

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PAULINE NEWMAN IP AMERICAN INN OF COURT
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

Before the meeting, there was reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Lyceum, on the southwest corner of Washington and Prince Streets in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting convened at 6:59 p.m. in the auditorium on the second floor of the Lyceum, with Administrator Robert Burns presiding in the absence of the President.

The format of the meeting was copied from the game show Jeopardy, and called “IP Jeopardy”. Pupilage group V was responsible for the presentation. The format was obtained from the Linn Inn Alliance. The members divided into four teams. Judge Moore was the “buzzer judge”. Judges Lorin and Green were to decide what answers were correct, if there was any dispute. Virginia CLE credit was applied for, and forms were available. The categories from which questions could be chosen included judges, famous quotes, famous trademarks & copyrights, celebrity inventors, and international IP.

Team 1 began the competition by selecting celebrity inventors for 1000. Questions were selected by the computer and displayed on a screen. The first question was who invented a device for holding a guitar perpendicular to the player’s body? The answer was Alex VanHallen. Thereafter, the team answering a question correctly chose the category and point value. Once combination of category and point value was selected, it could not be chosen again.

Some other questions and the correct answers were:

What did Albert Einstein invent? The refrigerator.

What memorial was the subject of a copyright dispute? The Korean War Memorial.

Who said “a country without a patent system could only move sideways like a crab, not forward”? Mark Twain.

Who said “the patent system added the fire of interest to the spark of genius”? Abraham Lincoln.

What OECD country does not provide payments to performers for broadcasts? United States.

What animal was first used as a trademark? Eagle.

Who was the first judge appointed to the Federal Circuit, who was not previously a judge of the Court of Customs & Patent Appeals or the Court of Claims? Pauline Newman.

Questions included quotations from judges that were identified by team members.

The final jeopardy question was “What is the only area of law besides patent law whose practitioners could hold themselves out as being specialists?” Admiralty.

Team 1 won with 2,405 points. Team 2 came in second with 1,200 points. Team 3 came in third. There were prizes for the top three groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Christopher Swift
Secretary-Treasurer