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Dear Member of AIPPI-US:

This is my second letter of this year to you, the members of the U.S. National Group of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI-US), regarding the work of AIPPI.

As you know, AIPPI is the world's leading non-government organization for research into and formulation of normative policy for the law of various countries relating to the protection of intellectual property. With 9,000 members organized into various national groups, AIPPI unites practitioners, academics and owners of intellectual property.

Work is progressing in several AIPPI-US committees for working questions for the AIPPI-Paris 42nd World Congress (Oct. 3-6, 2010) and for organization and planning for the AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum (Chicago, Nov. 7-8, 2010) (to be co-sponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, i.e., IPLAC). Please calendar these meetings and plan to attend.

Our Executive Committee has approved an overture to the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) to explore possibilities for working together to advance the interests of members of both AIPLA and AIPPI-US. Please let us hear from you regarding your thoughts for how best to advance the work of AIPPI-US and your interests as members.

As President, I receive regular requests from the AIPPI Bureau in Zurich seeking input from the U.S. Group on various international IP questions, for example, a recent question concerns the U.S. perspective on proposed mandatory disclosure in patent applications of "the country of origin of genetic resources and traditional knowledge." Please let Executive Director Joyce Perhac jperhac@aippi-us.org or me know if you are interested in addressing this or other questions of international IP law.

Invoices for 2010 AIPPI-US dues were distributed in December 2009, and reminders also have been sent. If you have not already done so, please take a moment today to process your payment to maintain your membership in good standing, because our final membership roll for 2010 is due to be sent to the Bureau soon.

We look forward to your continued involvement in AIPPI, and we will provide further updates and news in the coming months. Visit our website at www.aippi-us.org.

As you know, there are many important international IP issues to address in 2010. On behalf of the Officers, Executive Committee and Executive Director of AIPPI-US, I promise that we will continue to do our best to meet these challenges, with the able assistance and participation of our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Beem".

Richard P. Beem
President, AIPPI-US