



IPS Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2017

Davis Wright Tremaine at 12 p.m.

PRESENT: 1) Fraser Mendel; 2) Leonid Kisselev (phone); 3) Mathew Dresden; 4) Carly Chan; 5) Bernard Shen (phone); 6) Elly Baxter; 7) Julianne Unite (phone); 8) Holly Vance (phone); 9) Megan Fouty (phone).

- 1) Approval of minutes from December 2016 minutes. Matthew moved. Holly seconded. All in favor. None opposed.
- 2) CLE – Fraser said that CLE committee still needs to have a follow-up meeting. Leonid brought up that there is a speaker from Florida, Regina Palouse, who would like to speak about a human rights topic. Bernard said that he will follow-up with the speaker to find out the details about her proposed talk. Bernard asked Julianne if there are any WSBA rules that would prevent a speaker from appearing remotely to an audience in Washington. Julianne thought that there should not be a problem, but will double check.
- 3) Kick-Off Event at DWT – Carly said that the announcement has gone out. Carly and Matthew are discussing possible reception space options, most likely will be the same set-up as last year. Matthew said that the Caterer will be a Cajun food truck. DWT will provide alcohol and the caterer will provide a bartender.
- 4) Happy Hour – Bernard asked Megan about organizing another happy hour. Megan will look into the organization.
- 5) Spring Event – Holly said that she and Bernard discussed whether they could collaborate with Washington Council on International Trade. They have talked to WCIT and WCIT will get back to us regarding whether they are interested in collaborating with us. WCIT's primary concern appears to be if too many IPS members show up – they would like us to limit ourselves to a single table. There are really good speakers slated for an upcoming WCIT event, but the event is also really expensive. Bernard said that we should look into the possibility of getting CLE credits for the event. Holly asked if the event should be a money maker. Bernard said that the event does not have to be a money maker as long as we don't lose too much money. Elly said that members have complained that our events were too expensive in the past. Bernard mentioned that the money charged by WCIT would go WCIT. If IPS wants to hold and charge for a CLE immediately after the WCIT program, that would probably have to be handled by IPS/WSBA separately. Fraser voiced the concern that having an IPS CLE after the WCIT program would make for a very long event, and therefore unlikely to attract attendees to stay and attend the IPS CLE. Bernard agreed. Conclusion is to explore the following option: IPS would advertise the WCIT event to IPS members, and will reach out to WSBA to see if IPS members who attend the WCIT program could get any CLE credits. Separately, we would plan and hold our own separate IPS Spring event. Holly asked if we have had any feedback on the format of the IPS Spring event. Matthew suggested that we may do some exploration with the format.



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Holly suggested exploring a breakfast format. The committee will look into the possibility of having the event at a large law firm. Elly suggested to stay clear of scheduling the event at the same time as the ABA IPS annual event.

- 6) Bernard reminded EC members to send him ideas for additional EC members.
- 7) BOG report – Mario recently sent a letter regarding BOG updates. There will be a vote soon regarding making an observance day for incarceration of Japanese Americans. Discussion regarding permissible religious practices and changing lawyer demographics will take place soon. Section Bylaw Workgroup charter has not been extended but discussion of revisions to section bylaws will continue – vote is expected in January. Bernard asked where the January meeting of BOG will take place – Mario said that the meeting will take place in Gonzaga on January 26 and 27. Julianne reminded about the upcoming section night and said WSBA will be contacting sections regarding updates to section webpages.
- 8) Adjourn.