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

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Brooke Singer; Bill Samuels; Deborah Robinson; Joyce Creidy; Leonie Huang; Marc Lieberstein; Nyasha Foy; Richard Ravin; Robin Silverman; Rory Radding; Sarah Ryu; Sharmin Woodall.

Called to order at 11:06 a.m.

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

Next meeting will be a hybrid meeting --- held in person at Brooke’s office as well as a remote option.

# Approval of Minutes (Leonie Huang) (Tabled)

a. March 2023

b. April 2023

c. May 2023

d. June 2023

e. July 2023

f. September 2023

g. October 2023

h. November 2023

i. December 2023

j. January 2024

k. March 2024

# We plan to circulate the minutes via email, but are awaiting voting buttons being set up for approval of minutes.

# Financial Report (Nyasha Foy)

* + March
    - According to the Financials through February 2024, we have total income of 24,735.00 and total expenses of $27,910.13
    - Our net Income over expenses year to date is -3,175 and our accumulated surplus is $131,903.
* February
  + According to the Financials through February 2024, we have total income of 22,055.00 and total expenses of $5,589.04
  + Our net Income over expenses year to date is 16,465.96 and our accumulated surplus is $131,903.

# IV. Bright Ideas (Sarah Ryu)

# a. Update on next issue and needs

# Articles due at the end of the month.

# We have 2 articles locked down plus one more from the Annual Meeting

# There is also a Women in IP article coming in

# Sarah has not heard back from Doug Miro or Charles, but will follow-up with them regarding potential article

**V. EASL & IP Pro Bono Clinic Recap (Deb Resnick)**

Held on Friday, April 5, 2024

Sharmin will get numbers for the event.

**VI. You Are What You Wear: Codes and Signals To Help Attorneys Be On Brand (Marc Lieberstein)**

<https://nysba.org/events/you-are-what-you-wear-codes-and-signals-to-help-attorneys-be-on-brand/>

Thursday, April 18, 2024

(CLE) 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST | (Reception) 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST

Cardozo School of Law

* We have 50 signed up today.
  + We have a lot of student attendees as well.
* It's something that is not AI, and something very interesting that lawyers may not think about a lot.
* An image consultant is going to go through codes of what different clothing may say.
* Program will be recorded.

**VIII. Women in IP (Joyce Creidy)**

a. Wednesday, June 5, 2024

<https://nysba.org/events/women-in-intellectual-property/>

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Holland & Knight, LLP

* Joyce has already secured all four speakers.
* If anyone has clients that may donate prizes, always looking for prizes and is a great way if any clients want to promote products.

**VIII. Yuga Labs request for Amicus support** **from Marc Lieberstein's client**

* Yuga Labs – Marc describes them as the Disney of the NFT world. They created a number of NFT collections.

* + Prevailed on a motion for summary judgment below, and on a claim for false designation of origin. The court appears to have found the defendant was causing confusion in the marketplace.
  + Marc raises the possibility of whether the Section wants to take one or more of the issues, and highlights the issue of whether NFTs should be the subject of TM protection.
  + Rory notes the process for getting approval for an amicus brief requires it to go up to the Executive Committee for the Big Bar. And with the timing, may not work out. May have changed, but that was the policy. Rory also notes the need to find a universal issue for amicus briefs because bar associations cannot take sides.
  + Sharmin will find out what the rules are for Amicus brief.
  + Marc asks if anyone is interested or has clients that may be interested in signing on to one or more of the issues, to let him know. There is a bit of a tight time frame. The briefs are due May 30.

**IX. Fall Meeting**

a. Venue/Theme

b. Volunteers to co-chair

c. Available dates:

Sept. 5 through Sept. 17

Oct. 15

Oct. 24 through Oct. 25

Oct. 30 through Nov. 5

Nov. 21 through Nov. 22

* Seems really far off, but it is not. We have the available dates taking into account holidays. Suggestion that we aim for October rather than September.
* Discussion on where we want to hold the Fall Meeting, whether in NYC or somewhere else.
  + Plan to send a poll around to the EC for venue and dates. Will send this with the minute approval.
  + Rick raises perhaps using the surplus to supplement the Fall Meeting.
  + The Cornell Tech Center at Roosevelt Island and the Panorama Room on Roosevelt Island are suggested for potential venues.

**X. IP Section Fellowship**

* The members discussed events and plans to build up membership. Including possible monthly social events around an IP adjacent activity/venue, including: possibility of having a free happy hour, the idea of having a mix of CLE and more social non-CLE events, for those looking to make more connections.
* Recap of officer’s meeting held to discuss restarting the fellowship program around the time of the Mimi Netter scholarships, and also combining the young lawyers and the student outreach sections.
* We already have people who are interested in co-chairing this section.

**XI. Committees**

**XII. Old Business**

**XIII. New Business**

Nyasha asks if anyone knows of any externships or summer legal internships for students.

**XIV. Next Meeting – May 15, 2024 in person**

**XV. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.