

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2005**

Attendees: Craig Baldwin, Greg Bondarenko, Catherine Brown, Beverly Bunting, Catherine Collins, Denise Glassmeyer, Laura Hargitt, John Naber, Lisa Smith, Laura Slenzak, and Lynn Chard and Kelly Miller of ICLE

Absent: Frank Angileri, Charles Ashbrook.

Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40.

1. Secretary/Treasurer Report

- a. The December 9, 2004 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- b. Ms. Bunting reported that the section has a balance of \$73,588.82. Ms. Miller indicated that there are still some outstanding bills from the October Trademark Seminar relating to speaker expenses.

2. Spring Seminar 2005 – March 14, 2005

- a. The council voted to sponsor three speakers from the PTO, including Carol Bidwell, Jeff Nase, and John Doll.
- b. Dinner with the speakers will be held at Dusty's Wine Cellar the night before the seminar, at 7:00pm. Ms. Chard will make the reservation and send out invitations.

3. Summer Institute '05

- a. Judge Gajarsa expressed an interest in being invited for 2006.
- b. The date for the 2006 institute is July 20-22, 2006.
- c. Various topic suggestions from Kate Spellman for the advanced seminar were discussed, including: International filing strategies; Effect of Grockster case from Supreme Court; Obtaining a security interest in copyright; and open source software and implications. The council selected the open source software topic.
- d. The topic for Mr. Krupka is Complex patent litigation - lessons learned from a \$500 million dollar patent case.
- e. The topic for Ms. Heben is Managing Brand Identity, and will take place Saturday at 10:30.
- f. The schedule for Saturday was discussed. Since no judge is available, it was determined that the speaker from the Justice Department has the broadest appeal
- g. Ms. Slenzak and Ms. Glassmeyer will organize the breakfast for women in IP, held on Friday.

4. Proceedings

- a. The next issue of the proceedings was reviewed and approved.

- b. It was suggested that the proceedings include a link for the amicus brief on Phillips v AWH Corp, that the Section joined in with the New York Intellectual Property Law Association, and information on the request for proposals from Judge Whitbeck.

5. Old Business

- a. Ms. Glassmeyer will follow up with the state bar on the change to the bylaws.
- b. No papers were submitted in the writing contest.

7. New Business

- a. Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck of the State of Michigan Court of Appeals participated in our conference call. Chief Judge Whitbeck indicated that the court is seeking input from all sections regarding how the court can improve its operations. The proposals are due by June 1. In particular, they are requesting the proposal include three parts. Part one is a description of proposed improvements with specific details; part two should describe any results the proposal seeks to achieve; and part three should describe how to quantify these intended results. The court will cost out the proposal. The proposals will be evaluated by the justices, and perhaps members of the bar. The Judges intend to honor the winning group's proposal with an award at one of their fall meetings. The council will send a communication to members seeking their input.
- b. A firm submitted a request whether we are interested in filing an amicus brief in a case they filed, and we will decline.
- c. Suggestions for an October training seminar include PTO training –e filing, or risk management.
- d. It was agreed to include a survey at the Spring Seminar regarding topic suggestions for future seminars.
- e. The council voted to stay at Kellogg for the Spring 06 seminar, and provide two service stations for the break.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 11:10 am.

The February 10 meeting will take place by conference call at 9:30 am, and the March meeting will take place in Lansing.