NEVADA STATE BAR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECTION
MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.

At the offices of:
Lewis and Roca LLP
3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 600
Las Vegas, Nevada

IN ATTENDANCE:
Catherine Cary
Roland Tong
Kelley Nyquist
Justin Stewart
John Krieger
Kim Cooper
Linda Norcross
Ed Chansky
Steve Pacitti
Terry McMillin
Rich Newman
Seton Curran
Marie Martin Kerr

I. Welcome – Catherine Cary

II. Review of Annual Meeting - John Krieger

III. Treasurer’s Report – Roland Tong
A. The total balance carried over into our account is $5418.07. Roland noted that the charges for printing the Bilski amicus brief was more than originally anticipated, but we still have a surplus.

IV. Committee Business
A. Membership
1. John spoke with Jennifer regarding next social. Looking at Thursday night cocktail hour before annual meeting. Idea is to create opportunity to socialize and chat with colleagues.

B. CLE - Information on upcoming Annual Meeting & CLE
1. Date is set for 11/13/09. John helped get discounted rates for space at the MGM’s conference center.

2. Speakers: Committee is taking suggestions for keynote speaker. Catherine asked if Christopher Reggie, former Director of Business Affairs at Lucasfilm Ltd. and professor at Golden Gate University Law, was still a prospect for keynote speaker. Catherine also met a gentleman involved in patent treaties that she is willing to approach. Patent treaties may not be appropriate topic for keynote speaker. Lara suggested Paul Ridell, past president of INTA (2006) and past general counsel for Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery. In the past Lara has recommended Gerry Ford of Ford, Bubala and Associates to speak regarding trademark surveys. Bob Ryan suggested an IP professor from Boyd School of Law. Linda mentioned that Mary LaFrance and Mark Tratos are the only IP professors at
3. Economy on IP Matters and Outside Counsel Panel – Committee needs recommendations for outside counsel.
   a. Terry McMillin was recommended, however, he has prior commitment.
   b. Linda will talk to counsel at MGM Mirage.

4. Security and Privacy Issues Panel – Bryce – Tentative panelists include the Nevada Executive Director of Technological Crime Advisory Board and a partner out of DC who previously served on a similar panel with Bryce. John also has a contact.

5. 2 Tracks – Track 1 IP Basics/Track 2 Advanced Topics
   a. Bryce has contact with a trademark examiner who may be able to speak about intro to trademark law and also advanced trademark track to address point system and why examiners do certain things.
   b. Debra Peacock of Albuquerque, New Mexico may be interested
   c. Prof. La France was suggested for track one in either trademark or patent.

6. If you have suggestions and/or contacts for possible speakers, please email or contact Bryce or Bart.

C. Legislative - Terry – Patent reform bill has been bouncing around. Committee may be trying to find a compromise but no expectation of real movement this calendar year. Expect Congress to take up patent law reform after the first of.

V. Misc. Business
A. Update on amicus brief in Bilski case
   1. Approval from NV State Bar was obtained last week. Chuck, Bob and Bryce submitted request and are drafting brief. Chuck did an excellent job on the request.
   2. Deadline to file brief is 9/27/09. Current plan is to have a draft by middle of next week with the final draft ready for review by the weekend – 9/19. The Board of Governors must also review the brief. Because the subcommittee needs time to make any necessary revisions before the 9/27 deadline, the turn around time for review and comments is one day. The subcommittee is asking for people to volunteer to read, review and comment on the final draft of the brief. The brief is estimated to be about 10 pages.
      a. It was determined the brief would not be submitted to members outside of the IP Section. John will send a
mass email to members of IP Section offering opportunity to review and comment on draft and requiring a commitment by end of day Monday. Because of underlying issues Bob will draft email for John to send out.

i) Note that S Crt requires that issues already briefed are not to be addressed.

ii) Note brief is not to circulate outside of group.

3. Another challenge – The Board is enthusiastic about the brief and their message seems to be that they want other sections to advocate in this manner – but the money to pay for printing and shipping must be paid by the IP Section. Approval is required from the IP Section. Estimated cost is $500 - $700 with a maximum of $1,000. Bob received one estimate for $450.

a. Printing Shipping Costs – Linda made motion to fund printing and shipping costs. Lara seconded motion. Motion to fund printing and shipping costs in the amount of $600 with a contingency to increase amount if needed was accepted by those in attendance.

B. Revising the federal Local Rules to include new rules for patent cases. West is sitting on the committee tasked with revising the Local Rules. The court would like to hear from the IP Section regarding patent issues. West will head the IP Section subcommittee on this matter. Volunteers are needed.


C. Officer nominations

1. Positions open: Treasurer, Co-Chair Legislative Committee, Co-Chair CLE Committee, & Co-Chair of Membership Committee

2. 2010 Executive Committee:
   a. Linda, Secretary
   b. Kim, Vice-Chair
   c. Catherine, Chair

3. Please, consider applying for co-chair positions and encourage others to apply. Email John if interested in a position.

VI. Adjourn - next meeting is set for Friday, March 12, 2010 (details to follow).