

# AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA



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Dear AIPPI-US Division Members,

- **HELSINKI AIPPI FORUM AND EXCO - SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2013:** The summer is passing quickly, and the Helsinki Forum and ExCo Meeting will be upon us quite soon. If you have not already registered, you can sign up on the AIPPI website at the link below. We hope that we will have a large turnout of members from our AIPPI-US Division in Helsinki, which promises to be an excellent meeting. Visit <https://www.aippi.org> for SIGN UP information.

The following members have been approved by President, Jeff Lewis, as our eight official voting delegates for the Helsinki ExCo meeting.

- Acting President, Wayne Sobon
- David W. Hill, Delegate
- Alan Kasper, Delegate
- Peter Schechter, Delegate
- Philip Swain, Delegate
- Drew Meunier, Delegate
- Andrew Simpson, Delegate

In addition, we need to have representatives in Helsinki at each of the working committee meetings on the four working questions, and we need additional people to insure that we have a full complement of voting delegates at each of the sessions so our positions are considered in the drafting and approval of the resolutions being discussed. As those who have attended past AIPPI ExCo and Congress Meetings are aware, we always need more people to sit in on ExCo sessions in addition to the named voting delegates, so your presence in Helsinki will be important to our Division's ability to staff each of the sessions.

- **AIPPI-US MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN HELSINKI:** Numerous members of our AIPPI-US Division will be participating in the Forum and EXCO in various ways. We are pleased that Peter Schechter has been appointed by AIPPI as co-chair of the Working Committee on Q233, Grace Period. In addition, Rich Beem will be a speaker at Workshop IV on the topic, "Digital Gaming & IP/Patents," and Mark Halligan will be speaking at Workshop VIII, "Trade Secrets - Effective Protection for Innovation?" Mark Guetlich, the Director of Patent Policy & International Affairs at the USPTO also has been invited to deliver an introductory speech for Plenary Session Q236 on the topic "Relief in IP Proceedings other than injunctions or damages." John Osha, who is currently serving as Deputy Reporter General, has been nominated to continue in that role. Larry Welch, a current member of the AIPPI Programme Committee, has been nominated to become Chair of that committee. Our Division is also represented on the AIPPI Nominating Committee (Mark Halligan), the AIPPI Membership Committee (Alan Kasper), and the AIPPI Communications Committee (Bob Sacoff).

- We also have many US members serving on Active Special Committees, listed below:
  - Q233 - Grace Period, Peter Schechter, Co-Chair
  - Q228 - Patents, Andrew Muenier
  - Q226 - Copyright, John Carson
  - Q225 - ADR, Steve Bauer
  - Q224 - Enforcement, Ken Adamo, Co-Chair
  - Q223 - Piracy & Counterfeiting, Damian Wasserbauer
  - Q220 - Geographic Indications, Rudolph Hofmann
  - Q212 - Trademarks, Uli Widmaier
  - Q199 - Client Attorney Privilege, David Hill
  - Q198 - IP & Green Technology, Cynthia Cannady
  - Q132 - IT & Internet, Erwin Basinski, Trevor Hill
  - Q114 - Biotechnology, Peter Ludwig
  - Q109 - PCT, Andrew Simpson, Chair
  
- We have also submitted several names to AIPPI for possible appointment to the following committees:
  - Q222 - Standards and Patents - Monica Barone
  - Q207 - Development and Intellectual Property - Michael Martinez
  - Q206 - In-House Counsel - Jacki Daspit
  
- **RECEPTION FOR AIPPI-US MEMBERS IN HELSINKI:**Our Division is making plans for those members who are attending to get-together for cocktails during the Helsinki Exco and Forum. Details will be circulated before the meeting so everyone can plan to meet.
  
- **ANNUAL AIPPI ACTIVITY REPORT:** Each National Group is asked to submit an annual activity report to AIPPI. The AIPPI-US Division report is posted to our website at [www.aippi-us.org](http://www.aippi-us.org).
  
- **ASIA PACIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE TRIP** - November 11-15, 2013: Plans still are proceeding for the AIPPI-US Division visits to the AIPPI Groups in Japan, S. Korea, and China in November. Those who may be interested in participating in this trip should contact our Asia Pacific subcommittee chair, John Carson at [John.Carson@knobbe.com](mailto:John.Carson@knobbe.com).
  
- **WORKING QUESTIONS FOR 2014 TORONTO AIPPI CONGRESS:** The proposed working questions for the 2014 Toronto AIPPI Congress now have been approved. The questions are as follows:
  - Second Medical Use or Indication Claims
  - The Basic Mark Requirement Under The Madrid System
  - Exhaustion Issues In Copyright Law
  - IP Licensing And Insolvency

If you have an interest in helping out with our AIPPI-US Reports on any of these questions, please let me know.

- **ANNUAL MEETING OF AIPPI-US AND CLE PROGRAM:** Our Program Subcommittee has

planned the following program for the Annual Meeting and CLE to be held on Friday, October 25, 2013 during the AIPLA Annual Meeting entitled a "GLOBAL IP CHECKLIST" . There will be a business meeting from 3:00 - 3:15 pm, followed by brief reports on the final reports from the Helsinki Meeting, and the CLE Program from 3:45 - 5:00 pm. AIPPI-US Member Rudy Hofmann will address "Grappling with the grace period patchwork" followed by a presentation from AIPPI-US Members Marc Richards and Kelly Hyndman on "The Global Patent Eligibility Spectrum Post-Myriad."

Thanks to Kevin Tottis and the other members of the Subcommittee for their work on putting together this program. If you are interested in helping out with program planning, please contact Kevin at [KTottis@tottislaw.com](mailto:KTottis@tottislaw.com).

- **AIPPI COMMITTEES WITH NO US MEMBER:** As previously reported, there still are a number of special committees of AIPPI that currently have no committee member from the United States. We would like to recommend to AIPPI the names of members of AIPPI-US who would be suitable appointees to these committees in the future, should a vacancy on the committee arise. Please let me know whether you would have an interest in serving on any of the following committees of AIPPI International:
  - Q227 - Designs
  - Q184 - Free Trade Agreements
  - Q166 - IP & Genetic Resources/Traditional Knowledge
  - Q165 - Agreement on European Patent Court
  - Q160 - ICANN
  - Q152 - Translations Committee
- **VACANCY ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE Q94 TRIPS:** There is a vacancy on Special Committee Q94 which could be filled by a member of the U.S. Group. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on this AIPPI Committee.
- **AIPPI FEE REDUCTION PROPOSAL** - AIPPI has proposed to amend its statutes to provide for a 50% reduction in dues payable to AIPPI for the first two years for any new members who join AIPPI. Essentially this means that new members will obtain two years of membership for the price of one. The reduction does not apply to those who have previously been members, but let their memberships lapse.
- **AIPPI REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PLAIN PAPER PACKAGING:** In light of the Australian plain packaging legislation and similar legislative initiatives in a number of other jurisdictions, AIPPI is seeking to study the legal basis for restricting the use of trademarks in relation to particular classes of products, in light of public interest considerations. We need volunteers to assist with answering a questionnaire supplied by AIPPI with a requested deadline of August 19, 2013. Please let me know if you can help.
- **BNA BOOK PROJECT - IP ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTIONS:** As previously reported, BNA has expressed interest in cooperating with AIPPI-US in the publication of materials in the general topic area of "IP issues in International Jurisdictions." Thanks to Rudy Hofmann, who is heading up our liaison with BNA. Those wishing to assist should contact Rudy at [rudyhofmann@comcast.net](mailto:rudyhofmann@comcast.net).
- **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ASSISTANCE:** Our membership is continuing to grow steadily, but our Division still needs to work to find and attract more new members. Especially in light of the possible new dues reduction for new members, we encourage everyone to please talk to your

colleagues and friends about the benefits of AIPPI-US Division and AIPPI membership, and help us to identify new members in the coming months. We know that each current member can find one or more others in their law firms or companies who would enjoy being members of this great organization. Joining is easy on our website at [www.AIPPI-US.org](http://www.AIPPI-US.org). Thanks for helping to strengthen our membership in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
David W. Hill  
Chair, AIPPI-US Division

#### Other activities of AIPPI. . .

- ABPI XXXIII International Congress on Intellectual Property, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 18-20, 2013. Go to: <http://www.abpi.org.br/congresso/defaulteng.asp> for more information.
- Read the latest edition of eNews: [https://www.aippi.org/enews/2013/mainedition/e-news\\_no31.html](https://www.aippi.org/enews/2013/mainedition/e-news_no31.html)



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