

Committee Proposal

Industry, Professional and Regional Committees:

Americas Committee. The Committee shall monitor and report on developments in the North and South America and shall assist Member Societies in North and South America with training and networking for their members, with programming for their meetings and with submissions to national and multi-national organizations on relevant subjects.

Asia Pacific Committee. The Committee shall monitor and report on developments in the Asian and Pacific regions and shall assist Member Societies in Asia, Australia and the Pacific region with training and networking for their members, with programming for their meetings and with submissions to national and multi-national organizations on relevant subjects.

Consumer Products Industries Committee. The Committee shall promote networking among the members of the consumer products industries, including branded products, shall conduct or sponsor educational activities in these fields, shall identify and collaborate on problem areas of joint concern and shall address major new developments.

Chemical Sciences Industries Committee. The Committee shall promote networking among the members of the chemical, oil, energy, alternative energy, petrochemical, polymer, materials and environmental industries, shall conduct or sponsor educational activities in these fields, shall identify and collaborate on problem areas of joint concern and shall address major new developments.

Copyright Licensing Committee. The Committee shall gather, process and disseminate, by publications or otherwise, to LES members and others education on and topical information relevant to copyright protection and licensing, shall contribute its expertise to LES educational programs and shall monitor and report on significant new developments within the field of its activities.

Dispute Resolution Committee. The Committee shall gather, process and disseminate, by publications or otherwise, to LES members and others education on and topical information relevant to dispute resolution, with a special focus on alternative dispute resolution (arbitration and mediation), shall contribute its expertise to LES educational programs and shall monitor and report on significant new developments within the field of its activities..

Electronics, IT and Telecom Industries Committee. The Committee shall promote networking among the members of the electronics, information technology, e-commerce, and telecommunications industries, shall conduct or sponsor educational activities in these fields, shall identify and collaborate on problem areas of joint concern and shall address major new developments.

Engineering, Transportation and Physical Sciences Industries Committee. The Committee shall promote networking among the members of the aircraft, aerospace, engineering, machine tool, automotive, mass transportation, ship building, manufacturing technology, earth moving &

farming equipment, and construction industries, shall conduct or sponsor educational activities in these fields, shall identify and collaborate on problem areas of joint concern and shall address major new developments.

European Committee. The Committee shall monitor and report on developments in Europe, the European Union, Africa and the Middle East and shall assist Member Societies in Europe, Africa and the Middle East with training and networking for their members, with programming for their meetings and with submissions to national and multi-national organizations on relevant subjects. The Committee shall establish a sub-committee to focus on issues and interests in Africa and the Middle East.

Industry-University/Government Transactions Committee. The Committee shall gather, process and disseminate, by publications or otherwise, to LES members and others education on and topical information relevant to research and licensing transactions between industry and universities and/or government agencies, shall contribute its expertise to LES educational programs and shall monitor and report on significant new developments within the field of its activities.

Life Sciences Industries Committee. The Committee shall promote networking among the members of the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical products, diagnostics and health care industries, shall conduct or sponsor educational activities in these fields, shall identify and collaborate on problem areas of joint concern and shall address major new developments.

Patent and Technology Licensing Committee. The Committee shall gather, process and disseminate, by publications or otherwise, to LES members and others education on and topical information relevant to technology transfer and licensing of intellectual property, shall contribute its expertise to LES educational programs and shall monitor and report significant new developments in the field of its activities.

Trademark and Character Licensing Committee. The Committee shall gather, process and disseminate, by publications or otherwise, to LES members and others education on and topical developments relevant to trademark and character licensing, trademark protection, protection of advertising copy and designations of origin, and domain name protections, shall contribute its expertise to LES educational programs, and shall monitor and report significant new developments within the field of its activities.

Administrative Committees:

Audit Committee. The Committee will comprise three elected members of any Member Society. At each Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates one auditor, being a member of any Member Society, shall be elected for the period of the following three fiscal years, provided such election shall be approved by the Board of Directors. An auditor may be re-elected. After the end of each fiscal year the three auditors shall cause an audit of the finances of LES International and report in writing to the Board of Directors and to the first Board of Delegates meeting in the following year. No member of the Board of Directors or any officer of a Member Society for the fiscal year subject to audit shall be a member of the Audit Committee.

Awards Committee. The Committee shall establish criteria for, solicit nominations for and review the qualifications of candidates for the gold medal and other awards of LES International, shall make its recommendations to the Board of Directors and shall seek approval of the Board of Delegates for all of its recommendations that are approved by the Board of Directors.

Communications Committee. The Committee shall supervise, monitor and improve communications between LES International and Member Societies, among Member Societies and among Committees and their members, shall manage the operation of the LES International website, shall manage publication and distribution of *les Nouvelles*, shall insure a current and accurate directory of members is always available to members on the LES International website, shall insure compliance with contracts for electronic distribution of *les Nouvelles*, shall educate Member Societies and their members on use of the LES International web site, shall encourage Member Societies to establish their own websites or establish their own page on the LES International website, and shall establish and actively manage a public relations program designed to enhance the recognition and image of LES International as the World's premier professional licensing organization.

Education committee. The Committee shall manage, devise and disseminate educational programs and materials of LES International, shall coordinate educational programs of Member Societies and shall, in collaboration with other institutions, further the dissemination of knowledge and experience of licensing and intellectual property to interested groups and persons outside of LES.

Endowment Committee. The Committee shall manage the Endowment Fund of LES International, shall establish criteria for and seek out worthwhile projects to be funded by that Endowment Fund, and shall make corresponding recommendations to the Board of Directors.

External Relations Committee. The Committee shall maintain and intensify contacts with other international organizations, such as WTO, WIPO, AIPPI, ICC, Agencies of the UN, World Economic Forum, etc., shall collaborate with these organization on worthwhile projects and conferences, and shall consult with them on any significant new developments planned or to be initiated having an impact on intellectual property, licensing or technology transfer. In the pursuit of these activities, it shall obtain the input from other relevant LESI Committees and, to the extent practicable, collaborate with them.

Intellectual Property Maintenance Committee. The Committee shall collaborate with the attorneys charged with the registration and maintenance of the trademarks and other intellectual property of LES International, shall devise and recommend to the Board of Directors standards for the use of the trademarks and of the logo of LES International and shall monitor compliance and, in the case of infringements of the intellectual property rights of LES International, shall recommend suitable action to the Board of Directors.

Investment Committee. The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors and the Board of Delegates suitable investments of the funds of LES International.

Long-Range Planning Committee. The Committee shall devise and recommend to the Board of Directors and Board of Delegates long-range plans for the future development, the structure, the projects and the activities of LES International.

Meetings Committee. The Committee shall continuously review, improve and update its Meetings Manual, shall advise and assist Member Societies in the planning, budgeting, organization and conduct of International Conferences conducted by them, shall at the request of Member Societies advise and assist them in planning, budgeting, organizing and conducting regional, national or local meetings, and shall within the framework of a five-year forward plan recommend to the Board of Directors and the Board of Delegates sites for future international conferences.

Membership Committee.

(a) The Committee shall monitor compliance by the Member Societies with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of LES International and in particular with the obligations for Member Societies as set out in Sections 1 and 2 of Article VIII hereof. In the scope of these monitoring activities it shall particularly watch for early signs of eventual failure, such as an inactivity in respect of functions to be undertaken for the benefit of members, the failure to send delegates to meetings of the Board of Delegates, the failure to pay dues, etc. It shall notify the Board of Directors and the Board of Delegates of any cases of non-compliance but shall, at the same time, attempt to aid and assist the defaulting Member Societies to overcome their difficulties and shall attempt to solicit to this end the help of suitable Member Societies (Mentor Societies). If such attempts should not be successful, the Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors and to the Board of Delegates the expulsion from LES International of the Member Society in question by the Board of Delegates.

(b) The Committee shall, in conjunction with the Board of Directors and possibly with the help of a Mentor Society, examine any application for membership of new societies and in particular shall closely survey the conditions on site, and shall advise, aid and assist such applicants in meeting the membership requirements. It shall on a running basis keep the Board of Directors informed of the progress of all candidates for membership and shall so report at all meetings of the Board of Delegates. Whenever a candidate has met the membership requirements and is in the Committee's opinion a suitable candidate for membership, the Committee, on expiration of the qualifying period as determined by the Board of Delegates in accordance with Article II, Section 2(b) hereof, may recommend to the Board of Delegates the admission of the candidate in question as a new Member Society.

(c) Whenever the Committee considers this advisable it shall devise and recommend to the Board of Delegates amendments to the membership requirements.

Nominating Committee. The Committee shall nominate candidates for officers/directors and for the Auditor of LES International, to be elected by the Board of Delegates at the Annual Meeting. It shall be chaired by the immediate Past President and its membership shall comprise the last three past presidents, the President-Elect, four other members two of whom are Delegates and two of whom have never served as an officer of LES International. At each Delegates meeting

during a Society Year, the Committee shall openly solicit nominations for officers and the Board of Directors, shall publish criteria for selection, and shall report its progress. The Committee shall select its nominees and publish the selection in accordance with these By-Laws. The Committee shall be sensitive to and respect the privacy and reputation of all nominated candidates.

Ad Hoc Committees

LES International Policy Positions. The Committee will include a member of the Board of Directors, who shall be chair, a member appointed by each of the Americas Committee, the Asia Pacific Committee, the European Committee and the Africa/Middle East Subcommittee of the European Committee, and other members wishing to participate. The Committee will identify and define core policy principles relating to technology transfer and intellectual property on which LES International can and should take positions. The goal of the Committee is to provide a guide for the Board of Delegates, the Board of Directors and Committee chairs as to policies and positions on which LES International can take positions and respond to developments in a timely manner. An initial position paper will be presented to the Board of Delegates at its last meeting in 2010. Unless renewed, the Committee will expire on October 31, 2013.

Standard Licensing Contracts. The Committee will include a member appointed by each IPR Committee and the chair will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Committee will identify or develop standard license contracts capable of use in all countries. The goal would be to publish form license agreements of general application in most countries for patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret/know-how and hybrid licenses, with appropriate substitution provisions and explanations. Where the Committee identifies and wishes to incorporate a standard contract from another source, it will obtain permission to use and publish it. The Committee will present an outline of its proposed publication to the Board of Delegates at its final meeting in 2010 and will present a publication by the last meeting in 2013. Unless extended, the Committee will expire at the end of 2013.

Valuation Considerations. The Committee will include a qualified members from various disciplines and a chair appointed by the Board of Directors. The Committee will identify issues, factors and methodologies used in giving value to IP portfolios or license deals. The goal would be to publish a practical overview of the valuation process with comments and recommendations as to approaches to such valuation. The Committee will present an outline of its proposed publication to the Board of Delegates at its final meeting in 2010 and will present a publication by the last meeting in 2013. Unless extended, the Committee will expire at the end of 2013.