

MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION, MSBA

Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairs

DATE: January 16, 2008

PLACE: Saul Ewing, LLP
500 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

PRESENT: Larry Guffey, Vasilios Peros, Sherry Flax, Donna Thomas, Frank Morgan.

PRESENT BY TELEPHONE: Kathryn Goldman, Mike Oliver.

1. The minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting were read and approved.
2. There was a brief discussion of the first Section meeting on January 8, 2008. Attendance was good, and everyone was generally satisfied with the event.
3. The meeting scheduled for February 20, 2008, was discussed. It was agreed that due to timing it should be canceled and rescheduled.
4. The Nominating Committee was discussed. It was proposed that the present officers would constitute the Nominating Committee.
5. Committee Reports.

Communications. Mike reported that the image system is up and ready for use. There are 137 names in the database. The by-laws are on the website. The Committee still needs members.

Membership. A total of 660 MSBA members have indicated that they practice in the areas of copyright, intellectual property, patent, computer law and Internet law. Kathryn is going to approach the MSBA to see if they will add trademark as a practice area. There are currently 354 members of the IP Section (increase of 29 members from December 2007 report) and 329 IP Section members are on the listserve. There are 134 IP Section members registered on the IP Section website. Once Mike Oliver is ready to go live with the image up-load on the IP website, Kathryn will send a solicitation to the 329-member listserve to register on the IP Section website and to up-load an image to their registration.

Programs. Donna reported that there has been a teleconference of her Committee since the last meeting. The first program will be on March 18, at Saul Ewing at 7:00 p.m. The speaker, Bryan Moore, will talk for an hour and take questions on patents. Bill Fryer will attempt to have in-house counsel in attendance to present some practical experience. Sherry will also follow-up with other corporate counsel. The second, third and fourth programs are on track but not too far along. Regarding the Bar convention, Donna is going to talk to Wanda Claiborne regarding possible topics for the IP presentation. We will probably focus on practical applications for solo and/or small firms.

Publications. Sherry reported that February 20 is the deadline for submitting article ideas for the March 15 "Bar Bulletin." They are looking for six articles.

6. Budget. Vasilios reported that a revised budget of \$6944, was submitted by December 14, 2007, which included the new money requested at our last meeting. We spent \$565 through December 12, plus \$400 for the Section meeting. The budget has \$2800-3000 left for expenses through June, 2008.
7. Larry would like the events calendar on the website to include all meetings and other activities of the Section.
8. The annual report is due February 22, 2008. Larry will send the Committee a draft for review.
9. The next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2008, at Vasilios Peros' office on Light Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morgan
Secretary