

Minutes

Monthly Meeting IP Law Section Council– August 6, 2008
At the Sheraton Hotel 925 South Creyts Road, Lansing MI

The meeting was called to order by Denise Glassmeyer at 9:30 am. In attendance were council members Denise Glassmeyer, Jennifer Sheehan Anderson; David Wisz; Anna Budde; Julia Voutyras; Don Wallace; Scott Keller; Kevin Mackenzie (phone); Eric Sosenko; Jean McCarthy; Joellen Shortley Blaszcak (phone)

Also present were Stephanie Law and Ryan Bailey of the Institute of Continuing Education.

Introduction of members

The Council welcomes new council members Eric Sosenko, Jean McCarthy, and Joellen Shortley Blaszcak.

Establishment of Future Meetings

Future council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at the Sheraton Hotel 925 South Creyts Road. Some meetings in the winter months may be held via telephone

REPORTS

A. Treasurer's report – As of July 31, 2008, the Section has \$67,047.65. Council members may submit expense reports for mileage to come to the meeting.

B. Presentation of Demographic report - The State Bar prepared a Demographic report for the Intellectual Property Section. The Section has 1036 active member of which 891 are Michigan residents. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

C. Status report on Summer Institute –The Summer Seminar was a success and good feedback was received from the attendees. The majority of the speakers received high ratings based on the survey. The surveys completed by attendees also revealed that the topics were relevant to attendees. There were approximately 300 attendees. Ryan Bailey of ICLE discussed the audio responder system used to collect information. The information is being compiled and will be presented to council upon completion.

D Status of October Seminar - The *Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Paralegals and Lawyers*, fall seminar will be held in Grand Rapids, October 6, 2008, and in Troy, October 7, 2008. The seminar is directed to paralegals, assistant and new

lawyers as a nuts and bolts trademark and patent course to navigate the US PTO. Council members Anna Budde and Scott Keller are the chairs of the event. Approximately 20 people have registered to date.

The council discussed the October 2009 Seminar, including a discuss of possible expansion of the topics and possible separate tracks for patent and trademarks for a portion of the program 2009.

Council members Jean McCarthy and Scott Keller volunteered to chair the 2009 October seminars.

CARRYOVER BUSINESS

A. SECTION LIAISONS TO EPO AND JPO MEETINGS - Kevin Mackenzie agreed to be the Section liaison for the next year for the JPO meeting. The liaison duties include attending the meetings, providing a report back to the council, and an article for the Proceedings newsletter.

B. PATENT “BOOTCAMP” AKA KAYTON COURSE In February 2008 the Council co-sponsored a patent “bootcamp” with Kayton. Former council member Jake Grove was the chair of the event. The course was well done and well attended.

This year same course is going to be offered in Chicago, Illinois. A representative from Kayton contacted the council inquiring as to whether or not it could use the MI bar list. Denise Glassmeyer advised that the request needs to come from Illinois bar.

Council member David Wisz agreed to contact and explore the possibilities for a Kayton type seminar for January 2009 or 2010.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Proceedings -Kevin Mackenzie and Anna Budde agreed to take on the editor duties from Jennifer Anderson.

Articles for proceedings
Letter from the Chair – Denise Glassmeyer
Summer Article - Anna Budde
-topic and content assignments

B. Spring Seminar - The Spring Seminar will be held at the Kellogg Center, Lansing Michigan, on March 16, 2009. Ryan Bailey and Stephanie Law will provide the details of the event at the next meeting. Prior chairs of the event were council members were David Wisz and Jennifer Warren and Julia Voutyras chaired law student round table

Council members Don Wallace and Eric Sosenko volunteered to be the 2009 chairs of the event. There was an initial discussion about topics. Potential topics and speakers will be discussed at the next meeting in more detail.

C. Summer Seminar - The 35th Annual Intellectual Property law Summer Institute will be held at Grand Traverse Resort, July 23-25, 2009 and will be moderated by Council member Frank Angileri.

ICLE will extend invitations to following speakers:

Copyright Update – Katherine Spellman
Patent Update –Tom Irving
Trademark Update– David Bernstein
Ethics - John Steele

Further discussion regarding topics and speakers will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS AND/OR FORMAL ADJOURNMENT - No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.