

MINUTES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION, MSBA

MEETING OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

DATE: May 14, 2008

PLACE: Thomas & Libowitz, P.A.
100 Light Street, Suite 1100
Baltimore, MD 21202

PRESENT: Larry Guffey, Kathryn Goldman, Donna Thomas, Vasilios Peros, Frank Morgan

BY TELEPHONE: Mike Oliver

ABSENT: Sherry Flax

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Larry Guffey.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of officers and committee chairs on April 9, 2008, were read and approved. The minutes of the Section Council meeting on April 17, 2008, were also read and approved.
2. Officer and Section Council Nominations. Larry reported that to date, no additional nominations for any positions have been received. The deadline for additional nominees is June 4, 2008. If there are none, the following nominees will stand elected:

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:

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)

Returning Section Council Members-at-Large:

Stephen 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)

3. Website. Larry recommended that we consider adding more content to the Section website by posting the articles generated by our Publications Committee and the articles published in the Bar Journal and Bar Bulletin. The MSBA has given their approval as long as we include the appropriate notice. We will also need the permission of each author. Kathryn suggested that some articles should be for the Section members only at least for a period of time. The Committee agreed with these suggestions, and Sherry Flax and Mike Oliver will check into how it can be done.
4. Ocean City. The program for the Bar meeting is set. There is no formal meeting of the Section scheduled, but members who are present may try and get together.
5. 2008-2009 Committee Rosters. Kathryn's membership committee is coordinating the welcoming of and initial feedback to those Section members who volunteer to serve on one of the Section's four standing committees. We believe the following to be the current rosters of these committees:

Communications:

Neal Dongre (3)
Stephen DeSmet (1)
Bill Ramsey (2)

Leland Moore (1)
Ruth Vadi

Program:

William T. Fryer III (1)
Lawrence Sung (1)
Brad Chin (3)
Susan Roberto-Saidi (2)
Abby Bhattacharyya (2)
Michael T. Ebaugh (1)
Meredith Blake Martin
Jefferson Bradley Aaron
Rachel Leventhal
Munachi Nsofor
Jeff Auerbach

Publications:

Ned Himmelrich (2)
Matthew Gallagher (1)
Joseph Contrera (2)
Cheryl Slay (1)
Lara Simon

Membership:

Mohammad Rahman (3)
Kenneth Fox
Karen Davis (3)
Thomas Dunlap (3)
Andy Aiken (3)
Sury Vepa

Committee Volunteers Who Haven't Yet Selected a Committee Assignment:

Chris Aniedobe
Maryam Azarion
D. Christopher Ohly

6. Committee Reports.

Communications. Mike Oliver and Donna Thomas will continue to be in touch about making the meeting on May 21 available via speaker phone and taping the program. The Bar meeting in Ocean City will be taped. See #3 above.

Membership. Kathryn reported that her committee divided up the 400+ MSBA members who indicated some IP practice and sent them an invitation to join the Section. This resulted in only 20 new members, which Kathryn feels is low and plans to follow-up. It was recommended that the invitations be sent at least another time. Mike indicated that 162 people are signed up on the website. The IP Section is currently the 16th ranked of the MSBA's 26 Sections in terms of its membership numbers.

Program. Donna reported that 33 people have indicated that they will attend the program on May 21 on IP licensing. They will receive follow-up emails as reminders, and the notice will be sent out again to various lists via email. Karen Davis will moderate. The committee discussed whether attorneys can bring clients to the meeting, and it was approved for this particular seminar.

Donna also reported that the Bar convention program is in good shape. The September 2008 program is still being planned. There is a speaker for the November 2008 program, and a date and place need to be selected.

Publications. No report.

Budget. Vasilios reported that the Section Council dinner cost \$620. We therefore have \$2,600 to spend before the end of the fiscal year of which \$2,200 is already budgeted, leaving about \$400.

7. Other business.

- a. Larry reported that the Section did not win the MSBA's Presidential Project award for its website. Paul Carlin invited the Section to write an article for the Bar Bulletin introducing the website with a possible follow-up presentation to the Board of Governors.
- b. The Committee thanked Larry Guffey for his extraordinary efforts over the past two years, without which the IP Section would not be a reality.

8. Meeting Schedule. The next meeting of this group, the officers and committee chairs, will be on July 9, 2008, at 12 noon, at Donna's office. The group will next meet on September 10, 2008. The next Section Council meeting will be on September 17, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morgan
Secretary