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HIPLA Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2010

In Attendance:

Al Riddle*
Anthony Matheny*
Michael Locklar
Joseph M. Beauchamp
Howard L. Speight*
Stephen Koch
Shawn Foster
Ted Ro
Carey Jordan
Charles Walker
Matt Reeves
Georgianna Braden
Luke Culpepper
Steve Spears
Keyna Taylor
*in person, the rest by phone

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1. Approval of Minutes

Al Riddle called the meeting to order. Anthony Matheny moved, with Steve Koch seconding, to approve the meeting minutes from the March 2010 meetings. All approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Joe Beauchamp reported that as of the end of April 2010, the HIPLA account had a balance of approximately \$146,000. There were about \$3,000 in pending deposits and \$4,200 in checks in transit leaving a balance of approximately \$145,000.

3. Old Business

3.a Golf Tournament

Luke Culpepper reported that all appears to be on track for the golf tournament. He expects income and expenses to be approximately equal.

3b. Institute Planning

Georgianna Braden reported that all speakers have confirmed. Sponsors have been arranged for most breaks but she is still looking for a second sponsor for the Friday night gathering. A number of options were discussed for the venue of the Friday night gathering including the Aquarium, Schlitterbahn, The Flight Museum, the Railroad Museum, and the Oil and Gas Museum.

Georgianna has not heard from Moody Gardens about future years. Al Riddle assigned himself the action item of discussing with Paul Janicke whether to continue with Moody Gardens. Al will work with Mike Locklar and Anthony Matheny on this leveraging off our Communications Chair Ron Derrington. Al also suggested taking a poll of the membership and a separate poll of those that actually register for the Institute regarding their preferences for the location of future Institutes. Al will review with the team and Paul.

3c. Inventor of the Year

Keyna Taylor reported that the Inventor-of-the-Year Committee has received two nominations. The Committee will decide on the winner at a meeting on May 21, 2010. Keyna said she would ask the winner to calendar the award luncheon.

3d. Summer Activity

Howard Speight reported on his contacts with the Astros, which he had previously distributed to the Board by email. Howard will further investigate the “all you can eat” option and the Coke Box option. He will look at dates in July and August before school starts. He will report to the Board by email.

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. He, Steve, and Anthony Matheny will distribute comments regarding the bylaws updates for discussion at the next meeting.

3f. Amicus Committee Update

Steve Spears reported that the Amicus Committee has decided to file a brief in the Therasense inequitable conduct case. Bob McLaughan and Jeff Andrews of Locke Lord have agreed to write the brief. Bob will prepare a one-page position paper that will be distributed to the Board in about a week. The position will be that some work could be done to shore up the materiality and intent prongs of inequitable conduct. The brief will not address all of the issues proposed by the Federal Circuit.

Al Riddle will look at a new set of Federal Circuit en banc questions on enforcement of judgments and circulate his thoughts to the Board by email.

3g. Funding for EPO and JPO liaison trips

Al Riddle moved to fund trips by the HIPLA representatives (Howard Speight and John Osha) to the EPO liaison council meeting in Europe and JPO liaison council meeting in Japan up to \$1500 each, assuming that the two representatives are planning to attend. Howard confirmed that he is planning to attend the meeting in Europe. Al suggested that Howard and John identify people who might succeed them in their positions.

4. New Business

None.

5. Next Board Meeting Date

June 22, 2010

Al Riddle indicated that there will be no July meeting.

6. Adjournment

Al Riddle moved to adjourn. Steve Koch seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Speight

