

## OFFICER MEETING - MINUTES

### MSBA Intellectual Property (“IP”) Section Telephone Conference on August 20, 2008

#### Officers Present:

Ms. Sherry H. Flax, Chair, Publications; Chair Elect  
Ms. Kathryn M. Goldman, Chair, Membership  
Ms. Konstantina M. Katcheves, Secretary  
Mr. Michael D Oliver, Chair, Communications  
Mr. Vasilios Peros, Chair, Programs  
Ms. Donna Thomas, Chair of the Section  
Mr. Michael Yang, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Donna Thomas at approximately 12:00 p.m.

#### I. Next Section Council Meeting, Kathryn Goldman, Chair, Membership Committee

The September 17, 2008 Section Council meeting to be held at the Sheraton Columbia was discussed. The proposed agenda was presented. The agenda includes Committee Chairs providing an overview of plans for the year and time for a general meet and greet for council members to get to know each other. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

#### II. Officers Meeting - Donna Thomas, Section Chair and Kathryn Goldman, Chair, Membership Committee

The September 24, 2008 Officer’s Meeting was scheduled for 12:00 p.m. at Kathryn’s Office. The meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.

#### III. Budget – Vasilios Peros, Chair, Program Committee (past Treasurer) and Mike Yang, Treasurer

The transition from Vasilios, past treasurer, to Mike, current treasurer, was discussed. It was reported that this year’s budget has not been confirmed. It was reported that there was some funds left from the previous year’s budget. The current budget is to be confirmed.

#### IV. Committee Reports

Program Committee – Vasilios Peros, Chair, Program Committee and Donna Thomas, Section Chair

The next scheduled program on IP Issues in Government Contracts on October 1, 2008 was discussed. The program will likely be held at the NeoTech Incubator in Columbia, MD. The location needs to be confirmed. Robert K. Huffman, Esq., Partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP agreed to present, possibly with co-presenters. We need to confirm that the location has a hi-speed connection and telephone service in the room.

Membership Committee – Kathryn Golden, Chair Membership Committee

A networking only event for section members and those interested in membership was discussed with a possible location in Bethesda or Baltimore. Congresswoman Zoe Loffgren was discussed as a possible guest to discuss the net neutrality bill. Discussion ensued regarding the budget required for such a networking event. It was reported that the budget was limited for such an event. Discussion ensued regarding possibly charging members to attend or finding co-sponsors such as DC and VA IP Sections, Tech council of MD, NVTC.

Communications Committee – Mike Oliver, Chair, Communications Committee

An overview of the logo contest was provided. Discussion ensued on the logo contest for the MSBA IP Section Logo. Logo No. 1 was the overall winner. Comments received on type size and whether the word “law” should be in the logo were discussed. Final logo design was agreed upon. It was discussed that the website will be made consistent in terms of size, color and font. The logo font size may be modified and the word “law” will not be inserted in Logo No. 1.

The need for “Go to Webinar” software was discussed. It was discussed that the MSBA should be approached to pay for this. The Chair is to address this with the MSBA. The other option is for the IP Section to pay and let other sections pay a user fee.

Publications Committee – Sherry Flax, Chair

Sherry Flax stated that the IP Law Update would continue. She also stated she could use more members on her committee. An e-newsletter was being considered for the Section as well.

V. Announcements

Inefficiencies in communication were discussed. Particularly email communication to the membership of program announcements should be improved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Secretary : Konstantina Katcheves \_\_\_\_\_