

## **Patent and Trademark Resource Center Association Business Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 6, 2017**

11:30 a.m. – Noon  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
Madison Auditorium, Alexandria, VA

President Lisha Li opened meeting at 11:35A. Number of paid members onsite were 27; enough for a quorum.

Approval of Minutes from 2016 Business Meeting – Marian Armour-Gemmen moved to accept last year's minutes. Karen Kitchens seconded. Unanimous outcome; all were in favor.

President's Report – Lisha Li reminded members to see Association newsletter for her report.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Miller

\$4049.72 balance at conference start;

\$1,300 collected at seminar;

Current \$5684.72 total.

Approximately \$3,000 spent on PTRCA Monday evening "meet & greet" fees for this year.

About \$ 2,500.00 remaining after all expenses. Jim notes that we usually get \$300-\$450 in dues paid shortly after the seminar.

Total number of members: 52 regular, 11 affiliate.

Secretary's Report - John Schlipp had nothing new to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

Bylaws Committee (Standing) – Marian Armour-Gemman --

(1) Marian proposed revisions of Appendix A & B PTRC for listed name correction for Purdue University entry and addition of new PTRCs listed. David Zwicky of Purdue made a motion for approval, Linda Kocis seconded Marian's suggested corrections. Appendix A & B changes

approved.

(2) Marian recommended adding revision to PTRCA Bylaws regarding presidential succession. She suggested that a past president take over in a case where a president must resign or when unplanned vacancies occur.

Article V Officers; Section 1 regarding succession partially reads as follows:

*In the event of withdrawal or disability of the President, the Vice-President/President-elect shall assume the title and duties of the Office. If further succession becomes necessary, title and duties shall be assumed by the immediate past President. Vacancy occurring in the Council by reason of such succession shall be filled by election of the Council as prescribed in Article IV, Section 4.*

Change suggestion proposed by Marian as underlined below:

In the event of withdrawal or disability of the President, the Vice-President/President-elect shall assume the title and duties of the Office. If further succession becomes necessary, title and duties shall be assumed by the immediate past President. In the event of withdrawal or disability of the immediate past President, the President will go through the list of Past Presidents from most recent to oldest to find a willing and eligible past President. Vacancy occurring in the Council by reason of such succession shall be filled by election of the Council as prescribed in Article IV, Section 4.

Dave Morrison moved to accept and Judy Triplehorn seconded; passed.

Election Committee (Standing) – Leena Lalwani – Successful election results reviewed.

Membership and Mentoring Committee (Standing) – Lisha Li, Suzanne Reinman – 30 new PTRC attendees this year.

Publications Committee (Standing) – Suzanne Reinman – Reminded attendees that this committee coordinates the annual journal and the archives. Andrew Maines now responsible for PTRCA website. Suzanne reported that three great articles were contributed and published on the Association website. DOI research for journal articles is still in process. Association Archives are located at Wright State University & College Park, Maryland.

Database Committee (Ad Hoc) – Jim Miller – Not as much accomplished as hoped yet. PTRCA pages need updating. Input and comments from all members are encouraged. Jim believes that the site should be targeted to libraries, as well as to their customers. Barbara Hampton will be helping with this too.

Program and Outreach Committee (Ad Hoc) – Paulina Borrego – Two paid registrations for ALA programs; Chicago this summer. Paulina will call for potential program presentation this

year. PTRCA tablecloth loaning idea for PTRCA outreach in future. Jim Miller volunteered to hold the tablecloth for those who need it.

Conference Committee (Standing) – Lisha Li – nothing to report.

#### Reports of Division Representatives

- Academic - Suzanne Reinman, Siu Min Yu had nothing to report.
  
- Public - Andrew Maines had nothing to report.

#### Announcements:

Lisha Li: Call for service on PTRCA Committees – many signed up so far; called for more volunteers.

ALA Affiliate Report – Lisha Li, attended the ALA 2016 Midwinter Meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Barbara Hampton – proposed nearby field trip opportunity; King Street Stabler-Leadbetter Apothake Museum in Alexandria including patent models – 15 people per group tour, 2 groups; 30 total – afterhours. Trademarked and patented items on display. All were invited to see Barbara for more details.

Paulina Borrego – Reminder everyone that Dave Morrison is retiring soon. His many instructional examples prompted discussion on where to place depository library instructional tools. John Schlipp suggested that our PTRCA website might fulfill this need. Barbara Hampton suggested Creative Commons posting for support materials to avoid copyright permissions in the future.

Adjournment by Lisha Li, Dave Zwicky seconded. Meeting wrapped up at 12 noon. Minutes respectfully submitted by John Schlipp.