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CIPLA

The Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association



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Dear CIPLA Members:

We have been trying to obtain 501 (c) (3) status (Non-Profit Tax Status) for CIPLA for a couple of years now, and we are very close to obtaining this status with the IRS. The IRS Examiner has requested us to amend our Constitution as one of the conditions to obtaining this status.

The Board would like to call a special electronic meeting on July 19, 2006 at 12:00 noon for a vote on the following proposed amendments to the CIPLA Constitution. These amendments are necessary to obtain the 501 (c) (3) status as quickly as possible to obtain featured speakers for the upcoming year.

Replace ARTICLE II, OBJECTS with the following:

The objects and purposes of this Association shall be exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational, and all of the following stated objects and purposes shall be so limited and construed. The association shall not engage in any activity that would prevent it from qualifying and continuing to qualify as an association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. This Association will promote the development of industry and the useful arts by encouraging the establishment and maintenance of intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights; disseminating information concerning intellectual property matters affecting and interesting to inventors, manufacturers and others; providing continuing educational opportunities relating to intellectual property law for its members and others; and providing grants to support intellectual property programs in the community.

Replace ARTICLE XIII, DISSOLUTION with the following:

In the event of dissolution of the Association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Association, the then remaining assets shall be distributed to or for the benefit of an organization or organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Instructions on how to access and electronically attend the special meeting can be found at the CIPLA website <http://www.cipla.info>.

We request your support and attendance at this very important special meeting since having this IRS status will allow our organization to continue to obtain speakers of a high caliber along with significant tax savings for the organization.

Thank you.