

10/30/06 - Minutes of October 18, 2006 Dinner Meeting @ Chiapparelli's

Attendees: Mike Oliver, Mike Yang, Sherry Flax, Cheryl Slay, Bill Fryer, Donna Thomas, Kathryn Goldman, Vasilios Peros, Frank Morgan, Paul Carlin, Larry Guffey

1. Approved Minutes of our 9/20/06 Meeting
2. Update On Website Development:
Agreed to publish on Internet ASAP – members were copied with text and changes can be requested at any time
Subcommittee chairs encouraged to update their webpages by listing their new Subcommittee members and to revise the somewhat generic text that is initially being placed there
3. Members Service On Subcommittees – Members were again reminded to please volunteer to serve on one of our Subcommittees – this is where most of our work will be accomplished and our Subcommittee chairs need your help
4. Subcommittee Status Reports:
Communications:
Static webpage is ready to go except for issues regarding the database to be created from the “Join the IPC” link and the “Searchable Members Directory;” Bill McComas has volunteered to serve on this Subcommittee

Membership:
Headcount of those indicating a desire for the creation of an IP Section now numbers approximately 85 (note: this number will be officially established as our website comes up and we begin our recruiting efforts to drive people to the website and have them join as registered members of the IPC who signify by their registration their desire for an IP Section and their willingness to support it with their future Section dues).
Previously planned prospective member surveys and other recruitment efforts will proceed once the “Join the IPC” webpage is operational.

Program:
It was proposed that a forum be held to allow proponents & a few announced critics/skeptics of the formation of an IP Section to voice their opinions. After much discussion, this proposal was not supported by the IPC. It was noted that to provide a forum for critics/skeptics would be unjust in that it would be giving preferential treatment to the opinions of a few.
It was agreed that planning will continue towards organizing the IPC’s first service endeavor for MSBA attorneys (e.g., an IP seminar/luncheon) ASAP.
All members with possible program ideas are encouraged to share these with Donna ASAP.

Publications:

Ned Himmelrich was not present and no report was presented. It was noted that the Nov. Bar Bulletin will feature an article on the IPC. Members are encouraged to continue to solicit or prepare short articles for publication in the March '07 Bar Bulletin that will focus on IP matters.

5. New Business

Larry Guffey and Donna Thomas will attend the 11/2, 8:15 am Business Law Section Council meeting to inform them of the progress of this IPC and to try to address the stated concerns of some Council members.

6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 Dinner Meeting – 6:00 pm @ Chiapparelli's (237 S. High St., Balt.)