

# HIPLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting of November 9, 2005

Attendees:

Gordon Arnold	Stephen Koch
Al Kimball	Richard Phillips
Jennifer Adamson	Patty Meier
Collin Rose	

Review/approval of Minutes of 6 October Meeting

Meeting minutes approved.

Secretary's note: After the meeting, it was noted by Charles Walker and Sarah Harris that the bank account balance's was mis-stated. The correct amount was \$155k, not \$55k. The minutes have been corrected, and are now available on the HIPLA website.

Treasurer's Report

Deferred.

Fall Institute Summary

Marcella Walker's provided an email summary. Near-final totals include gross revenues of \$94890, expenses of \$56166.02, and tentative net income of ~\$38724.

It was noted that the expense total for hotel bills and the like were slightly higher than normal; Prof. Janicke attributed this to a higher than average number of out-of-town speakers, many of whom had university affiliations.

Suggestions to follow-up for future consideration included: (1) Cost of postage for mailings (~\$25 per attendee), and (2) the location of future Institute's.

President-Elect Kimball stated that a member had been contacted to coordinate the 2006 Institute, and will be announced when finalized.

Judge's Dinner Planning

Al Kimball indicated that Mayor White had been contacted as a possible speaker. A date will be finalized when his response and schedule are known.

HIPLA Support of UH

Gordon Arnold indicated that he had been notified that the funding of U. of H's Katz-Kiley lecture had been reduced, and that a question had been raised as to HIPLA's response. After discussion, which focused on HIPLA's sponsorship of the HIPLA professor of law, it was decided that no immediate HIPLA response would be made, but that Gordon Arnold would monitor the issue and report back as required/appropriate.

Membership Committee Activities

It was noted that postcards soliciting new members had been mailed.

A proposal to grant members joining in Jan. - April discount on lunches for first one-half of year was discussed. It was decided that first-time members would be granted 50% discounts on lunches for January through June, to be enforced on an honor system.

Gordon Arnold indicated he would ask Jim Repass to have the Long-Range Planning Committee discuss whether other membership solicitation activities should be considered. Included in that consideration is the subject of whether a more active focus on CLE should be included in luncheon planning.

Amicus Committee

The amicus committee's preliminary views on the Labcorp certified question were discussed. The Board deferred action until the committee finalized its position.

#### Giles Rich Moot Court Competition

Greg Duffy's nomination to be chair for 2006 event was discussed. It was decided that the decision was in Gordon Arnold's authority and he would confirm an approval via email.

#### 2006 HIPLA Golf Tournament Planning

The Board noted the two dates which had been recommended by the golf tournament planning committee, and recommended the committee select the date which was preferred by the golf course and the likely sponsors of the event.

#### Upcoming Activities

Dates of upcoming activities were noted:

Happy Hour, November 17, Cabo's

Holiday Lunch, December 8, Tony's

#### Other Business

Patty Meier noted that the state bar IP section was considering reducing dues. After discussion as to whether HIPLA should take a position, it was decided that Patty would monitor the issue and report back to the Board.

Patty Meier also reported that the AIPLA had asked whether HIPLA was interested in co-sponsoring an AIPLA roadshow scheduled to be held in Houston on June 9. Discussion focused on the benefit to HIPLA; Patty was asked to follow-up with AIPLA, with further discussion to be held at the next Board meeting.