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Greetings:

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

Committee Leadership Opportunities and Meetings for AIPPI-US Members

Volunteers are needed immediately for the following committees on working questions for the AIPPI-Paris 42nd World Congress (Oct. 3-6, 2010) and on organization and planning for the AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum (Chicago, Nov. 7-8, 2010). Please calendar these dates and participate in the joy of the work that will culminate in the meetings.

- Committees on Working questions for AIPPI-Paris 42nd World Congress, Oct. 3-6, 2010
 - Comm. **Q204P** Liability for contributory infringement of IPRs –patent infringement
 - Comm. **Q213** The person skilled in the art and the inventive step requirement in patent law
 - Comm. **Q214** Protection against the dilution of a trademark
 - Comm. **Q215** Protection of trade secrets through IPR and unfair competition law
 - Comm. **Q216** Exceptions to copyright and permitted uses in the hi-tech and digital sectors
- Committee for Planning and Organizing 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, or IPLAC).

Please let me or our executive director Joyce Perhac (jperhac@aippi-us.org) know as soon as possible if you would like to serve on one of the above committees.

Reports on 2009 AIPPI Meetings

- We sent a delegation of officers and members to the AIPPI Forum and ExCo Meeting 2009 in Buenos Aires on October 10-15, 2009. By all accounts, the forum and ExCo meeting were successful.
- The AIPPI-US annual meeting was held on December 4, 2009, at the offices of Finnegan in Washington, D.C. The meeting was attended by more than 40 leading IP lawyers from across the country. The short business meeting was followed by a program on international IP law and practice.

2010 Membership Dues

Invoices for 2010 AIPPI-US dues were distributed last month, and reminders will go out shortly. If you have not already done so, please take a moment today to process your payment.

Acknowledgements & Appreciation


I would like to thank our immediate past president, Judith Saffer, who retired from her work at the end of the year yet remains an active member of AIPPI-US and the Executive Committee (ExCo). Special thanks also are due to Ron Myrick, immediate past president of AIPPI worldwide, and Phil Swain, organizer of the AIPPI 2008 Boston World Congress.

I also would like to thank all of our past presidents, my fellow officers and ExCo members, and all AIPPI-US members and honored guests who have attend AIPPI meetings and support the work of AIPPI. 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. Visit our website at www.aippi-us.org.

There will be 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 do our best to meet these challenges, with the able assistance and participation of our members.

Sincerely,



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