



**State Bar of Nevada, Intellectual Property Section**

**MINUTES for Friday, September 10, 2021**

1. Attendance:

Seaton Curran  
Paxton Fleming  
Robert Horne  
Dave Kaplan  
Cynthia Burham  
Brittnie Watkins – Board of Governors Section Liaison  
Tim Wiseman  
Joanna Myers  
Steve Pacitti  
Bob Ryan

2. Introductions

- Robert Horne introduced Eric Johnson, the State Bar's new CLE Director
- Brittnie Watkins introduced herself as bar liaison, mentioned the bar's benefit of FastCase, which is free to use for all NV attorneys

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Seaton Curran Bob Ryan seconded, no objection.

4. Treasurer's Report (Joanna):

- No updated balance since the last meeting; we have over \$30,000
- As of right now, limited travel for the CLE, as of right now one or two speakers may be traveling to Nevada

5. Legislative Report (Seaton):

- We submitted comments on behalf of the Section to the USPTO for the PTO's patent eligibility study
- USPTO's deadline to submit comments has been extended until October
- Bob Ryan suggested he may review comments to see whether a further submission, either personal or on behalf of the section, may be appropriate
- Sens. Tillis and Cotton sent a letter to USPTO about order of patent examination as far as statutory requirements

6. CLE Report (Cynthia):

- Section's CLE Conference will be on October 15 at UNLV
- Bob Ryan volunteered to speak if we have any CLE cancellations
- UNLV implemented new COVID policies; as of right now, they will allow 40-50 people in the moot court room; we are not permitted to serve breakfast
- We have all speakers and topics
  - Jim Pooley – will speak remote
  - David Tollen – SAAS
  - Adam Visno – USPTO historian
  - Judge Wallach
  - Marketa Trimble
  - Mary LaFrance
  - Doug Nemec - ethics
- Fees for conference will be reduced to \$250 for non-members and \$150 for members; law students are free
- Will start one-off remote virtual CLEs in late 2021 or early 2022
- Conference will be live, if we move to virtual we will issue a refund

7. Membership Report (Natalie):

- Natalie not present
- Joanna organized happy hour for October 14 (night before CLE Conference), Flemings is booked, event will be free of charge
- Minimum spend is approximately \$2000

8. Pro Bono Committee Report (Cynthia):

- Waiting to hear back from California Committee of the Arts
- UNLV interested in having a pro bono activity there

9. New Business:

- Seaton posted our PTO comments on the Section's LinkedIn page, will post CLE info there too
- Robert Horne can post CLE info
- Board elections at November meeting
- State Bar of Nevada wants us to take lead on CLE for annual meeting

10. Next Meeting:

Bimonthly, 2nd Friday of odd numbered months, 11:00 AM:  
November 12, 2021 is next meeting  
State Bar to host each meeting.

Adjourn: Seaton moved to adjourn.