



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RECAP
THE PAULINE NEWMAN
IP AMERICAN INN OF COURT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The first Inn meeting of the 2013-2014 year took place in the Auditorium below the Atrium in the Madison Building of the headquarters of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting was preceded by a new member orientation from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., which is a requirement for our Inn to achieve Silver status. The orientation was carried out by President Judge O’Grady and Vice-President Judge Hubert C. Lorin, following an outline by Membership Co-Chair Erin Dunston.



There was an initial reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. at which drinks only were served. The presentation began at 6:20 p.m.



President Judge O’Grady said that the Inn is fortunate to have Judge Newman as an active participant. The Inn has a “terrific group of seasoned counselors”. The Inn has “robust participation” from the USPTO. The Inn has the participation of judges on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Partnership with the Giles Rich Inn is also an asset. He discussed this year’s theme of education and mentoring. He referred to the Mentoring Committee’s efforts.



Ms. Malinda Dunn presented the Inn with a certificate designating the Newman Inn as having achieved a Bronze level of excellence, after only two years in existence.

Mentoring & Award Co-Chair Abbey Lin discussed the mentoring program.



Program Co-Chair Judge Walt Kelley presented the background storyline for this year's programs, entitled *The IP Education of Dr. Rueben Goldberg*. Dr. Goldberg is a professor at Farenheight University who specializes in Mongolian romance literature. He has invented a new method for cold fusion. The storyline deals with various aspects of intellectual property, including utility and design patents, trademarks and copyrights.



Patent Examiner Sean Burke discussed cold fusion and the prosecution of patent applications in that field. He has a background in nuclear physics, examines patent applications for induced nuclear reactions, and about 20% of the patent application he examines deal with cold fusion. He said that the storyline was "dead on". The U.S. and Japanese governments fund research into cold fusion.



Program Co-Chair Elizabeth Dougherty provided information about pupilage groups, which are central to the American Inns of Court, and to mentoring and networking. Pupilage teams are created out of a cross section of members of different experience levels. She also discussed the Linn Inn Alliance. Members of the Pauline Newman IP

American Inn of Court are automatically members of the Linn Inn Alliance of twenty-two Inns with an IP focus. Members of one Inn in the alliance can participate in the meetings of other Inns in the alliance, when they happen to be out of town. She went through the list of Inns in the alliance, and asked members of each Inn to stand.



Judicial Counselor Judge Pauline Newman (in honor of whom the Inn has been named) welcomed members and showed an interest in the content of future programs. She said that cases that come before the Federal Circuit are much more complex than the made up cases used by the Inns of Court.



The program concluded at 7:10 p.m. After the program, members socialized at the main reception, with both food and drink, until about 8:30 p.m. This meeting began a new format, with receptions both before and after the presentation. Catering was done by Grand Cuisine of Grand Hyatt Washington. Social Co-Chairs Judge Hung Bui and John Williamson handled the purchasing and stocking of wine and beer, negotiated the contract with the caterer, and supervised the caterer.

*Photographs were taken by Doug Pearson
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Respectfully submitted,

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