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Dear AIPPI-US Members,

Report of the AIPPI-US Division Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Operating Procedures of the AIPPI-US Division (the "Division"), Division Chair Phil Swain, with the concurrence of AIPLA and AIPPI-US Division President-Elect Mark Whitaker, appointed the following members to serve on the Division's Nominating Committee for 2016:

Robert W. Sacoff, Chair
Salvatore Anastasi
Richard Beem
David W. Hill
Andrea Kamage

The Committee was tasked with recommending candidates to serve as Division Officers and Steering Committee Members for the coming year. Our recommendations were subject to the approval of the AIPLA President-Elect, Mark Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker has approved them, and the nominees identified in this Report will be put forward for election at the Division's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC on October 28, 2016.

The Committee is committed to promoting diversity in the Division's leadership, including but not limited to IP specialty areas, law firm and corporate practice, and racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation and geographic diversity. The Committee strives to balance the benefits of continuity for those Officers and Steering Committee Members who have performed exemplary service, with the benefits of bringing new individuals into the leadership ranks when excellent candidates are identified.

The Committee met and deliberated through numerous conference calls and email exchanges, and has unanimously agreed to the nominations set forth in this Report.

Officer Positions: Under the terms of the Division Operating Procedures, Division President-Elect Mark Whitaker shall automatically succeed the Division President, Denise DeFranco, at the conclusion of the President's term. The Committee nominates the following members to serve as Officers for 2016-17:

President-Elect - Myra McCormack
Chair - Maria Scungio
Vice-Chair - Marc Richards
Secretary - John Carson
Treasurer - Joshua Goldberg

Steering Committee Positions: Seven Steering Committee Members are completing their terms this year:

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

The Division Operating Procedures permit Steering Committee Members to be reelected to a second consecutive two-year term, for a maximum term of four years. All of the current Members whose terms are expiring have served a single two-year term, and are therefore eligible for re-election to a second two-year term.

The Committee believes all these Steering Committee Members have performed in an exemplary fashion. Therefore, after careful consideration, the Committee nominates the following six Members to serve new 2-year terms on the Steering Committee.

Chris Scherer
Ray Farrell
Sunhee Lee
Dale Nelson
Bing Ai
Dave Hill

Larry Welch will be going off the Steering Committee this year, but the Committee acknowledges with gratitude his outstanding contributions on the Steering Committee and the Division for the past two years, as well as his ongoing exemplary service as Chair of the AIPPI Programme Committee.

Open Steering Committee positions also include those vacated by Maria Scungio and John Carson in order to be recommended for nomination as Division Chair and Secretary, respectively. The Committee nominates Sharon Israel and Kim Van Voorhis to serve new two-year terms on the Steering Committee. The Committee also nominates our immediate past Chair Phil Swain and Vice Chair Peter Schechter to serve on the Steering Committee for 1-year terms, in order to maintain staggered term expirations.

All nominees have been contacted and all have agreed to serve if elected. The Committee Chair notes that the Division's former Chair Dave Hill recused himself from any involvement in the decision to nominate him to the Steering Committee.

For information, the Steering Committee Members who still have one year remaining on their terms are:

Monica Barone
Andrea Kamage
Bea Koempel-Thomas
Kelly Hyndman
Chris Carani

Finally, we note that John Osha has been serving as Deputy Reporter General and we expect he will have been elected First Deputy Reporter General by the time of the Division's annual meeting. John therefore remains automatically entitled to an additional position on the Steering Committee as a result of his position on the AIPPI Bureau.

AIPPI 2016 Milan World IP Congress September 17 - 21

So far at least 1950 participants from 83 countries, including over 120 from the US, have registered to attend the Milan Congress. Our US Group will be actively involved, with 14 official standing delegates involved, and many US representatives participating as leaders and speakers in the workshops and plenary sessions on the working questions.

On-line registration is still available at <http://www.aippi2016.it/wp/registration/>.

The US speakers and discussion leaders will include:

- Marc Richards, chair of the Security Interests Study Question Plenary Session
- Manisha Desai, speaking in the Pharma Session 1, (In(gene)ious but not patentable? Patentable subject matter)
- Bryan Zielinski, speaking in Pharma Session 2, Biosimilars - similar but different?
- Larry Welch, speaking in Pharma Session 3, Skinny labels --- wide impact
- Michael Carrier, speaking in Pharma Session 4, Antitrust and pharma - seeking a balance
- David Postolksi, speaking in Panel Session II, Buon appetito! IP & Food
- MaryAnne Armstrong, speaking in Panel Session II, Infringers without Borders - current issues in contributory infringement
- Sharon Israel, moderating Panel Session IV, Top IP tips: the TPP and the TTIP; Rich Beem, speaking in Panel Session VI, Computer implemented technologies: patentable?
- Abe Hershkovitz, speaking in Panel Session VIII, Prioritizing priority rights
- Dale Nelson, speaking in Panel Session IX, Speaking freely about parody
- Denise DeFranco, moderating Luncheon speaker session 1, the Judges Panel, on the role of experts in litigation
- Walter Kelley, former United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, who will be speaking on the Judges panel
- Drew Meunier, co-chairing the Patents Committee Session on a resolution concerning Publication of Patent Applications
- Ken Adamo, speaking in a session to explain one of the AIPPI Sydney 2017 Congress Study Questions on "Quantification of monetary relief"

In addition, John Osha will be nominated (and hopefully elected) as the new "First Deputy Reporter General" this year for a two year term, to be elected as Reporter General thereafter. And many more US Group members are involved in AIPPI Standing Committees who will be meeting during the Congress.

The Italian host group is planning an excellent program of substantive meetings and social events, including a cultural evening on Sunday, September 18, at the world famous La Scala Opera House. Other noteworthy events include the Women in AIPPI reception on Sunday, September 18 from 6 pm to 7 pm, just before the cultural evening event, and a Corporate/In-House Lawyers meeting, for corporate attorneys only, on Saturday afternoon, September 17, from 4 pm to 5 pm.

For all AIPPI-US Division members who will be attending, we will be having a US delegation reception (cash bar), at a location to be determined, on Saturday evening, September 17, immediately preceding the Opening Ceremony.

AIPPI-US Division Annual Meeting and International Reception, Friday, October 28, 2016

We will have our Annual Meeting in Washington during the AIPLA Annual Meeting on Friday afternoon, October 28, 2016 at 4:30 pm. Among other things, the meeting will include the formal elections a brief update on our past year's activities, and a vote on a change in our operating procedures concerning elections.

In addition to the meeting, we will continue 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," will be open to all persons attending the AIPLA who are interested in the AIPLA's international activities, with a special emphasis and invitation to international attendees at the AIPLA meeting. We are still seeking sponsors for this reception, which has now become an annual tradition.

Proposed Change to the Division Operating Procedures

The Steering Committee has proposed creating a new officer position for the AIPPI-US Division, namely the position of Immediate Past Chair. Accordingly, the Secretary has prepared a proposed update to the AIPPI-US Operating Procedures, last updated in 2015, to reflect this change. Specifically, the updates include the following:

- Creation of an Immediate Past Chair position, who will also become a part of the Steering Committee
- Definition of the Immediate Past Chair's roles and functions
- Clarification that all Officers of the Division and members of the Division who are also members of the Bureau of AIPPI are not counted among the number limitations of the Steering Committee

Adoption of these proposed changes will be voted on at the next AIPPI-US Annual Meeting. Any comments should be provided to the Secretary before then.

Conclusion

The AIPPI-US Division can 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 to the AIPPI Milan Congress in September, 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 World Congress, [September 16-20, 2016, Milan, Italy](#)
- AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International Reception, Friday, October 28, 2016, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC.
Visit www.aipla.org for more information.
- See the complete list of upcoming AIPPI programs at the following:
<http://aippi.org/events/>



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