

9/13/06 - Minutes of July 26, 2006 Meeting @ Elkridge Furnace Inn

Attendees: Mike Oliver, Mohammad Rahman, Mike Yang, Sherry Flax, Cheryl Slay, Paul Carlin, Larry Guffey

1. Acknowledgement of Happenings Since Last Meeting
 - New Chair (Guffey) & New Members (Thomas, Yang, Himmelrich, McComas)
 - Assimilation of Business Law Section IP Comm. Into Our Comm.
 - Call for 3-4 IP Papers to be Published in March 2007 Bar Bulletin
 - Observation Made That Comm. Has Limited Presence on MSBA Web Site
2. Establishment of Two New Subcommittees (these should compliment existing Subcommittees: Communications – Mike Oliver, Chair; Membership – Kathryn Goldman, Chair)
 - Program (with Donna Thomas as Chair; Initial Task: Organization of a Series of “IP Luncheon” Programs for the 2006-2007 MSBA Calendar Year; some of these luncheons might be conducted as webinars so that members from remote areas of the state can participate in IPC activities from their offices)
 - Publications (with Chair TBD; Initial Tasks: Development of Contributions for 3/07 Bar Bulletin and later planned Bar Journal Issue, Liaison coordination for future MICPEL IP Program)

Note: Suggestion was made that we need to further clarify the Subcommittee’s duties

3. Decided To Make The Further Development of Our Comm.’s Website A Top Priority; Items That We’ll Consider Incorporating Include:
 - Searchable IPC Member Directory
 - Link that Allows One To Join IPC From The Web (Carlin to try to get MSBA approval for this)
 - A Communication Portal (either a Wiki, blog, CMS or CRMS) whose timely, non-duplicative IP content would be distributed to IPC members either via periodic emails, RSS, or an e-newsletter

Note: Idea is to use this new website as a key tool in helping us achieve our membership goals while better serving our members

4. Revised “Mission Statement” Presented – Needs Editing; Will Be Distributed To Comm. Members in Electronic Form To Make Their Editing Task Easier
5. Next Meeting – will look at MSBA Hdqrt. Schedule for Wed., 6:00 pm meeting in Sept.

Topics On Which Further Discussion Was Postponed:
Prospective Membership Questionnaire