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MSBA Special Committee On Intellectual Property (IPC)

Minutes of February 15, 2007 Dinner Meeting @ Chiapparelli's

Attendees: Mike Oliver, Mike Yang, Sherry Flax, Bill Fryer, Donna Thomas, Paul Carlin, Larry Laubscher, Mohammad Rahman, Bill McComas, Larry Guffey

1. Approval of the Minutes from our 1/17/07 Meeting
2. Communications Subcommittee – Mike Oliver, oliver@bowie-jensen.com
Website launched (see www.msbaips.org)
Website modifications to be made wrt patent attorneys registration on website – discussion of various ways to alter what's currently there – no clear consensus reached – Larry to work with Mike to make best efforts modifications, with the understanding that further revisions may be necessary as more MSBA member patent attorneys register and then offer their opinions regarding this registration process
Previously postponed survey – still postponed
3. Membership Subcommittee – Kathryn Goldman, kgoldman@charmcitylegal.com
Headcount – 140 (need to provide Lawrence Hicks with the names of 19 members who've registered on the website but haven't yet be added to MSBA "official" list)
Kathryn to, on 2/16/07 if possible, send 2nd request to those members who haven't yet registered online; for those who still don't respond, will contact them by phone before month's end – expect to need volunteers for these calls – members encouraged to send Kathryn an email if they can help (Larry Laubscher responded that eh would try to help)
Kathryn to try later next week, assuming patent attorney registration process is modified, to get out email solicitation of patent attorneys
Appointed members' still encouraged to solicit prospective members
4. Program Subcommittee – Donna Thomas, dthomas@agtlawyers.com
Breakfast Meeting of the full Comm.:
Topic: "Liability For Using Trademarked Keywords To Triggered Advertising"
Speaker: Steven Lieberman of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, Washington, DC
When: 8:00 – 10:00 am Breakfast Meeting – Friday, 3/30/07
Where: UM Law School
Other: Mike Oliver helping to arrange for webcasting of this presentation
Next Program – Latter half of May; topic to be in patent law area and of general interest rather than specialized primarily for patent attorneys – Discussed benefit of getting a noted outside speaker - Members are encouraged to provide ASAP suggestions to Donna
Program @ MSBA annual summer meeting – Donna to file necessary paperwork by 2/16/07

deadline seeking a spot for this IPC to make a presentation along the line of the IP papers being published in the March Bar Bulletin; need to get presenters buy-in & make final arrangements by 2/28 or soon thereafter or we will have to give up on making such a presentation. Bill McComas offered to help.

5. Publications Subcommittee – Ned Himmelrich – nhimmelrich@gfrlaw.com
Five “How IP Comes Up In ...” articles (2/20 submission deadline) to be published in the March 2007 edition of the Bar Bulletin
Update: In a 2/16 follow-up conversation with Patrick Tandy regarding this matter, it was agreed that the Bar Bulletin will reserve each year’s March edition for IP articles, with this IPC having the responsibility for providing at least 5 of these articles.
January 2008 Issue of Bar Journal Will Be Devoted To IP
6. Administration – Larry J. Guffey, larry@guffeylaw.com
2007-2008 Budget: Scheduling problems will not allow us to collect dues for the 2007-'08 year; thus, we will be budgeted & funded by MSBA as if we have a Council of 25 members
Larry & Sherry to make 3/20 Presentation to Board of Governors
Bylaws Comm. Appointed: Sherry, Bill, Mohammad & Larry Guffey – will review the bylaws of the Sections and try to have a 1st draft ready for presentation at the next mtg.
7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, 3/21, 6:00 pm Dinner Meeting @ Chiapparelli’s