

WSBA IP Section
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
2/13/2024

- BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dario Machleidt (DM) (Past Chair); Rodney Tullett (RT) (Chair); Connie Wan (CW) (VICE CHAIR); Syed Abedi (SA) (Secretary-Treasurer); Sunah Lee (SL); Ethan Vodde (EV); Thomas Wong (TW); Carrie Lofts (CL); Ian Crosby (IC)

A. YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON: ~~Jack Chang (JC)~~ No Longer Attending Meetings

B. SECTION LIAISON: Carolyn MacGregor (CM)

C. BOG LIAISONS: Matthew Dresden (MD)

D. WSBA CLE LIAISON: Sally Romero (SR)

- CALL TO ORDER: _____

QUORUM:

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOV. 2023 AND JAN. 2024 MINUTES

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

Minutes approved/not approved.

- THINGS TO BE DECIDED AND WORKED ON

A. UPCOMING ELECTIONS

We have three open positions for Secretary/Treasurer for a four year term (secretary-treasurer/chair-elect/chair/past chair) and two member at large positions for two year terms ending 9/30/26.

We need to reach out to section members who may be interested so that they can submit their statement of interest to the online portal between March 11 and April 15th, 2024.

B. CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION – JOINT MEETING

Need to get this rolling if we are to have a joint event in March or April '24.

Connie has reached out to Joel Emans of the corporate counsel section but has not received a reply. We may need to tap someone else.

C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Connie Wan, Rodney Tullett and Bob Carlson (non-board member who served on the committee last year) have agreed to be the nominating committee for this year.

The committee will reach out to section members who would like to run for an open position with instructions. In addition, if more than three members express an interest in the same open position, the committee will narrow the number of candidates to three per the section's bylaws.

- CLE UPDATES:

Empire Mini CLE

- i. Chairs: Ethan/Carrie
- ii. Date: February 13th, 2024
- iii. Format: in-person

Discussion: The Section will present Gonzaga scholarship award at the CLE.

28th Annual IP Institute

- i. Chairs: Rodney Tullett, Connie Wan & Ian Crosby
- ii. Date: April 16, 2024 (the third Tuesday of April 2024)
- iii. Update on event planning:-

Discussion: Ian Crosby has arranged for Cynthia Arato who is a well-respected author on regenerative AI to be this year's keynote speaker. So far there are 4 confirmed speakers arranged on ethics, patent practice in the AI space and the PTO will present updates on patent harmonization and patent prosecution highway updates. We are still looking for other speaker ideas.

The speaker's dinner on Monday April 15th and reception after the CLE still need to be planned.

IP Licensing CLE

- i. Chairs: Syed, Sunah
- ii. Date: TBD
- iii. Format: TBD

Discussion: none.

CLE Timely Topics '25

- i. Chairs: None yet
- ii. Tom wants to rotate off the committee. We need volunteers to help plan this CLE.
- iii. For the past two years we have pushed this CLE out until after Sept. 30 as not interfere with good summer months in Seattle. The topic doesn't have to remain timely topics. It can be anything IP related.

- BUDGET

Discussion: We have budgeted 15k for the scholarship program, 10k for the session member social events (\$2500 for CLE receptions), and \$3K for the IP Institute speaker's dinner. Ethan is coordinating with Gonzaga to select a recipient to be presented at the Inland Empire mini-CLE. For UW and Seattle U., Connie will reach out to the schools. UW and Seattle U. awards will be presented at the IP Institute.

- Scholarships

All three law schools have been contacted about our available scholarships. We hope to have a winner from Gonzaga by the Inland Empire Mini CLE and two winners from UW and Seattle U. by the April 16th IP Institute.

Need to stay in contact with the law schools to make sure we are on track.

- WSBA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A. Ethan Vodde is the WSBA Outreach & Legislative Affairs Coordinator

Discussion: N/A.

- Alcohol policy: This committee had voted to return to the prior policy of allowing the section to spend money on alcohol for these section events.

Any update from the Board of Governors on this?

- ADJOURN: