

ISB INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
Minutes of Meeting
May 20, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.
ISB Law Center

Call to Order at 12:05 p.m.

Attendees

Elizabeth Schierman

Tim Murphy

Stephen Nipper

Dana Herberholz

Robert Shaver

John Zarian

Scott Swanson

Romney Hogaboam (by phone)

Eric Ritter (by phone)

- I. Welcome, Introductions, General Announcements:
 - a. Annual Conference = July 14–16 in Idaho Falls
 - b. Section's Annual Meeting = July 15 in Boise – Attendees who are at the annual meeting can call into the Section Meeting.

- II. Nominations for Officer Positions Now Open: Chair, Southern Vice Chair, Northern Vice Chair, Eastern Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - a. Submit nominations to a current Section Officer by email or personally
 - b. Election will be held at next Section meeting (July 15th)

- III. Next Section-Sponsored Issue of The Advocate: May 2011
 - a. Article Submissions Due March 5, 2011
 - b. Author Volunteers Contact Section Officer

- IV. University of Idaho College of Law Relations
 - a. Third Year in Boise – this is on track to begin in the Fall. Section members should keep an eye out for these law students and encourage them to join the Section, as student membership is free.

- V. IP Law Section Donation Request Handling Procedure – The following options were discussed.
 - a. Timing:
 - (i) Option1: Handle donation requests as they arrive.
 - (ii) Option 2: Handle donation requests once a year.
 - (iii) On this issue, a motion passed to adopt Option 2.
 - b. Form:

- (i) Option 1: Accept requests in any form.
- (ii) Option 2: Accept requests only in writing.
- (iii) Option 3: Accept requests using completed form we prepare.
- (iv) On this issue, it was decided to see what other sections' forms look like and consider adopting a similar form; also for this year, we will accept written requests until we adopt a specific form.

c. Purpose of Request:

- (i) Option 1: Consider all law-related requests.
- (ii) Option 2: Consider only IP-related requests.
- (iii) On this issue, it was decided to give preference to IP-related issues, but also to consider other requests.

VI. Upcoming CLE's:

- June (?), 2010 – Prof. Annemarie Bridy (U of I) – “Current Issues in Cyberlaw”
- August 19, 2010, 8:30-9:30 a.m. for general bar – Pat Kole – “Trademark and Certification Mark Protection Abroad”
- October 28–29, 2010, Sun Valley, ID for general bar – “Technology and the Law”
Topics to include ESI, IT, IP. Program development for this event is in progress.
- December 16, 2010 for general bar – Stephen Nipper – “The Light Side of IP Ethics Issues.” This topic is subject to change.

Available dates:

- July 15, 2010, 12:00 p.m. for Section – Dana Herberholz has volunteered for this date.
- September 16, 2010, 12:00 p.m. for Section – Still Open.
- November 18, 2010, 12:00 p.m. for Section – Still Open.

VII. Several Announcements were made including:

- a. Allowance rates at the USPTO have increased significantly. Several theories for this were proposed, but no firm conclusions were drawn.
- b. The USPTO has established a contingency EFS system for when the main EFS is down.
- c. The USPTO plans to adopt a new program allowing an applicant to obtain expedited examination of one application if they agree to abandon another application. Strategies for best utilizing this new program were discussed.

VIII. CLE PRESENTATION: Scott Swanson presenting “*Shapes, Sounds & Scents: A CLE on Nontraditional Trademarks*”

IX. Adjourn at 1:00 p.m.