Communication – Chris Shield

The main issue we are having with the revamping of the website is the timing and mechanism of our membership renewal. It is proposed that we shift our process to a one year membership upon joining/renewing and creating automatic emails for renewals. The language in our bylaws concerning delinquency would not allow for such a change, so Chris, Joe, Shawn, and Howard have discussed proposed changes to the bylaws. An amendment to the bylaws must be approved in a general meeting with 7 days notice to the membership. We will see if we can do this in March for the Annual Meeting and Election, but we might need to do it in another general meeting if we cannot do it by March.

Science Fair – Steve Boyd

The Science Fair is this coming Saturday.

IOTY - Jennifer Sickler

The committee proposed to send out inventor of the year forms in early March, with a request to turn in nominations by end of April. A decision is proposed to be made in early May for lunch in June.

Moot Court – Ifti Ahmed

The Moot Court competition is coming up on March 13-14, and we are getting close to the number of volunteers needed.

Luncheons – Albert Liou

We are all set for the March 25 lunch, and are looking for a location for April.

Old Business

The event with the EPO is set for June 4, 2015, at the Petroleum Club and

will be sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, USPTO, and HIPLA. It will likely have a maximum number of attendees at 125-150 people.

Future Board Meeting

March 17, and April 21 The annual election is March 25.

Adjourn

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. Ted seconded. The meeting was adjourned.