

WSBA IP Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
12/10/2024

- BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Connie Wan (CW) (Chair); Syed Abedi (SA) (VICE CHAIR); Jim Vana (Secretary-Treasurer); Sunah Lee (SL); Elizabeth Breakstone (EB); Greg Plichta (GP).

- A. YOUNG LAWYER LIAISON: Heather Hedeon
- B. SECTION LIAISON: Carolyn MacGregor (CM)
- C. BOG LIAISONS: Alain Villeneuve
- D. WSBA CLE LIAISON: Sally Romero (SR)

- CALL TO ORDER: 4:07PM

QUORUM: QUORUM

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion: Connie Wan

Second: Jim Vana

Vote: all in favor

Abstention: 0

Nay: 0

Motion: passed

- THINGS TO BE DECIDED AND WORKED ON

A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINT: TWO VACANCIES, BOTH AT LARGE 2023, 2025 – 1 YEAR

Nominee: Greg Plichta (introduced himself and his background)

Motion: Add Greg to EC as at-large member

Motion made by: Connie

Second: Sunah

Vote: all in favor

Motion: passed

Discussion:

- SCHOLARSHIPS

We have 15K in the budget to give as scholarships for local law schools. The student awardees will be invited to attend the IP Institute.

- University of Washington: \$5000
- Seattle University: \$5000
- Gonzaga University: \$5000.

Discussion: Connie asked whether anyone has a contact at Gonzaga and could reach out to the law school; no takers. Connie looking for a contact

A. PRO-BONO PROGRAM UPDATE

Update: The program has started. Seattle U is hosting the program. We have five applications. DWT and Perkin Coie Pro Bono Programs. First application now assigned; volunteer is working with inventor.

B. CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION – JOINT MEETING

Discussion: Reached out to Joel, Corporate counsel section chair, about an in-house counsel panel for mini-CLE, and joint sections marketing event. Maybe a Christmas party joint event. No response yet from Joel.

C. CLE UPDATES:

IP Mini CLE (can be panels?)

- i. Chairs: Connie, Elizabeth
- ii. Date:
 - March 27, 2025: noon-1
 - Topic: IP dispute on Amazon
 - June 26, 2025: noon-1
 - Topic: Domain name disputes
 - September 25, 2025: noon-1
 - Topic: IP licensing/transaction (TBD)

- iii. Format: Virtual lunchtime CLE

Discussion: We decide to offer this CLE events as a series of three mini-CLE event. The CLE will be offered at the last Thursday of each quarter as lunch time mini-CLEs. The CLE will be free to IP section members and will be \$35 for the non-IP section members. Connie asked for volunteers or recommendations

28th Annual IP Institute

- i. Chairs: Rodney, Connie, Syed
- ii. Date: April 2025

Discussion: Suggest having a reception if a CLE is to be Live only. Amazon marketplace disputes will be one topic. Looking for keynote speaker (preferably a judge).

IP Licensing CLE

- i. Chairs: Jim, Sunah
- ii. Date: Q3, 2025
- iii. Format:

Discussion: Jim and Sunah will discuss content and speakers.

CLE Timely Topics '25

- i. Chairs: Connie, Rodney
- ii. Date: Dec. 4, 2024; Jan. 15, 2025; Feb. 12, 2025.
- iii. Format: Remote

Discussion: This CLE is now offered as three 2-hr CLE events. Connie is looking for topics and speakers (AI update, Amazon disputes are possible topics). January date may conflict with Microsoft event; consider rescheduling.

D. Benefit to the section members: Connie noted that there aren't many

More mini-CLE series? Networking events? Elizabeth suggested mentorship pairings; Connie noted that prior mentorship efforts had not had great success. Greg noted diversity-focused mentoring programs at WISPLA and Leadership Council of Legal Diversity (through Amazon) as

possible models for what WSBA IP Section could do. Greg and Heather/Heather and Greg will spearhead a similar initiative for the IP Section.

- WSBA LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

A. Any volunteers?

Discussion: Elizabeth Breakstone will take this. Connie suggested connecting with Sanjay at the Legislative Affairs Committee.

- ADJOURN: 4:41pm