

## Minutes of May 28, 2002, HIPLA Board Meeting

### Present:

Kim Muller  
Craig Lundell  
Paul Morico  
Steve Koch  
Sharon Israel  
Al Kimball  
Marcella Watkins  
Patricia Meier  
Ronald Derrington  
Brit Nelson  
Margaret Kirick  
Lou Brucculeri (via telephone)

### Prior Minutes of April 23, 2002 Meeting:

Approved without objection.

### By-Laws Update:

Revision to the Membership definition was discussed. The discussion first focused on including students in the membership. Kim Muller suggested limiting it to law students. The Board agreed that such a change required amendment to the by-laws. Lou Brucculeri agreed to redraft the membership definition to mirror AIPLA's Membership definition as it relates to students and said he would get the draft to the Board by the next Board meeting. Kim Muller said he would talk to Paul Janicke about the Board's proposal to see if he agrees with the amendment. Sharon Israel raised the issue of dealing with the gap in time between when the students' graduate and when they pass the bar. Marcella agreed to talk to Rose to get his input.

The discussion then turned to people, who are neither lawyers nor law students. Kim Muller voiced his opinion against including such individuals in the "Membership" definition. Kim said their presence at the lunches, etc. could continue informally. The Board agreed not to amend the by-laws to include such individuals in the membership.

Other by-laws amendments were discussed. Lou said he would reread the by-laws to see if other changes are warranted.

### May Luncheon:

Will take place May 29, 2002. Topic: Inventor of the Year Award. The Board rejected the idea of a short discussion of the Supreme Court's recent decision in the *Festo* case.

### Judge's Dinner 2003:

A discussion was had about which judge we should approach to work with in organizing the event. Al Kimball suggested talking to Judge Kazen. The Board agreed. Kim suggested having dates and details in place by September. Craig is going to start looking into the details. A discussion was had about selling tables. General consensus was not to sell tables. The issue of whether to invite the Federal Circuit judges was raised. Craig is going to informally try to find out whether any Federal Circuit judges would come. The issue was also raised whether the event should be black tie or not.

### Financials '02 Judge's Dinner:

Kim gave Stephen a check, which purported to settle Judge Hughes portion of the expenses for the speaker. Stephen was also tasked to ensure that the credit card direct payments were appropriately credited to the HIPLA bank account.

### Treasurer's Report:

Stephen presented the report. He stated that this year looks like a break even year. It was noted that we generally lose money on the lunches. A break even number was reported to be approximately 70 attendees. It was expressed that a goal should be to at least break even. Kim suggested negotiating more with the restaurants to bring the cost down. The report was adopted without objection. Stephen further noted that all of the new Officers need to get on the bank account. After discussion, it was agreed that only the immediate past president, the president, the president-elect and the treasurer need to be on the bank account.

### Annual Institute:

Sharon Israel passed a draft of the program schedule around. She reported that to date \$8,000 had been raised from sponsors. A discussion ensued about what we were going to do to collect money from the sponsors to avoid the problem in 2000 where a number of sponsors failed to pay.

### HIPLA Database:

Stephen Koch and Paul Morico reported that they are going to interview two software experts to consider their proposals for database revision on Thursday, May 30, 2002.

### Committee Chair Liaison:

Committees with reports mentioned above.

### New Business:

- (1) Kim is going to attend an HBA area President's lunch.
- (2) U.S. Supreme Court decided *Festo* today.
- (3) USPTO is going to RIF 1/3 of all Trademark Examiners.
- (4) Sharon Israel reported on the status of NCIPLA dissolution.

- (5) HIPLA happy hour was a mild success approximately 30-40 people showed up.
- (6) Next Board meeting will be on June 26, 2002 instead of June 25, 2002 as originally scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.