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Those in attendance –

Al Kimball
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Marcella Watkins
Linda Stokley
Al Riddle
Collin Rose
Steve Spears
Michael Locklar
Pam McCollough
Patty Meier
Anthony Matheny
Joe Beauchamp

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Al Kimball moved to approve the minutes. Paul Morico seconded. All were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

Al Riddle reported that a final accounting had been made regarding the Fall Institute. Paul Janicke and Steve Koch agreed with the accounting. The final accounting called for payment in the amount of \$39,589.76 to UH IP Institute which represented one-half of the net proceeds from the Fall Institute. Al Riddle moved to approve payment to UH. Marcella Watkins seconded. All were in favor.

3. Judge's Dinner

Paul Morico reported that HIPLA had approximately 145 registered attendees and approximately 125 attended. Ten judges appeared. Even though a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 was made by HIPLA to Central Houston, Inc., total cost associated with the dinner was consistent with previous years.

4. Committee Reports

a. Local Rules – Al Kimball on behalf of Howard Speight

Al reported that HIPLA received only one comment from the Membership. Therefore, HIPLA did not submit its own view of the proposed local rules.

b. Giles Rich Moot Court Competition – Anthony Matheny

Anthony reported that the competition went smoothly, all of the judges showed up for their scheduled times (or sent replacements in their stead). The reception was well attended and Mingalone did a very good job.

c. Nominating Committee/Election Committee – Al Kimball

Al reported that the notice of the annual meeting and election, and list of nominees, was posted on the website and through announcements by e-mail, both more than 7 days prior to the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be at Brennan's. Al Kimball asked for any comments and none were provided.

d. Amicus – Al Kimball on behalf of Sharon Israel

Al reported that the HIPLA amicus brief was filed in the *Seagate* case. The brief reflected what was previously approved by the Board.

e. Entertainment – Joe Beauchamp

Joe reported that the joint reception between HIPLA and the three area law schools was moved from the first week in April to April 11, 2007 and will be held at South Texas College of Law. Joe said that he would make sure a notice is sent out to the membership. Joe noted that because of construction, parking may be difficult. Joe also reported that the annual HIPLA golf tournament will be held May 17, 2007 and that the cost estimates per golfer were approved.

5. Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held April 19, 2007 at 5:00 pm

6. New Business – Memorial of Past Year's Deceased.

Al Kimball noted that he was aware of only one former/current HIPLA member who died over the past year and asked if anyone knew of anyone else. No others were identified. Al intended to mention the names of all of the past year's deceased at the annual meeting.

7. Old Business

None

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.