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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 1986/87 Association Year is now well under way: committees are in place and meetings and events are scheduled, as can be seen from this issue.

NO EVENING MEETINGS

Our programs follow the traditional pattern but with a few changes. As evening meetings have not been well attended, we'll skip them and hold more luncheon meetings except for the popular joint meetings with the New Jersey and Connecticut Patent Law Associations. We have also had some attendance problems with the Golf Outing and the Inventor-of-the-Year event, so these will be combined with the Weekend Seminar and the Annual Meeting, respectively.

The Weekend Seminar, which featured excellent patent and trademark programs last April, will again be held at the scenic Skytop Resort in the Poconos on May 1-3, 1987. It promises to be a most memorable event with Dale Carlson in charge of arrangements, James Foster, programs and James Badie, golf, not to mention David Morton Goldberg, who is planning a copyright program for us.

PENDING LEGISLATION MONITORED

With respect to other activities, our Association should and will continue to monitor the impact of pending legislation and rule-making as was done in past years and as behoves the largest and most important of all local and regional PTC associations. In addition, our Association should and will widen its horizons and participate in international efforts aimed at harmonization of

PTC laws and practices. Harmonization is in the air. It is an idea whose time has come. Harmonization efforts are gaining momentum and the trend toward harmonization appears irreversible. We have had observers at some WIPO harmonization meetings in Geneva in recent years and should and will continue to send continue to send observers particularly since observers are heard in the deliberations and our Association is the only local and regional association that receives invitations to WIPO meetings.

In this regard, let's recall the late Dr. Klaus Pfanner's plea when he addressed our luncheon meeting last April and stressed the special relationship our Association has with WIPO, that "members of the Association help in WIPO's efforts to harmonize conflicting industrial property laws world-wide."

COMMITTEES ARE BACKBONE

However, before we can influence legislative and harmonization initiatives, we have to develop positions and this is and has to be done in committees. Committees are the backbone of all associations. We have an excellent committee structure with motivated chairpersons and members who are ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Additional volunteers for committee work, however, would be welcomed with open arms. One other plea: let's also support our Association by attendance and participation in the scheduled meetings and events and ensure an exciting and successful 1986/87 Association Year.

Karl F. Jorda, President
NYPTCLA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 21, 1986 Luncheon Meeting
Dec. 18, 1986 Luncheon Meeting
Jan. 15, 1987 NYPTC/NJPLA Joint
Evening Meeting
Mar. 27, 1987 Annual Dinner at
Waldorf-Astoria in
Honor of the Fed-
eral Judiciary with
Judge Markey as
Guest Speaker,

May 1-3, 1987 CLE Weekend Sem-
inar, Skytop, PA

N.B. Other luncheon meetings have been tentatively scheduled for January 22, February 12, March 19, April 23 and May 14, 1987 and the joint meeting with CPLA for April 9, 1987.

BATTERSBY SUCCEEDS BARNABY AS BULLETIN EDITOR

Gregory J. Battersby has succeeded Howard B. Barnaby as Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Association and, commencing with this issue, as Editor of the NYPTC Bulletin. Susan H. Rauch remains as Greenbook Editor.

Howard Barnaby had served with distinction as Editor of the Bulletin for the past four years. As a newly elected member of the Board of Directors of the Association, he serves as Board Liaison to this Committee.

Greg Battersby will be assisted by the following members of the Publications Committee: Patrick J. Birde, Bradford S. Breen, Theresa M. Gillis, Gary Gittelsohn, Richard B. Klar, Thomas A. O'Rourke, Terese R. Cohen, and Charles J. Zeller.

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**NOMINATIONS OPEN
FOR INVENTOR OF THE
YEAR-1987**

Deadline-February 1, 1987

Nominations are now open for the Inventor of the Year-1987 Award. The deadline for all nominations is April 1, 1987.

This marks the seventh year that the Association has made this Award.

By nominating a client, an employee of a client, or a fellow employee, you indicate that in your professional opinion that person has made a most significant contribution or contributions. This is an opportunity for recognition by you that is not often presented. Each nomination will be acknowledged in writing by the Association. You may nominate as many inventors as you wish. You may nominate sole or joint inventors.

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