

February 17, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order on February 17, 2016 by Howard Speight. The following people attended:

Howard Speight, Ted Ro, Betsy King, Carlyn Burton, Jason Sander, Shawn Foster, Tanya Chaney, Andrea Tran, Todd Bynum, Keith Jaasma, Jennifer Sickler; Boyd; Lee Eubanks; Ward; Tammy Rodes; Keana Taylor; Iona Kaiser, Ifit Ahmed, and Robb Green.

Approval of January minutes: Shawn moved to approve. Todd Bynum seconded. None opposed. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Our accounting firm, Conklin Hruzek & Co, dissolved.

Dorothy Hicks, office manager with Conklin, moved to a new CPA firm. She proposed a rate of \$150 per month to do the book keeping, plus \$75 per lunch meeting that she arranges. This would result in a net savings to HIPLA over what we paid in the past.

Jim Hruzek, CPA and President with Conklin Hruzek, moved to GBH CPAs, PC. He proposed attending the lunches assist with registration, but he did not yet provide a quote for his services.

We need to file our 2015 taxes timely.

Our CPA had not yet finalized the December or January numbers.

Judge's Dinner: Ted Ro reported about 230 paid people registered at 21 tables and 21 unpaid guests (including judges, students, and speaker). The speaker is confirmed. We anticipate the breakeven point is about \$32,000. We received over \$36,000 in sales. We are all set.

Moot Court: We have judges for Friday, but need a few more volunteers for Saturday. Sparkle is reaching out to people.

Fall Institute 2016: Dorothy Hicks has not provided the final numbers yet.

Science Fair: We have nine judges signed up. We need at least six. More people are welcome.

Fireside chat: Fireside chat on with Michelle K. Lee, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will occur on March 11 from 1-2 pm.

Greg Vetter of UH has asked that we publicize this event through an email blast (he made the same request of the State Bar IP Committee).

Howard moved by email before today's meeting to have the board approve sending the email blast. Ted Ro abstained because NASA is a co-sponsor. The motion passed.

Upcoming Luncheons: We will not have a lunch in February to avoid conflicts with the judges' dinner. The lunch in March will be the elections. USPTO may come in May for a lunch.

Inventor of the Year: Jennifer Sickler said that the forms will go out in mid-March. Selection process will start thereafter. Jennifer welcomes nominations for new committee members.

Amicus: We are on track to file brief on Medicines Co. v. Hospira in mid-March.

Cuozzo Speed Tech. v. Lee. At issue is the PTAB's rule during IPR: broadest reasonable interpretation or plain and ordinary meaning. A concern is that many patents are being invalidated under the BRI standard. Committee met to talk about it, but they could not reach agreement. We were also not able to reach agreement during the meeting as to a position. HIPLA will not prepare a brief.

Spring Happy Hour: Robb and Andrew are trying to pin down a date. They will talk to Tammy and review the calendar to avoid conflicts.

Motion to adjourn. Howard adjourned the meeting.