

MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION, MSBA

Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairs

DATE: February 13, 2008

PLACE: Thomas & Libowitz
100 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

PRESENT: Larry Guffey, Vasilios Peros, Donna Thomas, Kathryn Goldman, Mike Oliver.

ABSENT: Sherry Flax, Frank Morgan.

1. Committee Reports.

Communications. Mike reported that work on the website is progressing, and that photographs are being uploaded. The RSS (“real simple syndication”) is being set up which allows Mike to provide a “news feed” that users can “subscribe” to using whatever reader they want, and instead of emails, they can check the news feed. A calendar of events is being updated. Mike will follow-up with MSBA regarding integration of the IP site with the MSBA site.

Membership. Kathryn reported that her committee met on January 23, 2008. The Section has 367 current members. The goal is 700. The uploading of photographs is progressing with about 21 photos presently up. Kathryn is going to send an email to the IP listserve requesting that photos be submitted. We have asked MSBA to include trademarks to be added as a practice area, but no response as yet.

Programs. The Committee had a conference call meeting on February 8. The next event will be on March 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Saul Ewing. The second presentation, on licensing, will be in May/June, from 8-10 a.m. The third presentation is likely to be a joint program with the employment law section having to do with employees and possibly trade secrets. The date and time for the Section’s program at the Bar convention is still undecided.

Publications. February 20 is the deadline for articles for the “Bar Bulletin.”

2. Budget. Vasilios reported that it appears that money will be left at the end of the year. Committee heads were asked to estimate how much will be spent.

3. Other Business. Larry again proposed, in what was noted to be a non-precedent setting step, that the Nominating Committee consist of the six officers. As required by the Bylaws, this Committee's chair will be the Section chair. The Officers were asked to start to think about soliciting their Committee's Section Council Members, whose terms are expiring, as to whether they might wish to have their terms renewed so that they can continue to serve on the Section Council in the MSBA 2008-09 year and beyond. The make-up of the Section council also has to be reviewed.

Larry reported on the Committees' follow thru to have their members post their pictures on our website: Communication – all posted; Program – Only SCM Bhattacharyya not posted; none of the non-SCM members have yet posted; Publication – only Flax & Slay have no posted; Membership – Rahman & Dunlap not posted; non-SCM member Fox not posted. The Chairs were again asked to encourage their members to post their pictures on the website ASAP.

4. The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2008, at Kathryn Goldman's office, 20 S. Charles Street, Suite 1201, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morgan
Secretary