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HIPLA Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2010

In Attendance:

Al Riddle*
Anthony Matheny*
Michael Locklar*
Shawn Foster
Elizabeth King
Ted Ro
Jennifer Carnahan
Charles Walker
Steve Spears
Keana Taylor
*in person, the rest by phone

1. Approval of Minutes

Al Riddle called the meeting to order. Michael Locklar moved, Sean Foster seconding, to approve the meeting minutes from the May 2010 meeting. All approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Joe Beauchamp reported via email,

1. We had a month-end balance in May of \$152,894. We have deposits in transit of approximately \$1600, and outstanding checks of approximately \$4300. We had a slight profit on the golf tournament.

2. HIPLA has received an invoice from Conklin Hruzek for \$15,733.

The invoice covers Conklin's professional services and expenses from April 2008 through March 2010. This was slightly less than had budgeted. The amount invoiced seems reasonable and proper, so it will be paid. Conklin's prior invoice was sent in 2008, and covered 3.5 years. That invoice was \$25,000, and we paid it in full.

3. Old Business

3.a Golf Tournament

Al Riddle reported that the tournament was enjoyed by all attendees. Luke will be asked to provide a full report in August.

3b. Inventor of the Year

Keana Taylor reported that the Inventor-of-the-Year award will be made this Thursday. Discussion was also held in regards to possibly moving the IOY award to an earlier date, not in the summer. Keana will review with the committee and make a recommendation.

3c. Institute Planning

Georgianna Braden reported by email, we have sponsors for all breaks, breakfasts, materials, and two for the Friday night dinner. I have the foods selected for each event. I am going down to Galveston the second week of July to view two locations for the dinner.

The topic of moving the Institute to another location was also briefly discussed with the plan to send out surveys to attendees of the Institute as well as to non-attendee HIPLA meetings to gauge interest in a possible move. In the meantime, the 2012 Institute will remain in Galveston at Moody Gardens.

3d. Amicus Committee Update

Steve Spears reported that the Amicus Committee is working on the Therasense brief via Bob McAughan and Jeff Andrews of Locke Lord. The committee declined to take up any issues in the Tivo decision.

3e. Bylaw Update

Al Riddle reported that he and Steve Koch had identified some parts of the bylaws that needed to be updated or revised. Al distributed a proposed redraft of the HIPLA By-Laws Article X, and comments were provided. Al will provide a further redraft before the next meeting based on the feedback received.

3f. Summer Activity

Al Riddle reported that we have a very preliminary hold on the Astro's Coke Box, for August 17, but that w/o a sponsor for at least the food he would not proceed. Mike Locklar agreed to take on this opportunity and work to obtain a sponsor and a final date.

4. New Business

4a. Membership

No report – Mark will be asked to send out a reminder for members to re-register.

4b Bar Leaders Lunch

Al Riddle reported as to the new HBA administration.

4c. Judges Dinner

Anthony Matheny reported that the plan would be to hold the event again in February at the Four Seasons. It was suggested Anthony confirm the chosen date not conflict with the UH Baker Botts lecture also usually held in February.

5. Next Board Meeting Date

August 24, 2010

Al Riddle indicated that there will be no July meeting.

6. Adjournment

Elizabeth King moved to adjourn. Jennifer Carnaham seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Riddle & Anthony Matheny

