

MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION, MSBA

Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairs

DATE: March 12, 2008

PLACE: 20 South Charles Street
Suite 1201
Baltimore, MD 21202

PRESENT: Larry Guffey, Vasilios Peros, Kathryn Goldman, Sherry Flax, Frank Morgan.

BY TELEPHONE: Mike Oliver

ABSENT: Donna Thomas

1. Committee Reports.

Communications. Mike reported that the new calendar is up on the website and other revisions are planned for the near future. Mike's committee has not met as yet. Mike will draft an application to nominate the IP Section website for an award from MSBA.

Membership. Kathryn reported that her committee is scheduled to meet next week. The committee is looking forward to adopting a new strategy for reconciling the number of attorneys practicing IP in Maryland, with the number that have signed up on the IP Section website. In addition, the committee will be looking into adding members who may be located in Virginia or the District of Columbia. It was noted that we still need photographs of members and practice area information about members on the website.

Programs. With Donna on vacation, Frank gave the report. There was an update on the program scheduled for March 18, at Saul Ewing, and on the following program in Columbia, MD. Regarding the program in Ocean City, there was discussion about the title being broadened beyond "Business" lawyers so that litigators and others would be encouraged to attend.

Publications. Sherry reported that there has been a large response to the request for articles in the Bar Bulletin. The deadline for submissions to the Bar convention handout is May 15. The articles should be scholarly, and length is not an issue. There will be perhaps two articles in each subject matter area. The IP Section will be recognized in the handout.

Budget. The Section budget is \$4,434.00 of which there is \$3,344.00 to spend before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Kathryn suggested that we devote some of that money to hiring a graphic designer who would create a logo and consistent style for the Section and the website. Mike indicated that we would report on the topic at the next meeting.

2. The Section Council meeting is scheduled for April 17. There was discussion regarding the format for the meeting.
3. Nominating Committee: It was proposed that the Bylaws be amended to allow the Comm. Chairs to serve more than a one-year term. Guffey to draft and circulate proposed amendment. Other matters discussed included: Chair-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer positions; need for Comm. Chairs to confirm which of their Comm. Members will be returning to the Section Council next year and which of their Comm. Members who are completing one-year terms will allow themselves to be renominated to return to the Section Council next year.
4. The next officers and committee chairs meeting is scheduled for April 9, at Larry Guffey's office in the World Trade Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morgan
Secretary

MSBA SECTION OF INTELLECTION PROPERTY LAW

To: Communications Comm. Chair – Mike Oliver, Program Comm. Chair & Chair-Elect – Donna Thomas
Publications Comm. Chair – Sherry H. Flax, Membership Comm. Chair – Kathryn Goldman, Secretary
– Charles F. Morgan, Treasurer – Vasilios Peros

3/11/08 Draft Agenda

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Noon Luncheon @ Conf. Rm. of Kathryn Goldman, Suite 1201, 20 S. Charles St., Baltimore

- 1. Updates: Communications Comm.
Membership Comm.
Program Comm.
Publications Comm.
Budget
Secretary
Calendar of Events (attached)
- 2. Confirm Proposed Nominating Committee of Guffey & Existing 6 Others Officers; Its Task (See Art. VIII - attached):
Identify Chair-Elect
Confirm Officers Who'll Be Staying & Their New Positions
Identify SC Member/s Who'll Move Into Officer Positions Not Filled by Lateral Moves
Confirm SC Members Who'll Be Staying
Identify MAL Who'll Move Into SC Vacancies – Can it be Comm. chairs responsibility to provide the leadership for resolving these matters?

Comm.	Prgm.	Publ.	Mmbs.pr
Yang ?	Katcheves?	Slay?	Rahman?
Reserved (2)		Gallagher?	Davis?
			Dunlap?
			Reserved (1)

Announce & Discuss with: Officers – 4/9, SC – 4/17, Gen'l Mmbshp – 5/1
6/4 – Deadline for Petitions for Add'l Nominees – If none, nominees stand elected

- 3. Postponement of SC Meeting from 4/10 to 4/17 & Planning for this Meeting
- 4. Registration & Posting of Head Shots on the Website (i.e., closing the gap between 146 and 367)
- 5. Preview of March Bar Bulletin
- 6. Submission for MSBA “Presidential Best Section Project Award” (deadline – 4/9/08)
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Agree on Section & Comm. Goals To Be Accomplished Before 4/9/08 Meeting (location?)

Attachments: Updated Calendar of Events, Bylaws – Art. VIII, Roster, 6/12/08 Program, March Bar Bulletin