September 21, 2006 HIPLA Board Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance were:
Al Kimbel
Al Riddle
Paul Morico
Patty Meir
Al Riddle
Pam McCullough
Marcella Watkins
Gorden Arnold
Michael Locklar

Treasurer Report
Al Riddle

$188,000 in account as of August 31.

HIPLA has received $11,300 for fall institute by check including sponsor's check (all but one sponsor's check) and over $45,000 over internet.

Membership's payments include $1000 in checks and $4000 on line.

Update – tax return due on Nov. 15 –The accountant is preparing the tax return that is due on Nov. 15, 2006. HIPLA has non profit status so there will be no payment involved.

Judges Dinner
Paul Morico

The tentative date is the last Thursday in February. Paul checked and has determined that there are no conflicts for the judges on that date. He secured the hotel. Marcella Watkins moved to for Paul to sign contract and pay $1500 to reserve room and to consider speakers that require payment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Fall Institute
Steve Koch

Plans are on track. Moody Gardens will be releasing rooms soon, so people need to make reservations ASAP. Steve agreed to coordinate a speaker's dinner on Thursday evening with thoughts of doing something in the suite at the hotel. Steve is still coordinating transportation for Friday dinner. Steve would appreciate additional questions for the point counter point. Steve has been approached about having the institute taped and put online cle.

Luncheon Committee Report

Marcella Watkins
The September luncheon was attended by about 145 people. It took in $6,700 in attendance fees and cost $7,020. The thought was that the free Ethics CLE helped attendance. Jeremy is planning another CLE lunch in January or February.

The Nov. lunch will be on the 16th. The December lunch will be on the 7th.

Membership
Linda Stokley

There are roughly 600 members now. Many discrepancies were cleared up during the last few months after an email was sent to the members that had allowed their memberships to lapse.

Mailing List Items
HIPLA agreed to allow the University of Houston to use email list.

Request for private practice attorney to use mailing list – Al Kimbel will deny that request.

HIPLA allowed the University of Texas to use email list for their conference for $250.

Next board meeting
Next board meeting will be on October 24.