

AIPPI Activity Report 2019/20

Q1

What is your AIPPI group's name?

AIPPI-US, a division of AIPLA.

Q2

Please list the contributors to this 2019 Group Activity Report. (Max 3).

Name of lead author: Marc Richards

Q3

Please indicate your group's activities in 2019, and include more details at the end.

Annual general meeting,
Training/continuing education,
Social events for Group members,
In-house counsel and young member participation,

More details on the activities indicated:

At 2019 Winter AIPLA Meeting, held AIPPI-US group meeting to discuss Study Questions and upcoming London Congress. At 2019 Spring AIPLA Meeting, held CLE with discussion of Study Question Responses and upcoming London Congress, and also had guest speaker EPO Examiner discussing EP practice. Had Happy Hour social after AIPPI-US annual general meeting at 2019 AIPLA Annual Meeting.

Q4

What nomination activities for Standing and Statutory Committees happened in your NRG in 2019?

For Statutory Committee, Marc Richards 1st-time elected to Finance Committee.

For Standing Committees, new appointees include:

- Amicus Comm. – Jeffrey Lewis appointed Chair, Matthew Wagner appointed.
- Client Attorney-Agent Privilege – Robert Mattson appointed Vice Chair
- Digital Economy – Ray Moser appointed member
- IP Office Practice & Procedure – Thomas Marlow appointed member
- IP & Green Technology – Patrick Breslin appointed member
- Trademarks – Maria Scungio appointed member.

In total, at end of 2019, AIPPI-US had about 40 members appointed to all Standing committees.

Q5

What can you tell us about the Study Question preparation/submission process within your group? Please include details on the participation of members from different professional backgrounds and encouragement of young member participation.

AIPPI-US is a division of AIPLA, and the drafting and approval process of the responses were passed through different levels of the AIPLA organization.

In 2019, we had from five to ten members of AIPPI-US on each Study Question Drafting Committee. We solicited participation amongst all members of the AIPPI-US organization, including personal invites to young members. The members included all levels of experience and backgrounds.

The Drafting Committee prepared a preliminary draft response that was circulated to two or three relevant Substantive Committees for AIPLA for edits, comments and feedback. A revised draft response was provide to AIPPI-US Steering Committee for further review and approval. An approved draft was sent to AIPLA Board of Directors for final review and revisions.

The leadership of the AIPPI-US drafting Committee finalized the responses that were sent to AIPLA ExCo for final approval.

Q6

How did the NRG and its members participate in international AIPPI Committees work in 2019?

As noted above, AIPPI-US members were on all Standing Committees and five of six Statutory Committees. Our members included seven Chairs and nine Vice-Chair / Secretaries. We encouraged members to also sign up as observer status. We were unable to obtain from AIPPI a listing of our US members that signed up as observers and what committees they were observers for. We also had three members in leadership roles of the Study Question Working Committees.