# NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECTION MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 20, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Bill Samuels; Brooke Singer; Deborah Robinson; Danielle Maggiacomo; Joyce Creidy, Leonie Huang; Marc Lieberstein; Michael McNamera; Richard Ravin; Robin Silverman; Rory Radding; Sarah Ryu; Sharmin Woodall.

Called to order at 11:05 am.

1. **Call to order, welcome** (Brooke Singer)

# Approval of Minutes (Leonie Huang; tabled due to lack of quorum)

# February 2023

# March 2023

# Financial Report (Nyasha Foy was unable to attend; Bill Samuels read provided report)

i. Financials through March 2023

According to the Financials through March 2023, we have total income of $18,775 and total expenses of $1,140.76.

Our net Income over expenses year to date is $17,634.24 and our accumulated surplus is $131,584.

A question regarding the postage expense of over $900 was raised, and whether it is from the annual meeting. Sharmin will check and confirm whether it is related to the annual meeting and what it was for.

1. ***Bright Ideas*** (Sarah Ryu)
   1. Update on next issue and needs

* The next issue should be ready in a few weeks. The next issue after that is slated for end of the year in December, with content needed by October.
* Sarah suggests we should push to have speakers submit content along with the meeting.
* Sarah also suggests we should poll the membership to see if anyone would like to submit an article or for any interest in future submissions. Brooke suggests sending a blast to the whole membership at the time when the next issue comes out, so that people know it is an option.
* Sarah also raised the possibility of adding blog posts. There are some time sensitive topics that really can't wait for the timing of the publication schedule, but may be worth thinking about having people post shorter blog posts in a timely fashion and then collecting those to include in the published issue. Sharmin confirms that we have a blog on our community page that is not currently used. We would need to grant editing access to the blog poster, and then whoever uses the community page would be able to see the posts.

1. **Commercial & Federal Litigation Section Co-Sponsorship** 
   1. Smooth Moves 2023: Career Strategies For Diverse Attorneys CLE Panel
      * + Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
        + Asking for $800 sponsorship.
        + The Committee agrees to sponsor.
2. **Fall Meeting**

# Venue/Theme

# Albany vs. NYC

# Rory Radding reports on a House of Delegates caucus group discussion relating to a finance proposal to try to limit expenses due to cost overruns including limiting destination conferences. They mentioned the Bar has a great facility in Albany across the street from the Court of Appeals, and it would not cost anything and is available for meetings. The Bar Foundation owns the building.

# Could have tours of the capitol, go to the Court of Appeals, there are also river tours and other things we could arrange.

# Michael McNamera (who is also the Chair of the Finance Committee) reports that they put together draft guidelines for future meetings. There is a lot to this, and one of the things is that Sections consider using the Bar Center in Albany for destination meetings if it makes sense for them. They are not discouraging destination meetings. It is a matter of fiscal prudence, and the bar facility is one attractive alternative if it makes sense.

# The Committee discusses if there is any concern about getting people to go to Albany.

# Marc reports on progress made relating to Cardozo Law School as a venue: Cardozo has already set aside 2 date options in October, and they may be able to provide the space at no cost. The Committee discusses the benefits of having the meeting in the city, and having student involvement.

# Volunteers to co-chair

# Marc will co-chair if the venue is Cardozo.

1. **Annual Meeting 2024 (January 17)**
   1. In-Person or Hybrid

* The committee discussed benefits of having an in-person annual meeting. The cost for a hybrid meeting is $18,000. The committee agrees to an in-person meeting for the annual meeting.

1. **Committees**
   1. Each Committee Chair should commit to having one CLE or other event in 2023.
   2. Robin and Danielle are putting together an influencer CLE that needs to be rescheduled. Danielle reports they are waiting on the external speakers’ schedules for a new date.
   3. Women in IP event: Thinking about doing something in the fall in the city.
2. **Old Business**
3. **New Business**
4. **Next Meeting** – May 18, 2023. The Committee agrees to keep the 11 am start time for the next meeting.
5. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.