SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY PATENT ADMINISTRATORS

Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

June 26, 1978

Present: Cynthia Hanson, Howard Bremer, Theodore Wildi, Ray Snyder, Clarence Martin, Mary Spores, Clark McCartney, Willard Fornell

Absent: William Burke, Ralph Davis

The meeting was called to order by President Howard Bremer at 9:30 a.m. at the O'Hare/Hilton in Chicago, Illinois.

The results of the Questionnaire mailed out to all members on April 19, 1978 showed that the majority of members preferred one meeting per year in conjunction with the Dvorkovitz Technology Fair to be held in Atlanta, GA on 2/27/79. The SUPA meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 1979 with a Trustees' Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 1979 in the evening. The meeting will be held at the OMNI Hotel. The votes were evenly divided as to affiliation with another organization, consequently another vote will be taken at a future date.

Suggestion was made to set up a representative booth at meetings of other organizations (NCURA, SRA, etc.) to let it be known that we can act as a lobbying group when legislation affects University business by mass letter writing.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that SUPA members who retire from their positions (not to accept other positions or promotions) would be voted a "Member Emeritus" with voting power but no dues. The Charter Committee was commissioned to write this into the by-laws and present at next annual meeting.

The original 9 SUPA members paying an initial fee of $100, after receiving credit for said fee, will pay annual dues starting January, 1979. The "Charter" Members who have been paying their dues will also receive a credit for dues paid.

PROGRAM DISCUSSION:

Suggested speakers: Don Banner, ~~Superintendant of Documents~~ Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks (luncheon speaker)
(speech could be taped and distributed upon request)

Betsy Anchor-Johnson

Judge Markey-CCPA

Jake Rabinow-National Bureau of Standards (retired)

Frank Huband-NSF

Barbara Ringer-Copyright Office

Frank Press- Science and Technology Office

Workshops: Copyrights - possibly conducted by Barbara Ringer with Larry Gilbert- Discussion on new Copyright Law

IPA - general discussion with Frank Huband and one SUPA member + Freedom of Information Act.

Patent Administration - discussion with Ray Snyder and one or two other attorneys of patent law in general terms and semantics involved + Education of students

The consensus was to conduct one general workshop in the morning with two in the afternoon held simultaneously and repeated so members could attend one or both.

The expenses are to be picked up for non-government participants, no honoraria, but gold pens will be presented to all participants.

Mr. Bremmer is to ask Larry Gilbert to write the SUPA NEWSLETTER as Editor. It will be mailed quarterly with news items of interest to SUPA members, services available, events forthcoming etc.

The motion was made, seconded and passed that the annual business meeting be made a Breakfast Meeting instead of a Dinner Meeting with just a happy hour in the evening. Tentative: 7:45 breakfast, 8:15 business, 9:30 Program.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the SUPA funds be transferred out of the Florida bank into a local bank. The treasurer is commissioned to look into appropriate investment accounts from which funds can be easily transferred to a checking account when needed, and make recommendations to President.

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES: Freedom of Information Act (topic for video-tape)

Copyrights (after one year, what?)

A catalog of tapes and services (Ray Snyder) with fees for members and non-members

Speakers Bureau

Industrial firms and their key representatives, compiled from lists sent in by Trustees.

C. Hanson to duplicate "Patent and Copyright Policies with Selected Universities" and pamphlet from NCUBA for distribution at Annual Meeting.

Ray Snyder will complete application for tax exemption for SUPA.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 p.m.