**Minutes of the November 19, 2015 9:15 AM In Person Meeting of the**

**Pennsylvania Bar Association IP Section**

The meeting began with the presentation by the invited speaker; the section’s business meeting followed the conclusion of the speaker presentation.

**I. Speaker:**

Anthony Volpe, Esq., co-founder of Volpe & Koenig, PC.

**II. Business meeting:**

**1. Attendees:**

Frank Mazzeo

Sean Ritchie

Kelly Williams

Beth Anne Powers

Steve Stanton

Peter Krabil

Dennis Yanishevsky

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Sean Ritchie reported that September was a quiet month – no financial information from October has been received yet. We continue to have a positive balance.

**4. Old Business:**

* 1. Discussed the joint meeting held with the Ben Franklin Inn of Courts on November 17, 2016.
	2. No update from November 18, 2015, dinner as there was no attendee from the section at the meeting.
	3. Descriptions for leadership positions are currently being developed by Frank.
	4. Discussed the possibility of a Legislative Liaison regarding patent troll action – No volunteers.

**5. New Business**

1. Joint event with Pittsburgh PIPLA – Tentative date of January 20, 2016, for breakfast; seeking a speaker; Section will pay half of expenses for food/drink.
2. Speaker Series Update:
	* December 14, 2015 – M. Kelly Tillery, Esq. "What can be done against sellers of counterfeit/knock-off products that appear on Amazon?"
	* January 11, 2016 – Daniel Seigle, Esq. to talk about technology for law firm management.
	* Seeking biotech speaker for future meeting.
3. Update on Newsletter from Beth Anne Powers – Articles are with the editor, expecting an early December release.
4. Nichole O'Hara to report next time on the House of Delegates Meeting.
5. Frank took part in a roundtable regarding the upcoming vote in the senate for a tax on legal services – advised all to spread the word on contacting your representative to state your objection/opinion.
6. Discussed potential joint meetings with other sections:
	* Estates and trusts.
7. Seeking to have more regional meetings for the section.
8. Next meeting is December 14, 2015, at 12:00 PM.

**6.      Committee Reports**

1. Copyright Report (Kelly Williams)
	1. Birthday Song Update
	2. Google book scanning is fair use

**7. Any other news/business**

**a.** Those in Pittsburgh should consider attending the January meeting there.

**8. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Frank A. Mazzeo, Chair Elect