



State Bar of Nevada, Intellectual Property Section

MINUTES for Friday, May 21, 2021

1. Attendance:

Seaton Curran
Paxton Fleming
Robert Horne
Dave Kaplan
Cynthia Burham
Eric Abbott
Joanna Myers
Keri Stephens

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Seaton moved, Cynthia seconded, no objection.

3. Treasurer's Report (Joanna):

- Robert Horne gave report – updated P&L being worked on, right now January is the most recent
- Balance of \$30,000 as of January

4. Legislative Report (Seaton):

- Were not able to have a committee meeting, hope to have one soon
- Discussed Google/Oracle copyright case
- PTO doing outreach, patents 101 and trademarks 101; Seaton attended PTAB session on best practices for preparing appeal briefs
- PTO seeking comments for new rules on Ex Parte TM Proceedings; comments are due on July 19
- IDEA act may be moving forward in Congress (relates to PTO tracking inventor diversity)

5. CLE Report (Cynthia):

- CLE conference will be at UNLV Boyd, have reserved lunch for faculty lounge
- Exploring whether attendance can be hybrid (physical and remote)
- Will look into pre-paid parking off Maryland Parkway for CLE Conference
- We could give out a section appreciation award
- October 15 is date of conference
- Have thought about possible collaboration with Engineering school

6. Membership Report (Natalie):

- Natalie not present
- Will do an event at Morton's the night before; Joanna will organize

7. Pro Bono Committee Report (Cynthia):

- Seaton spoke with Legal Aid of Southern Nevada; they did look into USPTO pro bono program a few years ago, they did not see a lot of interest and didn't feel like they could dedicate resources to it
- Right now PTO pro bono program is patents only and handled by Lawyers for the Arts in California, but they require CA Bar membership and CA office
- Discussion on potential coordination through UNLV
- Will discuss further in committee meeting and discussion to follow

8. New Business:

- Next newsletter will be going out in next two weeks; will summarize Google/Oracle and PTO training courses
- USPTO regional offices are pushing stakeholder communication, Seaton will see if they want to set up a meeting

9. Next Meeting:

Bimonthly, 2nd Friday, 11:00 AM:
July 16, 2021 is next meeting
State Bar to host each meeting.

Adjourn: Seaton moved to adjourn.