

MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION, MSBA

Meeting of Officers and Section Council

DATE: April 17, 2008

PLACE: Sheraton Columbia, Columbia, Maryland

PRESENT: Sherry Flax, Mike Oliver, Vasilios Peros, Donna Thomas, Abby Bhattacharyya, Karen Davis, Stephen DeSmet, Mike Ebaugh, William Fryer, Matt Gallagher, Mohammad Rahman, William Ramsey.

ABSENT: Larry Guffey, Kathryn Goldman, Frank Morgan, Joe Contrera, Tom Dunlap, Ned Himmelrich, Tina Katcheves, Susan Roberto-Saidi, Cheryl Slay, Larry Sung, Mike Yang.

The meeting was called to order by Donna Thomas, who acted as Chair.

Donna Thomas presented a review of the amendments to the Section's bylaws. The Section Council approves the amendments to the bylaws. It was suggested that an email be sent prior to a telephone call of the Section's members to request a vote on the amendments to the bylaws. The telephone call will be made only if needed.

The slate of Officers and Section Council members for the 2008-2009 bar year were presented and approved.

Donna Thomas then requested that the reports of the Committee Chairs be given.

1. Communications. Mike Oliver reported that the logo design for the Section is being worked and priced. The website has been submitted for the Best Project of the Year Award. Mike discussed possible updates to the website, including access for members to post materials.
2. Membership. Mohammed Rahman reported on the membership numbers. The Committee is working on solicitations of new members. Consideration is being given to adding a checkbox or other mechanism to streamline the registration process on the MSBA website.
3. Programs. Donna Thomas reported that a licensing program has been scheduled for May 21st. The MSBA summer convention in Ocean City will include a program on IP Skills for Business Lawyers, scheduled for June 12th. The November program will present IP Issues in Government Contracts. The Section Council members discussed the pros and cons of having a MICPEL program in the near term. The suggestion was made

to check the schedules of AIPLA, ABA and LES to appropriately plan an event that does not conflict by schedule or subject matter. The Section Council suggested that the Committee look at less programs with more time in between for announcements. The Section Council also suggested that the Committee consider more litigation programs.

4. Publications. Sherry Flax reported that the articles for the IP Annual Update are coming along well. The deadline for submittal for the MSBA summer convention CD is May 3rd - so annual update will not go into the CD. These articles are due on May 15th. The IP Annual Update will be posted on the Section's website and accessible only to those members registered on the site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morgan, Secretary

MSBA SECTION OF INTELLECTION PROPERTY LAW

To: Section Council Members:
Communications Comm.: Chair – Mike Oliver, Members-at-Large (MaL): Mike Yang, Stephen DeSmet, Bill Ramsey,
Program Comm.: Chair & Chair-Elect – Donna Thomas, MaL: Bill Fryer, Lawrence Sung, Susan Roberto-Saidi, Abby Bhattacharyya, Michael T. Ebaugh, Tina Katcheves,
Publications Comm.: Chair – Sherry H. Flax, MaL: Ned Himmelrich, Cheryl L. Slay, Matthew Gallagher, Joseph Contrera,
Membership Comm.: Chair – Kathryn Goldman, Mohammad S. Rahman, Karen Davis, Thomas Dunlap
Secretary – Charles F. Morgan, Treasurer – Vasilios Peros

From: Larry J. Guffey, Section Chair

Agenda

Thursday, April 17, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 pm - Cocktail Party followed by a Dinner & Business Meeting @ Private Dining Room in Sheraton
(10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD)

1. 6:00 – 6:30 – Cocktail Party
2. 6:30 – 8:00 – Dinner & Business Meeting

Welcome – Donna Thomas

Bylaw Amendments

Reasons for Amendments

1st Reading at SC of Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Request for Approval to Publish It On 4/18 To The Entire Section for Comments Until 4/26

Proposed 4/30 – noon Telephonic SC Meeting to Formally Vote On Adopting Amendment

Election of 2008-09 Section Officers & New/Renominated Section Council Members-at-Large

Process: Presentation to SC & Request for Feedback, On 5/1 - Publication of List of

Nominees to Entire Membership – Add'l Nominees Can Be Added by Petition of 10 Members

Up Until 6/4, If no Petition/s Received – Nominees Stand Elected, Otherwise – Election @

Annual Meeting in Ocean City

Updates of Committee Activities:

Communications - Mike Oliver

Program - Donna Thomas

Publications - Sherry Flax

Membership – Mohammad S. Rahman (in Kathryn's absence)

Update of Calendar of Events

MSBA SECTION OF INTELLECTION PROPERTY LAW

(Nominating Comm.: L. Guffey, Chair, D. Thomas, M. Oliver, V. Peros, S. Flax, K. Goldman, F. Morgan)

4/17/08: 2008 – 2009 Nominees

Officers:

Section Chair – Donna Thomas	Membership Comm. Chair – Kathryn Goldman
Communications Comm. Chair – Mike Oliver	Secretary – Tina Katcheves
Program Comm. Chair – Vasilios Peros	Treasurer – Mike Yang
Publs. Comm. Chair & Chair-Elect – Sherry H. Flax	Immediate Past Chair - Larry Guffey

New or Renominated Section Council Members-at-Large (SC MAL – max. # = 18):

Mohammad Rahman (3)	Karen Davis (3)
Neal Dongre (3)	Thomas Dunlap (3)
Brad Y. Chin (3)	Leland Moore (1)
Cheryl L. Slay (1)	Andy Aitken (3)
Matthew Gallagher (1)	

Additional Info Regarding Next Year’s Section Council & Committees:

Returning Section Council Members-at-Large:

Steven DeSmet (1)	Abby Bhattacharyya (2)
Bill Ramsey (2)	Michael T. Ebaugh (1)
William T. Fryer III (1)	Ned Himmelrich (1)
Lawrence M. Sung (1)	Joseph Contrera (2)
Susan Roberto-Saidi (2)	

Committee Rosters:

Communications:	Program:	Publications:	Membership:
Neal Dongre* (3)	William T. Fryer III* (1)	Ned Himmelrich* (2)	Mohammad Rahman* (3)
Stephen DeSmet* (1)	Lawrence Sung* (1)	Matthew Gallagher* (1)	Kenneth Fox
Bill Ramsey* (2)	Brad Chin* (3)	Joseph Contrera* (2)	Karen Davis*(3)
Leland Moore* (1)	Susan Roberto-Saidi* (2)	Cheryl Slay*(1)	Thomas Dunlap*(3)
Ruth Vadi	Abby Bhattacharyya* (2)	Lara Simon	Andy Aiken* (3)
	Michael T. Ebaugh* (1)	Jeffrey Zinn	Sury Vepa
	Meredith Blake Martin		
	Jefferson Bradley Aaron		
	Rachael Leventhal		
	Munachi Nsofor		
	Jeff Auerbach		

* - indicates one is also a SC MaL # - number in () represents the years remaining in SC MAL’s term

Committee Volunteers Who Haven’t Yet Selected A Committee Assignment:

D. Christopher Ohly	Chris Aniedobe
	Maryam Azarion

4/17/08 – Two Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

Form to which the Bylaws are proposed to be amended:

Art. IV, Section 6. *Officer Terms.* The Section Chair and Immediate Past Section Chair shall be limited to single one-year terms. The service of one in any of the other Section Officer positions shall be limited to a cumulative total of four one-year terms in any of these other Officer positions. After serving as the Section Chair and the Immediate Past Section Chair, and in any of the other Section Officer positions for up to a cumulative total of four one-year terms, and as a Section Council member-at-large for a period of up to as many as three years, one is not eligible to again serve on the Section Council until at least four years after the expiration of the later of one's service as a Section Officer or member-at-large.

Art. III, Section 5. *Quorum.* Except as otherwise provided, the members of the Section present at any: (a) annual or special meeting of the general membership, (b) Section Council meeting, (c) Section Committee meeting, or (d) Section Officer meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Required amendments to go from current to the proposed:

Art. IV, Section 6. *Officer Terms.* The Section Chair and the Immediate Past Section Chair shall be limited to single one-year terms. ~~Except for the position of Communications Chair, where special technical skills are deemed to be necessary to perform adequately in this position, no Section officer may succeed him or herself in the same office.~~ The service of one ~~One serving in any of the other Section Officer positions in the position of Communications Chair~~ shall be limited to a cumulative total of four one-year terms in any of these other Officer positions ~~term (in this position and possible other officer positions other than as Section Chair) of years totaling not more than four (4) years. No person shall be eligible for election to a full term as a Section officer, other than in the position of Section Chair, who has been a Section officer for a period of time totaling four years.~~ After serving as the Section Chair and the Immediate Past Section Chair, and in any of the other a Section Officer positions for up to a cumulative total of four one-year terms ~~as many as four years, and a full, three year term~~ as a Section Council member-at-large for a period of up to as many as three years, one is not eligible to again serve on the Section Council ~~as a member-at-large~~ until at least four years after the expiration of the later of one's service as a Section officer or member-at-large.

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