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ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2018

PROGRAM AND INFORMATION

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello and Welcome to NAPP's 2018 Annual Meeting & Conference!

The AMC committee has put together an exciting program for us all, including presentations from world-class experts on all aspects of patent practice. But remember that there's also a wealth of experience and common ground to be found among your fellow attendees, so please introduce yourself and ask where they're from. We're all a bit introverted and quirky, but I've never found a more pleasant bunch of folks to spend time with (not even my own relatives).

As with past conferences, many of our presenters will expect and encourage audience questions and comments during the presentation. But if the speaker asks the audience to hold their questions and comments until the end, please honor their wishes. In either case, please use the microphones when making your comment or question, as the conference is being recorded for our attendees.

After Thursday's PTO presentations, NAPP's Annual Meeting will be held beginning at 1:15pm. NAPP members are strongly encouraged to attend and submit their views about the past year's performance and future priorities for the organization. Rest assured that the Board of Directors is listening closely! The Annual Meeting will also highlight opportunities for members to get more involved in the various committees, initiatives, and task forces, working to improve and expand the NAPP membership experience. Members who can't be present are encouraged to volunteer and/or submit their comments to the Board via our Executive Director at napp@napp.org.

Please take advantage of Thursday evening's Welcome Reception to find and thank:

- the incoming and outgoing board members;
- your fellow members who contribute to the NAPP forums;
- your local representatives and meetup organizers; and (perhaps most importantly)
- the NAPP committee members and chairs who turn all your ideas into results

Also on Thursday night is an opportunity to share dinner with fellow attendees who share your technical background. This is a low-pressure opportunity to connect with similarly-positioned colleagues, who may become important nodes in your network of professional acquaintances. Watch for the sign-up lists at the reception table!

Friday highlights include a half-day workshop on the core expertise of our profession from Ron Slusky (the person who wrote THE book on it): claim strategy. Ron's workshop is followed by our keynote speaker, Jason Lye, an experienced licensing director and CTO for hire, speaking about how to connect IP strategy to sustainable revenue growth. Friday evening includes an evening cruise on the Potomac, an ideal opportunity to make new friends and/or strengthen friendships from previous conferences!

Our schedule for Saturday includes a working groups variation on our popular hypotheticals session, giving members another low-pressure opportunity to get acquainted with the work style of fellow attendees. Foreign patent protection, an ever-more important aspect of our profession, is covered next, and the conference concludes with a discussion of our greatest dream: working from a beach in Cabo!

The AMC committee has done an amazing job. Please join me in thanking them for their efforts. And thanks to each of you for your participation. Enjoy!!

Sincerely,
Dan Krueger



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CONFERENCE EVENTS!

WELCOME RECEPTION

Thursday July 19th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

The Westin Hotel, Alexandria

Join us for cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres located in the beautiful Westin in downtown Alexandria.



POTOMAC RIVER BOAT CRUISE AND DINNER

Friday July 20th 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Experience a cruise of the Potomac on The Cherry Blossom, an authentic re-creation of a 19th century Victorian riverboat. The cruise will depart from Torpedo Factory Art Center, just north of King Street in Alexandria.



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday July 18, 2018

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....	Basics of Practice Management, Invention Claiming, Patent Preparation and Prosecution Speakers: David Dickerson, David Grossman, Mark Nowotarski and Bruce Young
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner on own
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.....	Basics of Practice Management, Invention Claiming, Patent Preparation and Prosecution Speakers: David Dickerson, David Grossman, Mark Nowotarski, and Bruce Young CLE ACCREDITATION PENDING

Thursday July 19, 2018

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am - 8:45 am.....	Breakfast
8:45 am - 9:00 am.....	Opening Remarks
9:00 am - 9:15 am.....	AMC Address Speaker: Andrei Iancu, Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and USPTO Director
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Update on Patent Initiatives at USPTO Speaker: Drew Hirshfeld, Commissioner
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Guidance on Patent Prosecution Issues: 101, 103, 112 and Examiner Interviews Speakers: Daniel Sullivan, TC 1600; Tariq Hafiz, TC 3600 and Jerry Lorengo, TC 3700
10:30 am - 10:45 am.....	Break: Generously sponsored by: Michael Caldwell - Anaqua, Inc 
10:45 am - 11:30 am.....	USPTO's Initiatives to Promote Diversity within IP Community Speakers: Wynn Coggins, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Sarah Harris, General Counsel
11:30 am - 12:15 am	Overview of Information Management Tools and "Gadgets" on USPTO Website Speaker: Edward (Ned) Landrum, Supervisory Patent Examiner and STEPP Program Adviser
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch: Generously sponsored by: Larry Hilton - Dominion Insurance 
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm.....	Annual Meeting: State of NAPP Affairs and Committee Reports, BOD Candidate Presentation and Voting
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break: Generously sponsored by: Jeff O'Neill - Patent Bots LLC 
3:00 pm - 4:50 pm	IP Expert Panel - Current IP issues Panel: Suzannah Sundby, Peter Thurlow, Rick Neifeld and Christopher Carani Moderator: Louis Hoffman
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception - Westin Hotel Generously sponsored by: Richard Kirkpatrick - Patent Designs 
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Dinner Groups CLE ACCREDITATION PENDING

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Friday, July 20, 2018

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration	
7:30 am - 8:20 am	Breakfast	
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Opening Remarks	
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Problem/Solution Analysis— The Key to Identifying the Broad Inventive Concept - Envision the Opposing Team Speaker: Ron Slusky	
9:30 am - 10:20 am	Problem/Solution Exercises Speaker: Ron Slusky	
10:20 am - 10:30 am	Break: Generously sponsored by: Chris Karel - RWS	
10:30 am - 11:15 am	Fallback Features and the “Planned Retreat” Speaker: Ron Slusky	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Assembling Meaningful Claim Families Speaker: Ron Slusky	
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Functional Language in Claims Speaker: Ron Slusky	
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch: Generously sponsored by: Dan Krueger - Ramey and Schwaller Lunch Speaker: Jason Lye, President and CTO of Lyco Works, Inc.	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Ethical Considerations, Client Engagement and Intake Speaker: Jeffrey Hamilton Geiger of Sands Anderson PC	
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Uncomfortable Questions and Best Practices Regarding Inventorship and Ownership Speaker: Dan Krueger	
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Provisional Patent Application Practices Speaker: Tom Bassolino	
4:00 pm - 4:50 pm	Prosecution Practices and Selective Art Unit Statistics Speakers: David Dickerson and Mark Nowotarski	
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks	
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	NAPP Event: Cruise on Potomac Generously co-sponsored by: Ofinno Technologies and Herbert L. Jamison @Co., LLC CLE ACCREDITATION PENDING	 

Saturday July 21, 2018

8:00 am - 8:50 am	Breakfast	
8:50 am - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks	
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Group Working Sessions - Hypotheticals	
10:00 am - 10:30 am	PCT - Handling a Bad Search Report Speaker: Laurent Lusinchi	
10:30 am - 11:15 am	Foreign Utility Models Speakers: David Dickerson (Europe), Kenny Ko (China) and Tom Mori (Japan) Moderator: Mavis Gallenson	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Export Regulations - Can I Write that Patent Application on a Beach in Cabo? Speaker: Mark Scott of Dickinson Wright, PLLC	
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Closing Remarks CLE ACCREDITATION PENDING	

SPEAKERS



Tom Bassolino

Tom Bassolino is a patent attorney specializing in patent preparation and prosecution. Tom's practice includes drafting, filing, and prosecuting U.S., PCT, national stage, and international patent applications. Tom works with inventors, reviews invention disclosure statements, and investigates new product developments and design-around opportunities with entrepreneurs, engineers, and other technical staff. Tom is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is admitted to the practice of law in the District of Columbia and the State of New York. Tom has been a proud member of the National Association of Patent Practitioners (NAPP) since 2014. In addition to NAPP, Tom is a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), the D.C. Bar Association, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).



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Mr. Carani is a partner at the Chicago-based IP law firm of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. practicing in all area of IP. He is widely recognized as a leading authority in the field of design law, having litigated, prosecuted, published and lectured in the field for nearly 20 years. Chris is the current chair of the AIPPI Committee on Designs, and past chair of both AIPLA and ABA Design Rights Committees. In 2017, IAM Magazine included Chris in its IAM Patent 1000 referring to him as one of the nation's "pre-eminent design law experts." Chris is on faculty at Northwestern University School of Law as an Adjunct Professor teaching IP Law & Policy and at Chicago-Kent College of Law teaching Design Law. His new book, entitled "Design Rights: Functionality and Scope of Protection," was published in September of 2017 by Wolters Kluwer N.V. He serves on the Advisory Design Council for The School of The Art Institute of Chicago and is an Ambassador Member of the Industrial Designer's Society of America. Prior to joining McAndrews, Chris served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Chris earned his J.D. from University of Chicago and a B.S. in Engineering from Marquette University.



Wynn W. Coggins

Wynn Coggins is the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). She is responsible for supporting the development and delivery of all administrative functions for the agency, including providing strategic leadership, management, policy and oversight support for human resources, hiring, union relations, space, security and Agency-wide human capital and telework programs. Prior to her role as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, she was a group director in the USPTO electrical and mechanical technologies, responsible for the management and oversight of patent examiners in the circuits, measuring, testing and business methods technologies. She has been a frequent public speaker both nationally and internationally to many public and private organizations on topics related to human capital, intellectual property, and advocacy for STEM education for women and girls, and has represented the USPTO to Congress, stakeholder interest groups and the media. Mrs. Coggins joined the Patent and Trademark Office in 1990, after spending four years working for an engineering and architectural consulting firm in Fairfax, Virginia. She received an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Clemson University in 1986, and a Master of Science in Information Systems Technology with a concentration in Information Resources Management in 1999 from The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management. She also received a Certificate of Advanced Public Management through The Maxwell School of Syracuse University in 2002. She is a member of Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honor society.

SPEAKERS



David Dickerson

David Dickerson has over 20 years' experience in the realm of international patent prosecution. His track history includes the prosecution of many hundreds of applications before the European Patent Office, including its Opposition Divisions and Boards of Appeal. Before founding his own firm in 2010, David worked hand-in-hand with several of Germany's most respected patent attorneys as well as in-house. Born and raised in the United States, David earned his graduate degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Hannover, Germany. He thus has particular expertise in the electrical, computer and mechanical arts. David is registered to practice before the European Patent Office, the German Patent and Trademark Office, the USPTO and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), formerly known as the OHIM. He is equally fluent in English and German.



Mavis Gallenson

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David received a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the American University Washington College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University. Additionally, David is a Past President and current board member of the National Association of Patent Practitioners (NAPP).

SPEAKERS



Tariq Hafiz

Tariq joined the USPTO in 1992 as a patent examiner and in 2012 became a Group Director for Technology Center 2600 specializing in Communications. Tariq led efforts to revamp the initial After Final Consideration Pilot to 2.0 to include increased collaboration between the examiner and applicant. He is also leading the examiner Interview Practice effort that develops training for examiners as well as other initiatives to increase communication between the examiner and applicant. Prior to USPTO, he worked in software development at Computer Sciences Corporation for over three years. Tariq earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the College of William and Mary with graduate work in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech.



Sarah Harris

As USPTO's General Counsel, Sarah Harris is the principal legal advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. She supervises the provision of legal advice and court representation on intellectual property and administrative matters for the Agency. Ms. Harris is responsible for providing legal advice on patent, trademark, and copyright matters as well as administrative issues such as government contracts, personnel, and budgetary matters. As necessary, she coordinates with the Department of Justice, Department of Commerce, and other agencies in developing the U.S. position on major intellectual property cases before the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals.

Prior to joining the USPTO, Ms. Harris served as Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Intellectual Property at AOL, Inc. and Associate General Counsel, Intellectual Property at Cooper Industries, Ltd where she established and managed the implementation of global corporate strategies for capturing, protecting, and exploiting intellectual property to complement corporate initiatives. Prior to AOL, she held IP positions with Hewlett-Packard, and Compaq, and served as Of Counsel at Haynes and Boone, LLP.

Ms. Harris was the President of the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association. She received her B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University and her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.



Andrew Hirshfeld

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SPEAKERS



Louis Hoffman

Louis Hoffman is the president and founder of the Hoffman Patent Firm and a partner and founder of IP Protection Law Group. He is a Chairman of the Board of NAPP. Louis has been an intellectual property lawyer for more than 30 years. Louis's law practice focuses on commercialization through sales, licensing and enforcement of valuable patents, patent portfolio development, and patent prosecution. His clients include inventors, operating companies, and start-ups. He has a particular knack at identifying and securing patent claims that can provide added value to patent portfolios. Louis has substantial experience managing litigation and licensing programs of all sizes. Aside from patent matters, Louis sometimes works on copyrights and trademarks (U.S. and foreign), license drafting, and contract matters.



Andrei Iancu

Prior to joining the USPTO, Mr. Iancu was the Managing Partner at Irell & Manella LLP, where his practice focused on intellectual property litigation. Mr. Iancu appeared in a variety of high-profile matters in front of the USPTO, U.S. district courts, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the U.S. International Trade Commission. He has represented clients across the technical and scientific spectra, including those associated with medical devices, genetic testing, therapeutics, the internet, telephony, TV broadcasting, video game systems, and computer peripherals.

Mr. Iancu has also taught patent law at the UCLA School of Law and has written and spoken publicly on a variety of intellectual property issues. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Iancu was an engineer at Hughes Aircraft Company.

Throughout his career, many organizations have recognized Mr. Iancu for his work. Among his legal community accolades, the Daily Journal, California Lawyer magazine, Los Angeles Business Journal, Chambers USA, Best Lawyers in America, and many others have acknowledged his expertise in commercial litigation and intellectual property law. Mr. Iancu has also been the recipient of the Patent and Trademark Office Society 36th Annual Rossman Award, the Hughes Aircraft Malcolm R. Currie Innovation Award, and the Melville B. Nimmer Copyright Award.

Mr. Iancu holds a Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law. He also has a Master of Science in mechanical engineering and a Bachelor of Science in aerospace engineering, both from UCLA.

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Jerry Lorengo

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Jason Lye Ph.D. CCol. BSc (Hons.)

Dr. Jason Lye offers a business perspective on your IP strategy, providing a line of sight from IP to sustainable revenue growth. The founder of Lyco Works Incorporated, Jason has 20 years of commercialization and intellectual asset management experience, including over 15 years of IP-based deal-making with Kimberly-Clark Corp., Newell Brands Inc. (formally Newell Rubbermaid), and now for Lyco Works' customers. Dr. Lye's last industrial position was Director of Technology in Licensing for Newell Brands, where he led several \$100 million Open Innovation projects for various business units. His technological advice was also relied upon by Newell's venture investment function. Dr. Lye also co-chairs the annual Georgia IP Think Tank, in collaboration with Georgia IP Alliance.

Dr. Lye is a trained negotiator (Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation). He is also an inventor on 21 issued US patents, holds a Ph.D. in Fiber and Polymer Science from North Carolina State University, and a BSc. in Colour Chemistry from the University of Leeds. Dr. Lye is also a Chartered Colourist and serves as alternate counselor for the Georgia section of the American Chemical Society. A dual national, Jason lives in Atlanta where he enjoys bee-keeping, SCUBA, camping, and Lions Club service events.



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Mark Nowotarski

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SPEAKERS



Mark E. Scott

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Ronald D. Slusky is a patent attorney in solo private practice in New York City. Ron learned the patent craft at Bell Labs, originally a unit of AT&T and later of Lucent Technologies, from which he retired in 2001 and then opened his private practice. He also served briefly as interim patent counsel for NEC Laboratories America in Princeton, New Jersey.

In his 31-year career at Bell Labs, Ron had the opportunity to mentor dozens of patent attorneys both as a direct mentor and for 13 years as a managing attorney supporting lawyers responsible for patenting inventions in the areas of information sciences, computer systems, modems and telecommunications. One of the most satisfying aspects of his career has been to mentor other attorneys in the “old school” skills that he learned from his mentors at Bell Labs and which he has incorporated into his book, *Invention Analysis and Claiming: A Patent Lawyer’s Guide* (2d Edition 2012) published by the American Bar Association. For many years his monthly column appeared in *Intellectual Property Today*.

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Daniel Sullivan

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Dr. Sullivan joined the USPTO in 2002 to examine in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical art areas. In 2008 he was promoted to Supervisory Patent Examiner and in 2014 he was promoted to Technology Center Director.

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SPEAKERS



Pete Thurlow

Pete is the current Vice President of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), the primary intellectual property law association in New York with more than 1,250 members. Based on Pete's extensive experience working on matters at the USPTO, he received a second three-year term starting in January 2016 from the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to serve on the USPTO's Patent Public Advisory Committee (PPAC). Based on Pete's significant experience on USPTO post-grant matters, Pete chairs the USPTO's PTAB subcommittee. The PPAC provides an annual report to the White House, U.S. Commerce Department, House and Senate Judiciary Committees, and the USPTO.



Bruce Young

Bruce Young is currently an independent patent agent in solo practice serving the intellectual property needs of a variety of clients. He has a broad engineering background with 30 years of experience in both Fortune 100 and small companies, including Jabil, Gateway, Intel, Lucasfilm/Pixar, HP, and several start-ups. Mr. Young has been involved in nearly every aspect of electronic product design and manufacturing at some point in his career including the development of several industry-standard specifications such as PCI, the backbone of modern PC architecture and has been named as an inventor on 40 issued US Patents. Mr. Young holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Iowa State University, and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He currently lives in Le Mars, IA with Debra, his wife of over 35 years, where they enjoy keeping up with their four grown children, 2 dogs, and 2 cats.

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Mike Carey

Mike is a patent attorney with experience preparing and prosecuting hundreds of patents for some of the world's most sophisticated companies in the fields of wireless communications, computer hardware, computer software, and mechanical engineering. Currently, Mike focuses on developing methods and advising businesses on efficient and affordable ways to develop a patent portfolio.

Mike has been practicing as a patent attorney since 2013, prior to which he served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force Reserve while teaching Junior High Mathematics. Mike has also served as a C-130 pilot and Chief of Command Post in the Air Force. Mike has a JD from Harvard Law School, an MS in Physics from North Carolina State University, and a BS



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