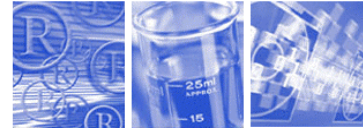


The AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA: US Group of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property



Important Letter from the AIPPI-US Chair

October 9, 2012

To my Fellow AIPPI-US Members:

Following up on Rich Beem's great letter of October 3, 2012, the new AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA has now been officially established. The purpose of this letter is to give you more details on this historic change, and also to provide additional information on the fast-approaching AIPPI World Congress in Seoul, Korea from October 20-23, and the Annual Meeting of the AIPPI-US Division, which will take place on October 26 during the AIPLA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA

Under the terms of the transition documents for the new AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA, Bill Barber, the current AIPLA President, has been appointed as the President of the Division. The other officers of the Division include Jeff Lewis as President-Elect, myself as Chair of the Division, Phil Swain as the Vice-Chair, Drew Meunier as Secretary, and Bill Ellis as Treasurer.

What was formerly known as the Executive Committee of AIPPI-US has been renamed as the Steering Committee. Initial members of the Steering Committee will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Division on October 26 in Washington, as described further below. A Nominating Committee has been appointed including the following members:

Tom Smegal, Chair
Bob Sacoff
John Carson
Kevin Tottis
Jim Slattery

This Nominating Committee will be making nominations for both officers and steering committee members to be considered at the Annual Meeting on October 26. Members will be informed of the Nominating Committee's recommended slate at least 10 days before the meeting.

Thus, it is important that we have a good turnout of members for the Annual Meeting in order to get the new Division off to a successful start.

As Rich Beem mentioned in his October 3 letter, the transition into a Division of AIPLA requires that those AIPPI-US members who are not members of AIPLA, and are eligible for membership in AIPLA, join AIPLA. We will be contacting any members of AIPPI-US who are not also AIPLA

members in the near future to assist in complying with this requirement. All AIPPI-US members who are already members of AIPLA have automatically become members of the new AIPPI-US Division.

Notice of Annual Meeting of AIPPI-US Division

We have planned for the Annual Meeting of the new Division to take place during the AIPLA Annual Meeting. **The meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, October 26, 2012 at 3:30 PM in the Washington Rooms 1-3 of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.** Following the meeting, we will have a welcome reception for the members to celebrate the historic change in the existence of AIPPI-US. More details on the reception will be distributed later. Please plan to attend the meeting and the reception and help the new Division to get off to a great start!

AIPPI 43rd World Congress, October 20-23, 2012 in Seoul, Korea

The upcoming World Congress is just around the corner. The US is allotted 8 voting delegates to the Congress based on our total membership. The following people have been appointed as our official voting delegates:

William Barber
David Hill
Richard Beem
Alan Kasper
Mark Halligan
Phillip Swain
Todd Dickinson
Kevin Tottis

At present, we have more than 100 members of our AIPPI-US Division who will be attending the Seoul Congress. Those who have attended past meeting of AIPPI know that we need lots of support to cover the various plenary sessions with delegates and substitutes, so that we can register our full complement of votes on each matter that comes before the Congress for decision. We will be sending out various emails updates throughout the Congress to inform members of the need for delegate substitutes, and other events of interest.

In addition to the voting sessions of the Congress, we need members to participate in each of the working committee meetings discussing the various working questions being considered. If you have a particular interest in one or more of the working questions, please feel free to join the working committee meetings and express your views on the issues being considered.

You may also be interested in the many Workshops being conducted during the Congress. A variety of interesting and timely topics are being discussed including sessions on IP infringement and International Counterfeiting, Cloud Computing and its impact on IP, Standards Essential Patents, Trademark Implications of Keywords, and a Mock Trial before a panel of International Judges, including Chief Judge Rader. Four special Workshops will address important topics in the pharmaceutical area, including settlement of IP disputes, patent of stem cells, genetic testing patents, and term extensions. There is also a special meeting for Women in IP.

The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception are always well-attended events, and the Cultural Evening and Gala Dinner events should not be missed.

Expression of Sincere Thanks

On this occasion of my first letter to our membership of the new AIPPI-US Division, I want to express the sincere thanks of the entire membership to Richard Beem for his exemplary leadership as President of AIPPI-US during the past three years. Rich's tireless efforts have had a profound effect on the operation of AIPPI-US, and he deserves a huge debt of gratitude from our members for all that he has done for our group. I am sure that Rich will continue to be an integral part of our Division as we move forward, and I look forward to working with him in

making a smooth transition to the new Division. Please thank Rich personally when you see him in Seoul or in Washington.

Sincerely,

David W. Hill

Chair, AIPPI-US Division

Upcoming meeting of AIPPI --

The AIPPI [43rd World IP Congress](#) will be held on Oct. 20-23, 2012, in Seoul, Korea. About 100 AIPPI-US members will join more than 1500 AIPPI members from all over the world. There is still time to register and attend.

The membership of AIPPI-US will meet during AIPLA's Annual Meeting in Washington on Friday, October 26, 2012 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in Washington Rooms 1-3 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, followed by a reception to kick off the newly structured US Group of AIPPI.