

## **MEETING RECAP**

## THE PAULINE NEWMAN IP AMERICAN INN OF COURT

## **SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

The first meeting of the 2014/2015 year of the Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court took place in the Auditorium of the Madison Building of the headquarters of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia on September 16, 2014.

A new member's orientation was held from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, during which Judge Hubert Lorin welcomed new members and explained the goals and upcoming activities of the Newman Inn.



A welcome reception and check-in took place from 6 PM to 7 PM, during which drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served. Many thanks to our Social Committee Co-chairs Steven Swift and James Wilcox for making arrangements for the refreshments.







The formal program took place from 7 PM to 8 PM, during which Judge Lorin welcomed the membership to the fourth year of the Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court and provided a brief overview of Judge Newman's background, including her 30-year career in patent law prior to becoming appointed in 1984, her work in science, her work in a corporate environment, and her work on policy issues with respect to the American economy.

Judge Lorin also provided an overview of the past history of the Newman Inn, which was established in 2011. Under past President Al Tramposch, the Newman became organizationally stable, focusing on administration and financial viability, and received a Bronze designation under the Achieving Excellence Program of the American Inns of Court. Then, under the presidency of Judge Liam O'Grady, the Newman Inn established a mentoring program and an "education" theme for programs, and received a Silver designation this past summer.



The formal program continued with the presentation of the Silver designation plaque to the Newman Inn by Mr. David Akridge, the Deputy Executive Director of the American Inns of Court. The plaque was accepted by Judge Newman, who then offered a few words of gratitude.



Judge Lorin then discussed the selection of a "collaboration" theme by our new President – the Honorable Teresa Stanek Rea – and how the programs for this year will explore collaboration among the various entities involved in intellectual property.

The formal program continued with brief introduction of the present Executive Committee by Judge Lorin, as well as a description of the upcoming programs by Erin Dunston and Judge Hung Bui, the Co-Chairs of the Program

Committee), a description of our collaboration with other Inns in the Linn Alliance by Ms. Elizabeth Dougherty, Co-chair of the Liaison Committee, a description of the Mentoring

Program by Abby Linn and Judge Jason Morgan, Co-Chairs of the Mentoring Committee, and a description of some ideas on outreach by James Wilcox, Co-chair of the Social Committee. The meeting ended with concluding remarks from Judge Newman.

A listing of the present Executive Committee as introduced by Judge Lorin is given below.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pearson Secretary



## Executive Committee of the Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court

President: Hon. Teresa Stanek Rea

President-Elect: Judge Hubert Lorin, PTAB

Judicial Counselors: Judge Pauline Newman, Fed. Cir.

Judge Richard Linn, Fed. Cir. Judge Liam O'Grady, EDVA Judge John Anderson, EDVA

USPTO Counselors: Judge James T. Moore, PTAB

Judge Glenn Perry, PTAB

Practitioner Counselor: Mr. Walt Kelley

Administrator: Judge Meredith Petravick, PTAB

Secretary: Mr. Doug Pearson

Treasurer: Mr. John Williamson

Program Committee Co-Chairs: Ms. Erin Dunston

Judge Hung Bui, PTAB

Membership Committee Co-Chairs: Ms. Rachel Elsby

Judge Lora Green, PTAB

Social Committee Co-Chairs: Mr. Stephen Swift

Mr. James Wilcox

Mentoring/Award Committee Co-Chairs: Ms. Abby Lin

Judge Jason Morgan, PTAB

Reporting Committee Chair: Mr. Will Cheng

Liaison Committee Co-Chairs: Mr. Bill Stoffel

Ms. Elizabeth Dougherty