

Minutes of April 23, 2002, HIPLA Board Meeting

Present:

Kim Muller
Craig Lundell
Paul Morico
Steve Koch
Sharon Israel
Gordon Arnold
Al Kimball
Marcella Watkins
Patricia Meier
Brit Nelson
Keith Derrington

Prior Minutes of March 5, 2002 Meeting:

Approved without objection.

Future Board/Lunch Meetings:

Schedule adopted without objection. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Lunches:</u>	<u>Board Meetings:</u>
April 25, 2002	April 23, 2002
May 29, 2002	May 28, 2002
June 25, 2002	June 25, 2002
August 22, 2002	August 20, 2002
October 10, 2002	October 8, 2002
November 21, 2002	November 19, 2002

May Luncheon:

The Board discussed ways to honor past presidents. It was agreed to bring up this issue again at the next Board meeting.

Committee Chairs:

A few changes were discussed including Walter Brookhart taking over as the chair to the Giles Rich Moot Court Competition Committee and Frank Vaden's announcement that he was withdrawing as Editor of the HIPLA Newsletter. The need to replace Frank was discussed. It was agreed to discuss suggestions at the next Board meeting.

Judges' Dinner:

Expenses were discussed. The discussion focused on what to do about the approximately \$5,954.13 owed to HIPLA by the judge's fund for the speaker. It was decided that Kim Muller and his assistant, Nancye Gorman would consider ways to collect the money without putting pressure on Judge Hughes.

Annual Institute:

Report presented by Sarah Harris. She noted that all speakers had accepted except the luncheon speaker for Friday, the 27th. We are waiting on Judge Dyk of the Federal Circuit to respond. The dinner price for Friday night's dinner was also discussed. It was decided to keep the price the same as last year.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was presented by Steve Koch. It was noted that we have a net balance of approximately \$102,000.00 for the year ended March 31, 2002 and that HIPLA owed University of Houston \$16,000.00 from last year's Fall Institute. A discussion was had concerning uncollected sponsor money from last year's institute. We decided that Steve Koch would try to collect the money. The report was approved without opposition.

By-Law Revisions:

Sharon Israel stated that she would contact Lou Brucculeri, this year's Bylaws chair, and Ken Barrow, last year's chair, to discuss revisions to the bylaws. The main provision discussed at the meeting was revising the "Membership" definition. Kim Muller proposed using the AIPLA definition of "Membership." An action item for next meeting is to discuss the "Membership" definition.

Committee Chair Liaison:

It was decided that Al Kimball and Marcella Watkins would be the liaisons to the committee chairs. Al was charged with the first six committee chairs and Marcella was charged with the remaining six committee chairs. They agreed to contact all committee chairs by the next Board meeting.

NCIPLA:

The report was presented by Gordon Arnold. He reported that the National Council had voted to disband. The Board voted in favor of giving Gordon the authority to communicate to the NCIPLA the Board's preference to use the remaining funds for scholarship purposes, as proposed by the AIPLA. The Board also approved, in the alternative, providing the funds to the National Inventor's Hall of Fame.

Webpage Proposal:

The database revision proposal was discussed. Gordon Arnold did not recommend using the database software engineer recommended by Marilyn Gore before either (a) Paul Morico and Steve Koch met with Marilyn to further evaluate the bid and personnel involved, and (b) obtaining further competitive bids.. It was agreed that Steve and Paul would get together before the next Board meeting to discuss/solicit additional proposals for revising the database.

Banking Cards:

The Board discussed getting signature authority for the new officers on the HIPLA bank account.

Amicus Committee:

Paul Morico agreed to discuss with Gene Spears, two possible cases that HIPLA might want to file amicus briefs in: (1) the Victoria's Secret dilution case and (2) the copyright extension case.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.