

AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA



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AIPPI-US Division Trip to Japan and Korea, December 2015

Our AIPPI-US Division has been working all year to coordinate our activities with the various international practice committees of AIPLA. This year, we participated in the in the AIPLA IP Practice in Japan Committee trip, including meeting with AIPPI-Japan, the AIPLA IP Practice in China Committee trip to Beijing and Guangzhou, including meeting with AIPPI-China, and the AIPLA IP Practice in Europe Committee trip to London, Paris, and Munich, including meeting with AIPPI-UK and AIPPI-France, and the AIPLA IP Practice in Latin America Committee's trip to Brazil in October, immediately prior to the AIPPI congress in Brazil.

In addition, over the past several years, our group has also undertaken at least one trip on our own to meet with AIPPI groups in other countries. This year, our AIPPI-US Division has again been invited by the AIPPI Japan and AIPPI Korea groups to meet with them at the end of this year, in the first week of December. The itinerary includes a meeting with AIPPI Japan in Tokyo on Wednesday, December 2, and a meeting with AIPPI Korea in Seoul on Thursday, December 3. If you are interested in being a part of that trip, please contact one of the co-chairs of that committee, John Carson, Sunhee Lee, or Uwe Szipl. The spaces in this delegation are filling up fast, so please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining this trip.

Or if you are interested in becoming involved in any of these international activities, please let me know.

AIPPI 2015 Rio de Janeiro World IP Congress October 11 - 14

We just finished a very successful congress, with over 1580 participants from 80 countries, including over 110 from the US. I will send a separate report on the details of the Congress soon.

AIPPI-US Division Annual Meeting, Elections, and Operating Procedure Amendments

On Friday, October 23, 2015, we held our AIPPI-US Division Annual Meeting. Among other things, we elected the following slate of officers and Steering Committee Members:

Officers for one year terms:

President (automatic): Denise DeFranco
President-Elect - Mark Whitaker
Chair - Phil Swain
Vice-Chair - Peter Schechter
Secretary - Joshua Goldberg
Treasurer - Marc Richards

Steering Committee members for two-year terms

Monica Barone
John Carson
Andrea Kamage
Kelly Hyndman

Chris Carani
Maria Scungio

The Steering Committee members who still have one year remaining on their terms are:

Chris Scherer
Ray Farrell
Sunhee Lee
Larry Welch
Dale Nelson
Bing Ai
David Hill

In addition, John Osha, who is a member of the AIPPI Bureau, automatically is entitled to a position on the Steering Committee as a result of his status as the Deputy Reporter General of the AIPPI Bureau.

We also approved some changes to our Operating Procedures governing elections of Officers and Steering Committee members. The changes are intended to make the AIPPI-US Division nominating procedures more consistent with the AIPLA nominating and election procedures. The text of the proposed changes will be incorporated into the Operating Procedures and posted on our web site www.aippi-us.org.

The meeting concluded with an expanded version of what is now becoming a tradition - a reception following our meeting. This reception, which we are calling the "International Reception," was attended by over 180 persons.

New AIPPI-US Division Corporate Sub-Committee

One of the interesting things about the growth in our membership is the fact that many of our newest members are corporate attorneys. To address the interests and goals of our corporate members, and to give corporate attorneys a "home" within the AIPPI-US Division, we have formed an informal (for now) Corporate Sub-Committee. The co-chairs of that Sub-Committee will be Andrea Kamage of Johnson & Johnson and Naomi Voegtli of Vantiv. They will soon be contacting all of the 70+ corporate members to solicit their thoughts and ideas about projects and goals for this new sub-committee. If you are a corporate attorney and a member of AIPPI-US Division, be on the lookout for an email soon about this.

Conclusion

The AIPPI-US Division could always use your help and active support. Please take advantage of some of the many opportunities to get more involved in the work of our Division. We are looking forward continued growth in our numbers, and further expansion in our activities. Please let me know if you have any ideas or thoughts in this regard.

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

With best regards,

Philip C. Swain
Chair, AIPPI-US Division

Upcoming Activities of AIPPI . . .

- AIPPI-US Division Asia Pacific Sub-Committee Trip to AIPPI Japan and AIPPI Korea, December 2-3, 2015
- [AIPPI Israel - From IP to NP, March 21-22, 2016](#), Tel Aviv, Israel, see also [AIPLA's IP Practice in Israel Delegation trip information](#).
- AIPPI World Congress, [September 16-20, 2016, Milan, Italy](#)
- See the complete list of upcoming AIPPI programs at the following: <http://aippi.org/events/>

