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Dear AIPPI-US Member:

It is a pleasure to report to you, the members of the U.S. National Group of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI-US), on exciting new developments. The AIPPI 42nd World IP Congress in Paris and the AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum in Chicago, cosponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC), were very successful. The Paris Congress featured substantive work on five working questions and ten IP workshops. At the Chicago International IP Forum, we welcomed ten top IP speakers from London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Beijing, New York, Washington DC, and Chicago.

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. Boasting 9,000 members organized into national groups, AIPPI unites practitioners, academics and owners of intellectual property.

AIPPI Meetings in 2010

We sent a delegation of officers and members to the AIPPI 42nd World IP Congress in Paris, October 3-6, 2010, attended by 2,000 AIPPI members and 500 accompanying persons. By all accounts, the Congress was productive and successful.

The AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum, November 7-8, 2010, in Chicago, cosponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC), had over 50 attendees and an excellent program.

AIPPI-US ExCo Members and Officers Elected

The following persons were elected at the 2010 AIPPI-US Annual Meeting.

ExCo Members Elected for Four-Year Term:

Kenneth Adamo
Barry Cohen
Margaret Dobrowitsky
Joshua Goldberg
David Marr (of California)
Peter Schechter

Kevin Tottis
Herbert Wamsley

ExCo Member Elected for Three-Year Term:

Maria Scungio

Officers Elected for Two-Year Term:

Rich Beem, President
David Hill, Vice President
Mark Halligan, Vice President
Alan Kasper, Vice President
William Ellis, Treasurer
Andrew Meunier, Secretary

Congratulations and thanks are extended to all ExCo members and officers.

Amicus Committee

An Amicus Curiae Committee has been appointed with the following members: Peter Schechter (Chair) pschechter@eapdlaw.com, Rich Christiansen, Josh Goldberg, John Linzer and Linda Thayer. For its first assignment, the Committee was charged with considering the *SEB* case (involving the issue of the standard for inducement of infringement) in which certiorari has been granted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Suggestions of cases to be considered for possible amicus curiae briefs should be sent to Peter Schechter.

Communications Committee

Linda Thayer (linda.thayer@finnegan.com), Chair of the Communications Committee, gave a report at the Annual Meeting, stating goals of posting more content on the website and has asked for suggestions. The committee also has a goal of providing more U.S. content to the AIPPI international site and has asked for contributions for the next AIPPI E-News.

Membership & Dues

Alan Kasper (akasper@sughrue.com) has been appointed AIPPI-US Membership Chair. Invoices for 2011 AIPPI-US dues will be sent shortly. Please renew promptly to take advantage of the early payment discount.

Nominating Committee 2010-2011; Call for Nominations for Short Term ExCo Vacancies

A Nominating Committee has been appointed for 2010-2011: Tom Smegal tomsmeal@smegallaw.com (Chair), John Carson, David Hill, Mark Richards and Damian Wasserbauer. In the near term, the Committee has been tasked with nominating members for appointment to fill two ExCo vacancies until the next Annual Meeting. Nominations should be sent to Tom Smegal.

Organizing Committee for 2011 AIPPI-US Annual Meeting

An Organizing Committee for the 2011 AIPPI-US Annual Meeting has been appointed: Alan Kasper, Steve Bauer, Mark Halligan, Herb Wamsley, Bill Ellis, Peter Schechter, and Kevin Tottis. Others interested should send an email to AIPPI-US Secretary Drew Meunier (dmeunier@m2iplaw.com).

Services for Administration of AIPPI-US

Phil Swain reported at the Annual Meeting that discussions are being conducted with the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) with a view towards obtaining a proposal from the latter for administrative services for AIPPI-US. It was mentioned that AIPPI-US has notified Foxfire Management that its management agreement will be terminated as of the end of 2010.

Working Question Committee Leadership Opportunities for AIPPI-US Members

Volunteers are needed immediately for committees on working questions for the AIPPI Forum and Executive Committee Meeting in Hyderabad, India, Oct. 13-19, 2011. Please calendar this event, send an email to Drew Meunier (dmeunier@m2iplaw.com) if you would like to participate in the work of a committee, and state your preference.

- Q216H** Exceptions to copyright protection (continuation of the work of Paris 2010);
- Q217** Patentability criteria for inventive step and non-obviousness;
- Q218** The requirement of genuine use of a trademark;
- Q219** Injunctions in cases of infringement of IPRs.

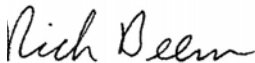
Last but not Least, Acknowledgements & Appreciation

On behalf of AIPPI-US, I would like to thank all of our officers, ExCo members and AIPPI-US members. Thanks also are due to the leaders of other associations, including the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), the American Bar Association (ABA), Intellectual Property Owners (IPO), and the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC), who join with us in advancing the law of intellectual property.

We look forward to your continued involvement in AIPPI and we will be in contact with you with updates and news in the coming months. Please visit our website at www.aippi-us.org.

There are many important international IP issues for us to address. On behalf of the Officers, Executive Committee and Executive Director of AIPPI-US, I promise that we will do our best to meet these challenges with the able assistance and participation of our members.

Sincerely,



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