



HIPLA Board Meeting Minutes January 27, 2008

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In Attendance:

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Natalie Wright

1. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
Wright moved, Morico seconded. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report
As of the end of December, 2008, HIPLA has \$150,170.60 in its account. The net revenue from the Fall Institute was \$29,846.50 of which HIPLA's share is \$14,923.25.
3. Old Business
 - Standing of HIPLA/Registered Agent
Re-registration of HIPLA with the Texas Secretary of State has been completed.
 - Federal Circuit's November Panels in Houston
In connection with the Federal Circuit sitting in Houston in November, there will be a judges dinner on the evening of November 3, 2009 at the Houstonian to which judges from the Federal Circuit and the local federal judiciary will be invited. This dinner will replace the judges dinner traditionally hosted by HIPLA in February. The Federal Circuit will also put on a seminar on the afternoon of November 4, 2009.
 - JPO and EPO Liaisons
Both John Osha (JPO) and Howard Speight (EPO) have attended the respective programs put on by the Japanese

Patent Office and European Patent Office and will give reports at the March lunch.

- Model Jury Instructions

Sharon Israel and her committee prepared comments to the model jury instructions prepared by Judge Michel's informal committee. These will be submitted on behalf of HIPLA.

4. New business

- Amicus Committee

The amicus committee decided to not submit an amicus brief in connection with the cert. petition in *In re: Bilski*.

- Giles Rich Moot Court

The board approved the \$2500 budget for the HIPLA-sponsored reception in connection with the Giles Rich moot court competition on March 20.

- Mailing Labels

Steven Spears will work on a letter to accompany HIPLA's mailing labels when they are sold to outside organizations to make clear that they are not to be duplicated and are to be used only for appropriate purposes.

- Science Fair

The board approved the \$6000 budget for HIPLA's involvement in the Science & Engineering Fair of Houston. This includes two \$1000 awards, and \$4000 to be a platinum sponsor which results in HIPLA getting special recognition at the fair.

5. Next Board Meeting date will be February 24, 2008.

