

## OFFICER MEETING - MINUTES

**MSBA Section of Intellectual Property Law**  
**January 14, 2009 at 12:05 p.m. to 1:43 p.m.**  
**By Teleconference**

### **Participating Officers:**

Ms. Donna Thomas, Chair of the Section  
Ms. Sherry H. Flax, Chair, Publications, and Chair-elect  
Mr. Michael Yang, Treasurer  
Ms. Konstantina M. Katcheves, Secretary (by telephone)  
Mr. Vasilios Peros, Chair, Programs  
Ms. Kathryn M. Goldman, Chair, Membership (by telephone)  
Mr. Mike Oliver, Chair, Communications (by telephone)

### **Non-participating Officers:**

Mr. Larry Guffey, Immediate Past Chair

The meeting was called to order by Donna Thomas at 12:05 p.m.

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes will be circulated for approval after review by Chair.

### **II. Budget, Mike Yang**

Treasurer provided update on budget. The \$20 section dues approved by the Section Council should support the budget request. Next year's budget request has been submitted to the MSBA in the amount of \$9,010. Webinar telephone line costs and options to minimize those line costs was discussed.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Communication Committee – M. Oliver, Chair**

M. Oliver updated on the status of the web-site and electronic newsletter (“eNewsletter”). It was considered whether the software, Constant Contact, would be used to distribute the newsletter. Discussion was also had as to how many monthly emails will be sent using the software and whether the newsletter will be a members-only benefit. The best delivery method for the eNewsletter was discussed. It was decided that the newsletter will be a members-only benefit. It was also decided that the eNewsletter will be delivered as a single link sent to the list serve that will direct recipients to the content; as a result, there is no need for Constant Contact.

#### **B. Membership Committee – Kathryn Goldman, Chair**

K. Goldman updated on the status of membership. It was reported that the membership count is at 566 members, which is a 7% increase from last month. K. Goldman updated on the

status of the welcome letter to new members. The committee is waiting for information from MSBA on new membership list. The committee is considering sending a hardcopy letter by USPS to new members utilizing the Sections MSBA allotted monthly mail/copy budget. It was discussed and decided to provide notice to our members by newsletter and by email that our section will become a dues paying section next year. K. Goldman updated on the plans for a social networking event.

#### C. Program Committee – Vasilios Peros, Chair

V. Peros updated on the status of programs. It was reported that the winter program was successfully presented by webinar on Quanta Electronics v. LG. Approximately 60 people registered and approximately 40 participants were in attendance for the webinar. The committee is considering more webinar-only events.

#### D. Publication Committee – Sherry Flax, Chair

S. Flax reported on the format and content of the eNewsletter and provided a status update regarding the newsletter project and other publications. S. Flax currently has no updates from J. Contrera who agreed to spearhead the eNewsletter project. S. Flax reported on the March 15, 2009 edition of the Bar Bulletin (Feb. 20, 2009 submission deadline), which will be devoted to intellectual property. It was reported that approximately seven articles have been proposed. S. Flax reported that she would begin soliciting articles for the annual updates in March. The January 2010 issue of the Maryland Bar Journal (Sept. 15, 2009 submission deadline) will be devoted to intellectual property. Timeline and content possibilities were discussed.

### **IV. MICPEL**

It was reported that MICPEL's January 30 event, co-sponsored by the IP Section, may be available as a webinar. Section Chair reported that there are currently 16 registered for the MICPEL.

### **V. Legislative Agenda**

Section Chair solicited input on any legislation of interest for the current session. K. Goldman suggested a solicitation on the list serve and a notice on the eNewsletter.

### **VI. Next Officers Meeting**

Next Officers' Meeting to be held on Wednesday 2/11/09 at 12:00 p.m. by teleconference. Next Section Council meeting will be in March 2009 on a date to be determined – Section Chair to solicit council members' availability and confirm a meeting date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Secretary: Konstantina Katcheves