



**“Nothing is impossible.
We merely don’t yet know how
to do it.”**

–Thomas Edison

AIPLA 2015
ANNUAL REPORT

Vision

A IPLA will expand its role as an innovator, powerful advocate, and visible global leader in intellectual property through our commitment to education, outreach, member service, and advocacy.

Mission

We serve our members, fostering their professional and leadership development, helping nurture and mentor them as they advance within our profession, keeping them informed in an ever-evolving legal environment, and enriching the diversity of the profession in which we practice, while responding to their personal and professional needs;

We serve public policy leaders, whose mission is to develop, implement and maintain our intellectual property system, assisting them with objective and unbiased analysis, and helping establish and maintain fair and effective global laws and policies that stimulate and reward innovation and creative works in keeping with the public interest;

We serve the public, providing education as to the daily value and benefits of a strong intellectual property system that fosters incentives for creativity & innovation; while balancing the public's interest in healthy competition, reasonable costs and basic fairness; and

We serve our association and its employees, providing sound management, financial stability, stable succession, and a vibrant, respectful and collaborative workplace environment, delivering opportunities and support for all to lead, create and thrive.

Strategic Plan

Advocacy: AIPLA will provide crucial leadership and unbiased analysis leading the way for world-class policy and decision-making, while attracting membership, ideas, and resources as a highly sought after and respected thought leader.

Public Education: AIPLA will educate the public about the daily value of intellectual property so that its importance is understood and appreciated.

Member Service: AIPLA will support the professional and intellectual growth of its members through a flexible organizational framework and innovative channels of communication, delivering outstanding services, cost-effective programs and mentoring opportunities, thereby ensuring that AIPLA remains the premier intellectual property association and attracts and retains IP professionals here in the US and around the world.

Global Outreach: AIPLA will expand its influence to the global community and provide leadership and guidance for the development of sound global intellectual property standards, laws and policies.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sharon Israel - *AIPLA President*

In reflecting over the past year, I've strengthened my belief that AIPLA is the premiere IP association domestically and internationally. AIPLA plays a significant and active role in IP advocacy, global outreach, public education, and service to our membership. The work we do, the services we offer, and the positions we take generally originate from the efforts of our more than 50 committees. This year, I have been on the email list for all of our committees and I continue to be impressed with all their activities and initiatives.

AIPLA is an individual member organization, and during my Presidency I made member service one of my top priorities. I wanted to particularly focus on our local outreach efforts. While several of our committees already have local outreach systems in place, I hoped to see these offerings for our members expand around the country. From my view, our committees and their members stepped up to the plate. Two of our biggest local outreach programs, World IP Day Celebrations and the Women in IP Global Networking Dinners, broadened their reach, hosting events in more locations in 2015 than ever before.

Working with our IP Law Associations Committee, AIPLA conducted a successful online program as part of our Front & Center Series on Patent Demand Letters and legislative developments at the state level. We publicized this program to regional and local groups throughout the country. It was a great way to get the word out about an important and evolving topic and, hopefully, this will be a good model for future programs.

Our roadshows are also an important part of what we do and provide a unique way to bring AIPLA's offerings closer to you. This year we hosted 16 roadshows and seminars around the country, including collaborations with the USPTO and WIPO, as well as the ABA-IPL and IPO.

At such an important time for our profession, I would be remiss not to mention the advocacy efforts of AIPLA. From decisions in the courts, to happenings at the USPTO and the US Copyright Office, to activities on the Hill, and beyond, the IP field has been evolving at a rapid pace. Our substantive law committees work tirelessly to keep up with and respond to these changes, allowing AIPLA to continue to play a very active role in advocacy initiatives. From engaging in legislative activities on Capitol Hill, to interfacing with the USPTO, the Copyright Office, and other agencies, to filing amicus briefs before the courts, and engaging with other IP offices globally, AIPLA is working hard to ensure our voice is being heard.

Finally, while we are first and foremost a US-based organization, we can and do have an influence on IP worldwide, which is important in our global economy. We have about 15 committees focusing on global outreach and I'm very proud of their efforts and of all that AIPLA is doing in the international arena. AIPLA is well regarded nationally and internationally. That speaks volumes of all my predecessors, all of our leadership, our committees and our top-notch staff.

Thank you to our membership, committee leaders, Board of Directors, and talented Staff for the opportunity to work with you and serve the Association as President over the past year. It has been the experience of a lifetime and one that I will never forget!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon G. Israel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Israel, President

MEMBER SERVICES

AIPLA's Committees

One of the best ways for AIPLA members to get engaged is through our committees. AIPLA has over 50 committees that cover different substantive areas of IP law and practice as well as member services such as online programs. The committees provide specialized educational sessions at AIPLA's conferences, opportunities to network, to discuss and debate important IP policy issues in person, on conference calls, and through email lists, substantive updates on their particular area of the law through newsletters and case law summaries, and more! One of the best ways to engage in AIPLA is through one or more of its committees.

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Affinity Programs

AIPLA is working to help solo practitioners and small firms find professional liability insurance coverage and have access to valuable risk management education through its continued partnership with Herbert L. Jamison and Company, LLC. Firms with up to 34 attorneys are eligible and those who participate in the risk management education can save up to 5% off their premiums annually.

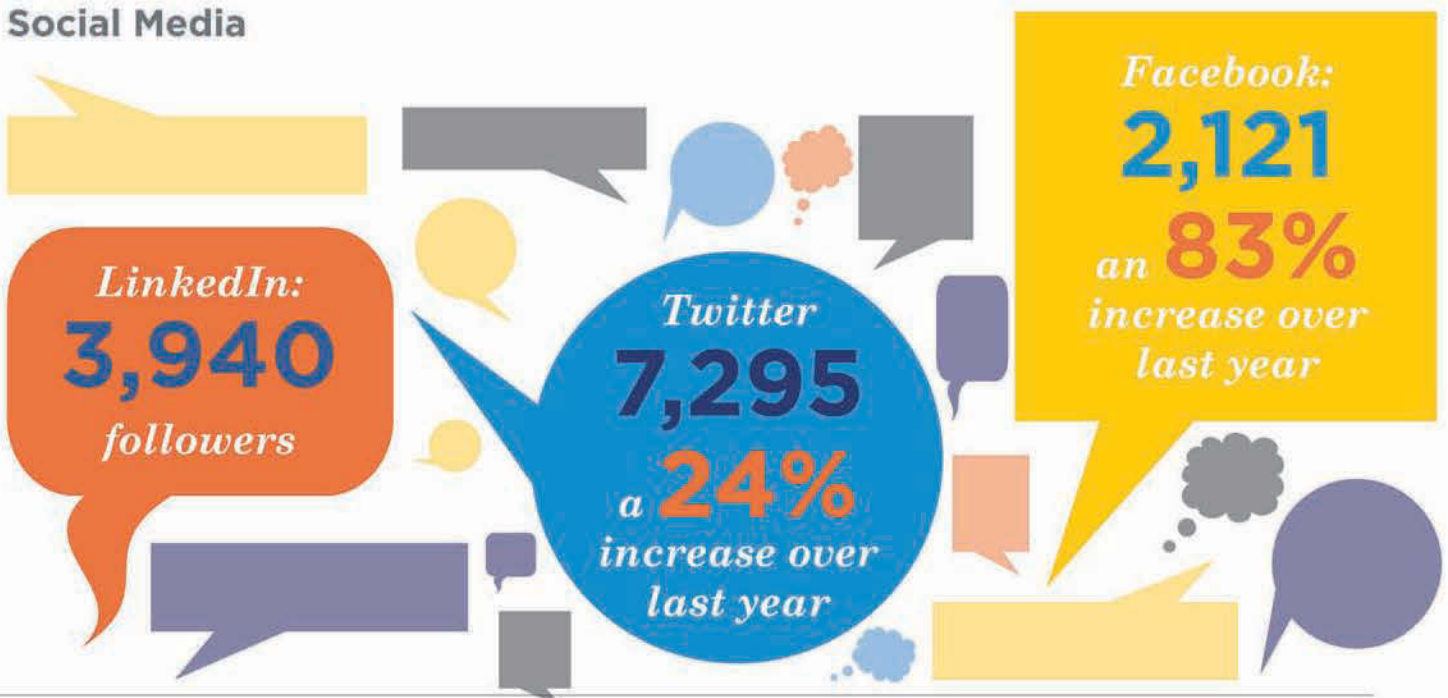
Career Center

The AIPLA career center is here to help you advance your career by providing job seekers with new employment opportunities in the IP law industry. The job board gives members of AIPLA and site users a place to post their resumé, free of charge. Prospective employers can post jobs and scan through our resumé bank, all in one place. And if you're an AIPLA member, you have access to discounted pricing when posting job openings.

Online Member Directory

Stay connected with other professionals in the IP field! All AIPLA members may access the newly redesigned Online Membership Directory simply by logging on to the AIPLA website. You can easily search for members by name, firm, location, and practice area or committee for your convenience.

Social Media



NETWORKING

New Lawyers Committee

In the past 12 months, AIPLA's New Lawyers Committee hosted over 25 networking events in 9 locations across the US - Austin, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, San Francisco/Silicon Valley, Seattle, Tampa, and Washington DC. These events play an important role in helping new lawyers meet each other and learn about the benefits and opportunities of AIPLA membership in a fun, casual environment.

In addition to their regular networking events, the New Lawyers Committee regularly organizes an annual weekend retreat, this past year in San Francisco, CA. The retreat was attended by more than 20 people from across the country. In the coming year, the New Lawyers Committee is planning to expand the networking events to even more locations and increase the frequency of events in existing cities.



2015 Women in IP Global Networking Event

The 2015 AIPLA Women in IP Global Networking Event was bigger than ever. The goal was to further expand the Event





into more countries, and the Women in IP Law Committee did just that, bringing together women in 64 cities in 19 different countries. Hundreds of women in IP were offered the opportunity to establish and strengthen relationships in their respective geographic regions. New locations in 2015 included Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Denmark, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Scotland and Sweden.

Collaboration between the IP Practice in Europe and Women in IP Law Committees

Every year, AIPLA's IP Practice in Europe Committee meets with various IP organizations in Europe, and for the first time, in June 2015, incorporated a women's breakfast with IP organizations in London, Paris and Munich. Inspired by the well-attended and celebrated Women in IP Committee breakfasts at AIPLA's three annual conferences, the IP Practice in Europe Committee proudly brought the tradition to each city with the goal of providing an opportunity for women in IP law to build relationships with and gain perspectives from women in other countries.

Supporting Women in the Profession

AIPLA's Women in IP Law Committee launched a "lean-in" style discussion group in January 2014. This group provides a forum for peers to learn about and discuss a range of fascinating topics related to empowering women in the workplace. AIPLA's discussion group has grown to over 100 members, both men and women, who participate in monthly discussions by sharing personal stories and opinions and posing questions.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

AIPLA Direct

Written by former BNA Patent, Trademark, Copyright Journal Editor, and current AIPLA Deputy Executive Director for Legal Affairs, Jim Crowne, *AIPLA Direct* provides analysis and insight into some of the most important IP legislative, regulatory, and judicial issues facing the IP bar. The *AIPLA Direct* is designed to be responsive to the latest developments and is sent out when news is most relevant. Archived *AIPLA Direct* stories are posted on AIPLA's website.



AIPLA eBulletin

Newly redesigned, the *Bulletin* is a digital publication that follows each of AIPLA's three stated meetings and provides an update from the President, captures activities from the meeting, and provides our Committees the opportunity to share their projects and accomplishments with the AIPLA membership.

AIPLA Newsstand

Through a partnership with Lexology, a division of Globe Business Media Group, AIPLA shares daily developments in IP and provides access to a number of articles on relevant IP topics. The *AIPLA Newsstand* arrives every day, but if daily news is too frequent, members can change their subscription and opt for a weekly or monthly digest and members can filter stories based on their interest in a particular area of IP, or region of the world.

AIPLA Quarterly Journal

The *AIPLA Quarterly Journal* is a scholarly publication of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, produced through a collaboration with the George Washington University Law School. The *Quarterly Journal*, now in its 42nd year of publication, is published four times per year and is dedicated to presenting materials relating to intellectual property matters.



AIPLA Report of the Economic Survey

The *Report* provides an in-depth report on the annual incomes and related professional characteristics of intellectual property attorneys and associated patent agents. Conducted every other year, the survey also examines the economic aspects of intellectual property law practice, including individual billing rates and typical charges for representative IP law services. The 2015 edition of the *Report*, released in July 2015, for the first time studied the reasons for changes in corporate IP budgets, the costs of litigation up through mediation, and costs of AIA inter partes proceedings at the USPTO. Data from the report is used and cited regularly by our members.

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Books co-published with Bloomberg BNA

AIPLA collaborated with Bloomberg BNA to release updates to *Post-Grant Patent Practice, Second Edition*, written by four former Administrative Patent Judges of the USPTO, the patent professional's essential guide to USPTO post-issuance procedures, major changes to US patent law, and ways to address possible patent application mistakes; and *International Patent Litigation: A Country-by-Country Analysis*, an indispensable guide for practitioners conducting or directing patent litigation in a foreign country which examines key topics in patent litigation for more than 33 countries and entities authored by international experts in patent litigation. These products and more are available to AIPLA members at a discounted rate.

Model Patent Jury Instructions

Originally developed in 1997, the *Model Patent Jury Instructions* are widely respected and used throughout the US. The 2015 edition was distributed to district court judges around the country, and is available on the AIPLA Website. The instructions are intended to be used as a model set of jury instructions that are not biased in favor of either the patent owner or the accused infringer. The instructions are provided on those issues that typically arise in patent litigation and that have clear precedential support.

Model Patent Rules

New in 2015, the Patent Litigation Committee developed a set of *Model Patent Rules* after analyzing the current patent rules in place from various district courts across the country. Like the *Model Patent Jury Instructions*, the *Model Patent Rules* attempt to reach consensus on best practices in patent litigation based on recent case law and are not biased in favor of either the patent owner or the accused infringer.

Educational Materials

AIPLA maintains several years of educational papers and slide presentations that are presented at AIPLA's conferences and seminars throughout the year. If you're looking for a paper on an obscure IP topic, try searching in the Library on AIPLA's website.

EDUCATION

Meetings & Events

Bringing Innovation to the Public: The theme for the 2015 Mid-Winter Institute continued the tradition of presenting a program that provides the opportunity for a deeper analysis on a specific topic of interest to the IP community, in a relaxed setting that also encourages networking. This in-depth, four-day program covered the development and execution of comprehensive licensing programs and monetizing strategies—topics at the cutting edge of every legal and business discussion in the US and abroad. Attendees learned both the fundamentals of a licensing program, and more importantly, how to move strategies to the next level, bringing innovations to the public and maximizing returns.

On the Road: AIPLA sponsored, with the USPTO, traveling programs on Enhancing Patent Quality and Conducting AIA Trials at the Santa Clara University Law School, in Dallas, TX in conjunction with the Dallas Bar IP Section, and in Alexandria, VA at the USPTO.

We hosted the Patent Prosecution Boot Camp, for the first time on the West Coast, in advance of the Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA and again offered the expanded two-day Trademark Boot Camp. Our Trade Secrets committee conducted its Trade Secret Summit in conjunction with Intel in San Jose, CA. The Electronic and Computer Law Committee hosted its annual Patent Law Summit in Dallas, TX and the Patent Cooperation Treaty Issues Committee hosted its annual programs in San Francisco, CA and Alexandria, VA. Our Biotechnology Committee and our Chemical Practice Committees also conducted one-day seminars this year in Boston, MA and Chicago, IL respectively.

We continued our over 30-year tradition of partnering with the USPTO to provide core IP training to legal secretaries, administrators, and paralegals, in December and June, in Alexandria, VA. It was also our pleasure to work closely with the World IP Organization in hosting their WIPO Services programs in Boston, MA at Suffolk University Law School, and in Princeton, NJ.



Joe Kiani, Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Masimo Corporation



Michelle K. Lee, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office



Ron Diftler, Ph.D., Robonaut Project Manager, Exoskeleton Project Manager, Robotic Systems Technology Branch of Nasa/Johnson Space Center



We launched a PTAB Bench & Bar conference, in conjunction with the USPTO, and hosted more than 80 attendees and 30 judges from the PTAB for an in-depth discussion of dos and don'ts for PTAB hearings, administrative aspects of AIA trials, and participated in a Trial Workshop.

Webinars

AIPLA hosted over 40 webinars this past year, including 30 programs that provided CLE credit, 4 Career and Practice Management programs, provided free to AIPLA members, and 6 Front & Center programs, designed to focus on the business and management aspect of IP.

PUBLIC EDUCATION



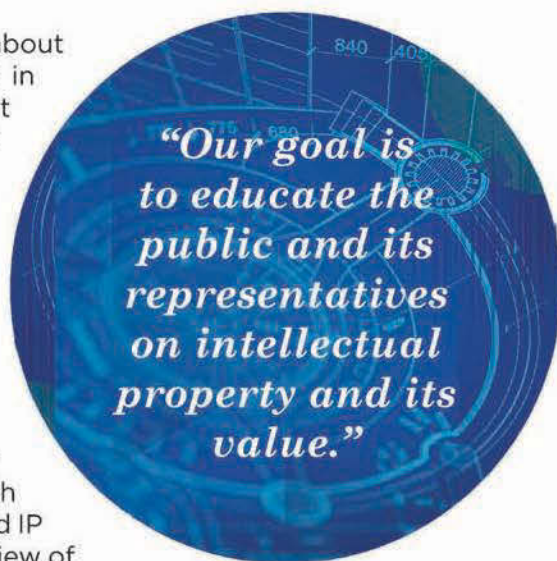
Creativity in Bloom Mission

IP is protected by a set of legal rights with both constitutional and common law origins. A goal of these rights is to both incentivize and protect creative and inventive works...to encourage and reward the original work in planting and nurturing the seeds and hopefully to allow ideas the time and opportunity to reach their full maturity and potential and bear fruit for their creators and the community as a whole.

We believe that IP has been a major engine in the economic and artistic flowering of our country since its inclusion by our founding fathers in the constitution. It is a resilient system which has been and should be able to adapt over time to changing technologies and economic pace and environment. We believe

that historically and globally, the most robust innovation and energetic research as well as most active artistic communities have been fostered in countries and periods with the most reliable protection of intellectual property.

We are concerned that negative perceptions and misperceptions about the intellectual property system are becoming more widespread in the public at large and that these misperceptions are in large part based on a lack of understanding of the system itself and of its historic origins and current real world value. Our goal is to educate the public and its representatives on intellectual property and its value.



World IP Day Continues to Grow

This year, AIPLA sponsored 16 World IP Day events, as well as the 225th anniversary of the US IP laws celebration at the USPTO. The events followed a variety of models, depending on the audience, including partnerships and contests with high schools, university partnerships, joinder with existing festivals, and partnerships with business, professional, or legal organizations. For example, the World IP Day event in Dallas, TX provided high school students with an overview of intellectual property. The students then broke into teams to generate creative presentations to teach their peers about different aspects of intellectual property.

AIPLA Committee Collaboration/University Outreach

The Public Education Committee has started pairing with other committees of AIPLA to bring a more conscious public education component to their own significant outreach efforts. For example, the university outreach program, which is a new initiative of AIPLA with the USPTO, members from the New Lawyers Committee have been paired with an AIPLA Fellow to act as speakers assisting the USPTO in making presentations around the United States. This pairing provided an opportunity for our most experienced members to work with and act as informal mentors with newer members. AIPLA looks forward to expanding its involvement in university outreach moving forward.

USPTO/National Science Foundation Grant Recipient Workshop

AIPLA participated with the USPTO in doing an entire day of presentations providing an overview of intellectual property to Stage II National Science Foundation (NSF) grant recipients in Atlanta, GA. The response from the NSF to the participation was positive and there may be additional opportunities for AIPLA to pair with the NSF in the future.

Pro Bono

The Special Committee on Pro Bono was formed last year by President Sharon Israel to further expand AIPLA's continuing support of the Pro Bono Advisory Council (PBAC). The PBAC, a collective of over 100 intellectual property organizations and individuals, was chartered in 2013 with a single mission, to assist the USPTO's establishment of a nationwide series of state and regional pro bono centers. These centers, matching underrepresented, financially challenged inventors with volunteer patent professionals, provides quality patent applications to small businesses and sole innovators. AIPLA has been instrumental this past year in facilitating the efforts of the USPTO to have State and Regional Pro Bono operations in all fifty States. Chair Georgann Grunebach and Vice Chair Jay Erstling brought the support of the AIPLA Fellows, as well as the IP Law Associations Committee to bear through synergetic contacts, marketing support for roll out events, and governance recommendations.

Camp Invention

AIPLA has been a long-standing sponsor of scholarships to Invent Now's Camp Invention. The camps are one week summer day camps for elementary school children designed to help students discover their own innate creativity and inventiveness through hands-on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) content. Last year, AIPLA provided 66 scholarships in 8 states.



Camp Invention®

***“In 2015,
approximately 95,000
children in grades 1-6
participated in Camp
Invention, PLUS an
additional 5,500 high
school Leadership
Interns helped with
the program.”***

Intel International Science & Engineering Fair

Recognizing that appreciation for the value of IP starts at a young age, AIPLA continues to present awards at this annual competition. Over 1,700 high school students from around the world participated in the pre-college competition recognizing the innovation and scientific achievements of young researchers.

Youth Education

Public Education Committee members regularly do presentations to the public on a wide range of intellectual property topics. The committee has developed presentations that are readily available for download and use by AIPLA members either from the Creativity in Bloom website or the Public Education Committee microsite.

USPTO's 225th Anniversary of the Patent Act Celebration

On April 10, 2015, the USPTO marked the 225th anniversary of the day that President George Washington signed the Patent Act of 1790 launching continuous advances in science and technology. The full-day celebration included an opening ceremony at USPTO headquarters, a ceremonial signing and presentation of the 9 millionth patent to inventor Matthew Carroll, and discussion panels exploring *225 Years of Intellectual Property Protection in America: Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We Are Going* from the perspectives of present and past Directors of the USPTO and several notable inventors. AIPLA was proud to sponsor a reception to conclude the event.

ADVOCACY

Objective Resource

AIPLA continued to share its expertise on intellectual property issues on Capitol Hill, testifying before the House Judiciary Committee in February and engaging with other Committees, Members, and their staffs on a variety of topics.

Much of the 114th Congress thus far has focused on patent litigation issues, and AIPLA strongly advocated on behalf of our members for a balanced approach to curbing perceived abuses while respecting the rights of all patent holders.

AIPLA also closely monitored legislative proposals and hearings relating to a number of important intellectual property issues, including trade secret protection, review of the Copyright Act, and USPTO and US Copyright Office operations.

Judicial Advocacy

During the 2014-2015 Supreme Court term, AIPLA advocated for the interests of its members in 4 Supreme Court cases, 4 en banc Federal Circuit cases, and 2 cases in the Fourth and Ninth Circuits.

Supreme Court

- *Commil USA, LLC v. Cisco Systems, Inc.* (induced infringement)
- *Kimble v. Marvel Enterprises, Inc.* (per se antitrust violation)
- *B&B Hardware, Inc. v. Hargis Industries, Inc.* (TTAB issue preclusion)
- *Hana Financial, Inc. v. Hana Bank* (trademark tacking)

En Banc Federal Circuit

- *Suprema, Inc. v. International Trade Commission* (ITC jurisdiction over induced infringement)
- *SCA Hygiene Products Aktiebolag v. First Quality Baby Products, LLC* (patent laches)
- *Lexmark International, Inc. v. Impression Products, Inc.* (international patent exhaustion)
- *Akamai Technologies, Inc. v. Limelight Networks, Inc.* (divided direct infringement)

4th Circuit

- *Belmora LL v. Bayer Consumer Care AG* (well-known foreign marks)

9th Circuit

- *Microsoft Corp. v. Motorola, Inc.* (SEP royalty calculations)

Strong Advocate before Government Agencies

AIPLA has remained active at the US Patent and Trademark Office, providing comments and testimony on major projects such as the USPTO Quality Initiative and patent eligibility guidelines. We have also



AIPLA Board Member, Nancy Mertzel, testifies before the House Judiciary Committee



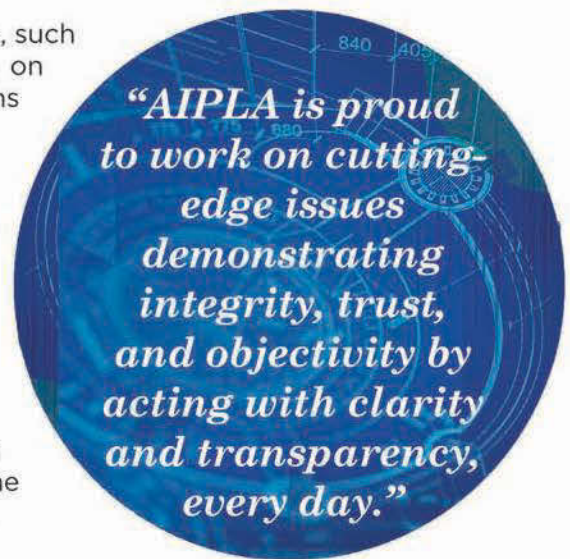
responded to calls for comments on issues such as repeat-pattern marks, domestic and international privileged communications between patent practitioners and their clients, restoration of priority based on “due care” standard with PCT applications, and the deference given to work product of the International Search Authority of the USPTO.

Our substantive committees worked to improve our communication with US government agencies in addition to the USPTO, including the Federal Trade Commission, US Trade Representative, State Department and others.

AIPLA also provided commentary to other government offices, such as the Copyright Office and the Federal Trade Commission, on issues such as copyright protection for visual works and actions pertaining to patent assertion entities.

Influential International Advocate

The international component of AIPLA’s advocacy continued to thrive this year. AIPLA provided comments covering a variety of international intellectual property issues including the standardization of intellectual property rights by the European Commission, the antimonopoly and anti-unfair competition law in China, the trademark protection act in Japan, the survey by the Intellectual Property Office in Singapore on industrial design protection in the US, and the Draft Intellectual Property Enforcement Guidelines in Canada.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

International Committees: the Backbone of the AIPLA Global Sector

This year, our 10 international committees continued their synergistic work to expand AIPLA's effectiveness in improving the international climate for US innovators to obtain, maintain and enforce IP rights. Through monthly leadership calls as well as in person meetings at AIPLA's three stated meetings, the committees, working together and in concert with our substantive law committees, address opportunities for input at all levels of the international discussion.

More and more of our AIPLA Foreign Affiliate Members are taking on leadership roles, which improves our understanding and effectiveness in all the regions of the world.

Our international practice committee trips this year included Europe, Japan, China, the Far East, and Latin America. On each trip, the delegates were given the opportunity to both network with and learn from representatives of national and local intellectual property offices, associations, industry groups, and businesses.

The International Committees also worked with AIPLA's substantive committees on a number of advocacy projects, as discussed on page 13.

The AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA Brings US Leadership to the Global Association

The AIPPI-US Division, which acts as the US national group of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), has continued to grow due to its affiliation with AIPLA. This year the group reached 560 members, and has become one of the four largest national groups of AIPPI.

The AIPPI-US Division submitted reports to AIPPI International on issues such as inventorship of multinational inventions, parasitism and free riding with respect to trademarks, exceptions and limitations to copyright protection for libraries and other institutions, and trade secrets and restraint of trade.

A Global Leader

AIPLA maintained its leadership role this year with respect to international substantive patent harmonization, through the Industry Trilateral group which presented a joint paper to the Trilateral Offices of the US, Europe, and Japan, showing significant areas of consensus among international industry. AIPLA and its industry partners have begun cooperation with the B+ group of countries which now leads the way on substantive harmonization.





The productive work of the Industry IP5 (adding Korea and China) has continued, with progress on procedural harmonization, and especially on the Global Dossier. This year, AIPLA assisted the USPTO in designing its Global Dossier online tool, which is set to go live in early November.

Additionally, AIPLA participated in discussions at the Trademark Five meeting with the US, Japan, Europe, Korea, and China, and took on a leadership role in planning for increased industry participation in the TM5, as well as the Industrial Design Five, ID5.

AIPLA Representation at International Meetings

AIPLA was represented by leadership at a number of international events including the ABPI XXXV Congress, AIPPI World Congress, IPIC 89th Annual Meeting, FICPI Executive Meeting, APAA 63rd Council Meeting, ASIPI 50th Anniversary Celebration, FICPI World Congress, INTA Annual Meeting, European Inventor Awards Dinner & Ceremony, ECTA Annual Meeting, and IPOS IP Week in Singapore.

Throughout the year, AIPLA was also represented at multiple World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) meetings including the Standing Committee on Trademarks and Designs, Madrid Working Group, PCT Working Group, and WIPO General Assemblies.

AIPLA also continued to monitor intellectual property issues at other international organizations, especially the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), which is overseeing the adoption of multiple new top level domains, as well as monitoring the proposed transition of key functions away from NTIA.

AIPLA Hosted Events

AIPLA hosted a number of bilateral meetings throughout the year with leaders of international organizations including the JPO Commissioner Ito, JPO Deputy Commissioner Kihara, EPO officials, and UKIPO officials including CEO John Alty.

In addition to hosting the established annual Partnership for Quality Meeting between the EPO and US Bar Associations, AIPLA worked with the Japan Patent Office to initiate a similar partnership to begin in the Fall of 2015.

Global Sector Looks Forward

AIPLA continues to enhance networking and mentoring opportunities as well as programming for AIPLA's international members. We are putting into place new procedures for finding opportunities to comment on changes in law and regulations around the world, as well as gearing up for new stages of negotiation on ways to improve international IP protection through cooperation and worksharing, and adoption of new electronic tools and procedures including effective machine translation, to save costs, increase efficiency, and improve quality.



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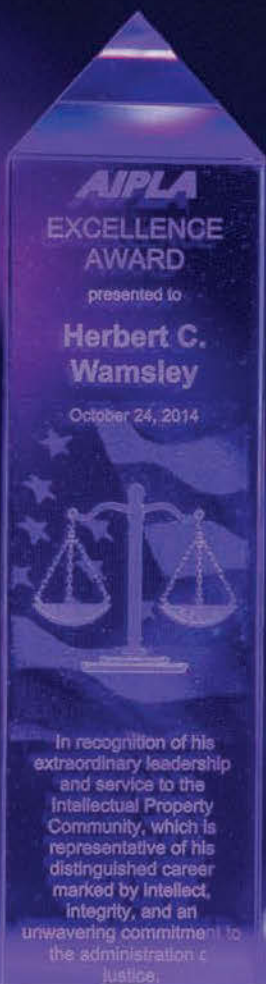
**Committee on Legislation
Committee of the Year**



**New Lawyers
Committee
Committee of the Year**



**Excellence
Award**



Herb Wamsley
AIPLA Excellence
Award

Mitchel Weinstein
Mentor of the Year



AWARDS

Project Award: Georgann S. Grunebach & Kimberly Van Voorhis, for their work on the 2014 Mid-Winter Institute Committee Expo.

Robert C. Watson Award: Jordan Joachim, NYU School of Law, for his paper: "Is the AIA the End of Grace? Examining the Effect of the America Invents Act on the Patent Grace Period."

The Jan Jancin Award: Abigail A. Rives, Emory University School of Law (for those excelling in the study of IP law)

Past President's Award: Dr. Mao (John) Wang, The George Washington University Law School (2nd place for Jan Jancin Award)

Mentor of the Year Award: Mitchel Weinstein

Maurice Klitzman Award: Morgan Jones

2015 Intel Science and Engineering Fair:

AIPLA First Award Prize Winners

Sophia Nicole Korner and Diya Mathur, both sophomores of DuPont Manual High School in Louisville, KY, for their project titled "The Effect of Shape, Weight, and Diameter on Haptic Perception: An Active Haptic Sensing Study of the Predicted and Actual Grip Forces and Their Impacts on Weight Detection Thresholds."

Arsh Shah Dilbagi, from Panipat, India for his project titled, "TALK—An AAC Device: Converting Breath into Speech for the Disabled."

AIPLA Second Award Prize Winners

Eusebio da Conceicao Almeida and Joao Pedro Bronze Rodrigues of Rio Maior, Portugal, for their project titled, "IF—Intelligent Flow."

Puneeth Naga Sai Krishna Meruva of Homestead Senior High School in Fort Wayne, IN, for his project titled, "Autonomous Motion Planning for Hyper-Redundant Modular Robotic Systems using State Estimation, Obstacle Avoidance, and Intelligence Locomotion Algorithms."

42nd Annual Giles S. Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition (pictured left)

First Place - Brian J. Springer and Gregory J. Manas of the University of Pennsylvania Law School

Runners Up - Kathryn L. Smits and Adam B. Peck, of Columbia Law School



AIPLEF Scholarship Recipients
Sheaniqua Thompson and **Candice Jones**

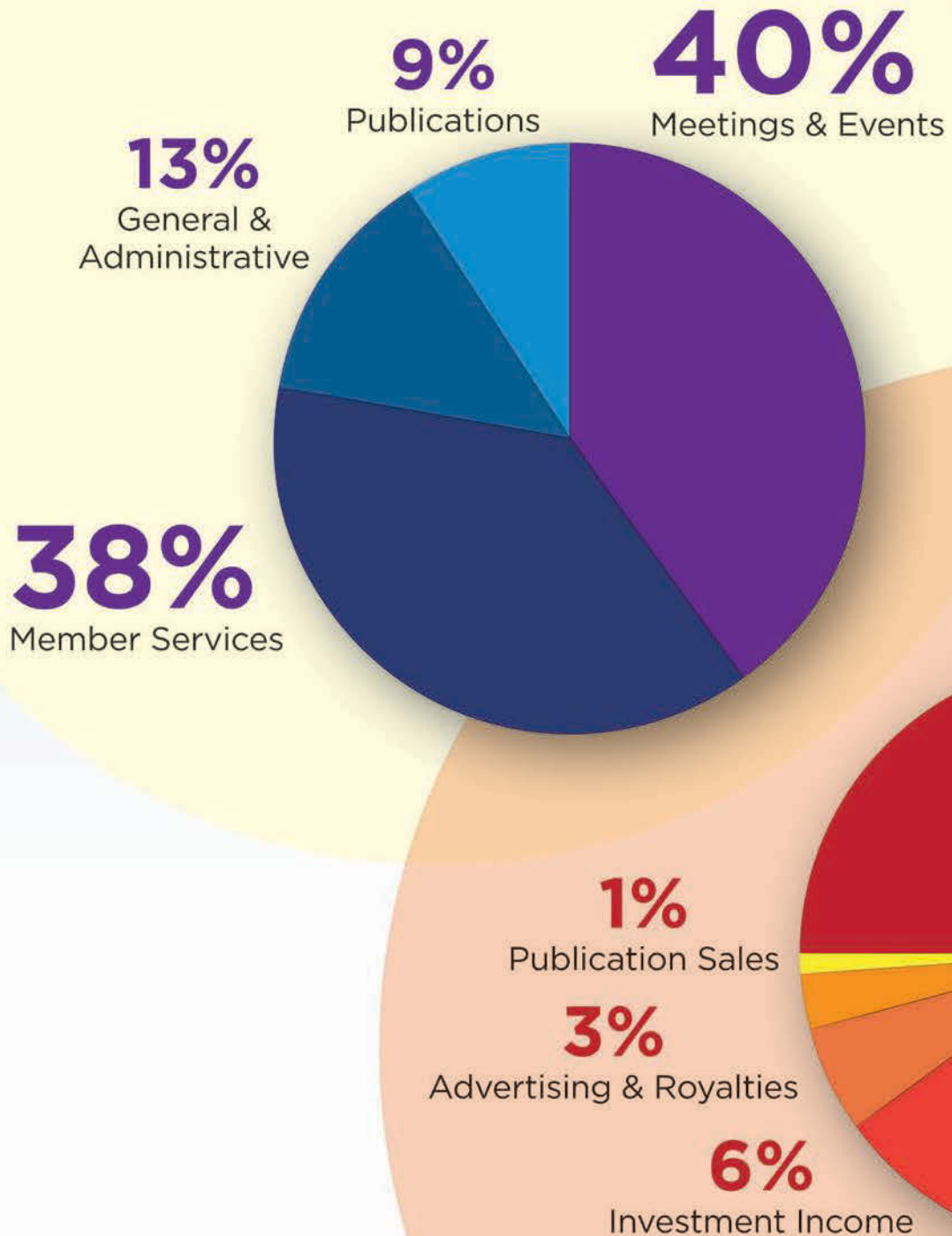


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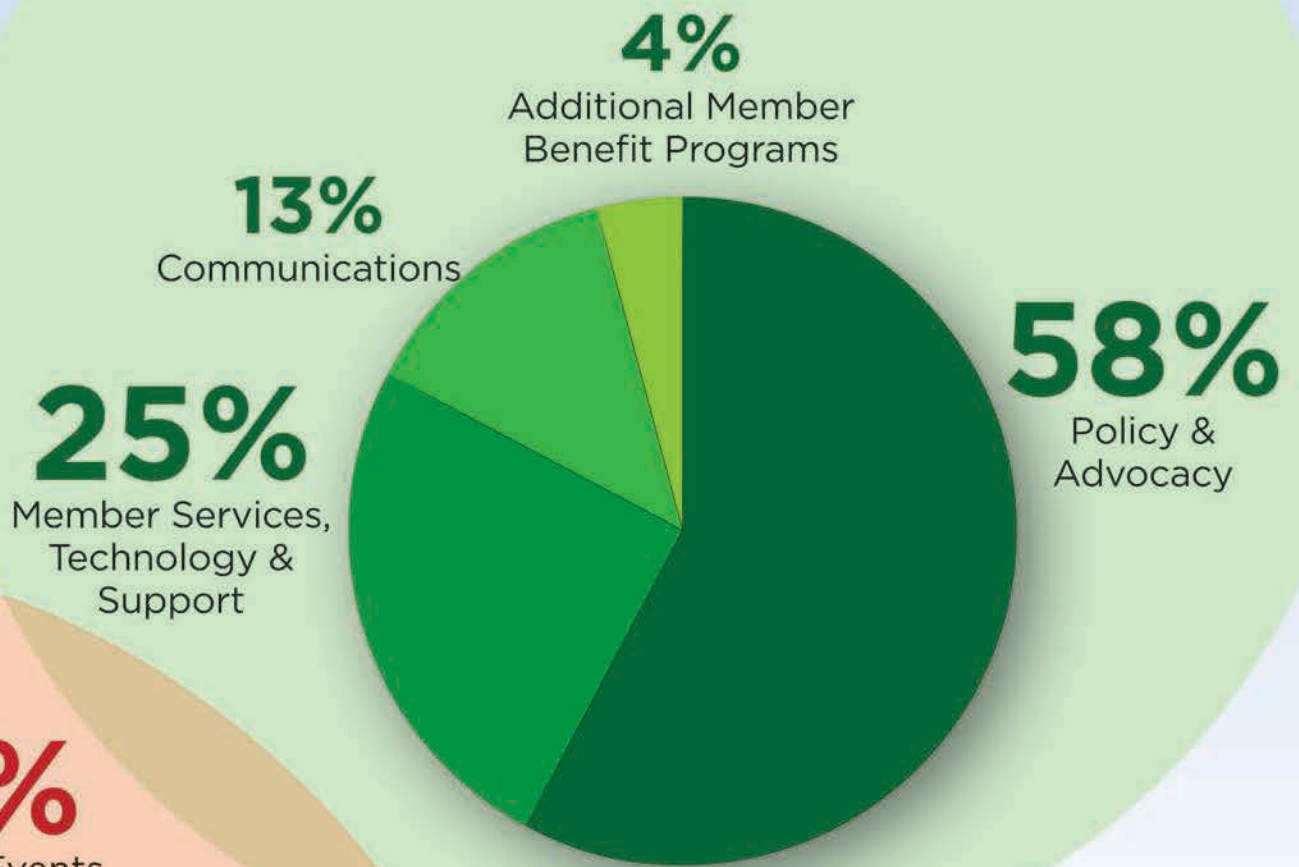
2014 FINANCIALS

2014 Total Expense
Total: \$8,167,084
Breakdown by Source



2014 Membership Services

allocation of member service activities



45%

Meetings & Events

45%

Membership Dues

2014 Revenue Total:

\$8,236,587

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