

February 27, 2015

Important Membership Update and Annual Meeting notice:

Here's an update on our Division's activities. Reminder, if you have not yet renewed your 2015 dues, you can do so by clicking [here](#). If you plan on renewing with your AIPLA dues, please let us know by email.

AIPPI World Congress 2021 in San Francisco

In December we were honored to be invited by the AIPPI's new Forum Selection Committee to host the AIPPI World Congress in 2021 in San Francisco. We were the first group to be invited to host a world IP congress under the new format since the AIPPI statutes were changed so that meeting venues are now selected by a permanent Venue Selection Committee, rather than voted upon during the annual meeting. Last month the AIPPI-US Division Steering Committee and the AIPLA Board of Directors both voted to accept the invitation to host the Congress. Our next step will be to establish a Planning Committee to begin planning the event, which is actually only six years away! If you are interested in being part of the Planning Committee, or have any other thoughts or suggestions about the 2021 World IP Congress, please let me know as soon as possible.

Nominations to AIPPI Standing and Statutory Committees

Last month we submitted 23 nominations of AIPPI-US Division members to the AIPPI Reporter General to be added to the AIPPI international "Standing Committees" (formerly called Special Committees, the committees that are selected by the Bureau and consist of members from several different countries/national groups). We are waiting to hear which of these nominees will be chosen to be added to the respective committees.

We also nominated Dave Hill, the former Chair of our Division, as a candidate for election to the Finance Advisory Committee. This is one of the AIPPI Statutory Committees whose members are first selected by the AIPPI Nominating Committee through nominations from national groups to be candidates for election at the next annual meeting. If Dave is selected by the Nominating Committee, he will be up for election during the Rio Congress.

Working Committees for the Rio Study Questions

We have established working committees to draft the US group reports for the four Study Questions for the Rio Congress. The committees have begun their work. They will be producing drafts and coordinating their positions over the next few months, and plan to have the reports completed by the end of April, before the AIPLA spring meeting in Los Angeles. The co-chairs for each of the committees are:

Q244 Inventorship of Multinational Inventions: Bea Koempel-Thomas and Robert Wells

Q245 Taking unfair advantage of trademarks - parasitism and free riding: Maria Scungio and Denis Prah

Q246 Exceptions to and limitations of copyright protection for libraries and archives, and for educational and research institutions: Kevin Tottis and Rudy Hoffman

Q247 Trade secrets: Mark Halligan and Clara Jimenez

AIPPI-US Division Participation in AIPLA International Practice Committee Trips

One of the initiatives of our AIPPI-US Division has been to improve the coordination of our activities with the various international practice committees of AIPLA. Many of those committees make international trips every year, visiting groups of attorneys, intellectual property offices and other government officials, and trade organizations.

Several of the international practice committees have invited us to join them in participating in their upcoming trips. One of their goals is to include visits, where possible, with our counterpart AIPPI groups. Participation in these trips is limited, because space in the delegations is usually limited. Here is some information about upcoming international practice committee trips.

Far East Committee Trip: (including Singapore, and Taiwan), April 12- 18, 2015

- Arrive Taiwan: April 12
- Travel Taiwan to Singapore: April 15 (arrive midday/evening in Singapore)
- End of the delegation trip: Friday night April 17
- if interested, contact committee chair Christopher J. Maier for further details

China: We plan to coordinate with the AIPLA Practice in China Committee in their plans for a trip to China later this spring. They will be in touch with us with further details when they have firmed up the details of their trip.

Europe: The IP Practice in Europe Committee is planning a trip to London, Paris, and Munich June 7 - 12, which will include some meetings with AIPPI groups in those countries. The space in that delegation is limited, and priority is given to members of the AIPLA IP Practice in Europe Committee. For those interested in more information about this trip, contact one of the co-chairs, Iris Mok or Martin Kohler.

We also are hoping to work with the IP Practice in Latin America committee (their trip will overlap and coincide with the AIPPI Congress in Rio this fall).

Conclusion

As always, the AIPPI-US Division needs your active support in the coming year. Please take advantage of some of the many opportunities to get more involved in the work of our Division. We are looking forward to an active and successful year as our Division works toward the AIPPI Rio Congress next October and beyond!

"AIPPI-US Division - become an international IP lawyer."

With best regards,

David W. Hill

Chair, AIPPI-US Division

Other activities of AIPPI. . .

XXXIV Congresso da ABPI, August 24-26, 2015

Sao Paulo, Brazil

See the complete list of upcoming AIPPI programs at the following: <https://www.aippi.org/?sel=meetings>