

# AISES GRC Summer Meeting Proceedings

## July 1, 2015

United States Patent and Trade Office (USPTO), Alexandria, VA 22314

- Welcome & Opening Prayer – Francis Gray (Piscataway-Conoy)
  - Review of Agenda Items
  - AISES Introduction – Sara Echohawk
    - Thanked USPTO for hosting the summer GRC Meeting
    - Member Introductions
  - Policy and International Affairs – Ms. Susan Anthony, Acting Director Tribal Policy
    - Trademark/Patents/Policy & International Affairs
    - Agency Tribal Council Liaison
    - Offer small business with information and support
    - Attend American Indian Tourist Conference to discuss Patent Process
    - Met with Navajo Nation to discuss small business and patent policy
    - Provides Copyright & Trademark Support to Tribal Governments
    - Tribal Enigmas Databases- Record sign of federal and state Tribal Nations
      - 42 enigmas registered, lack of knowledge of database exists
      - No cost in registering
    - Denver (Satellite Office for USPTO)
    - Trademark/Copyright/Patent Right Protection
  - Patent Process – Mr. Anthony (Tony) Knight, Acting Associate Commissioner for Innovation Development
    - Working on patent backlog
    - 618,330 patents filled, 329,613 Issued, 429 Trademark Examining Attorneys
    - Trademark Classification
      - ™ (Common), State, Federal (USPTO)
      - Copyright once it is recorded digital or written
      - Copyright has benefits (Attorney Fees, damages, etc.)
    - Patents – 17 years, design patents – 15 years, all other long time
    - Patent Scope: Too Specific (Not Valuable) -- Invention – Too General (Not Patentable)
    - What is patentable?
      - New, useful, non-obvious, enabled & clearly described
      - Burden is on the Patent Owner, not USPTO
    - Education to Public
      - Webinar
      - Conference/Seminars
      - IP Awareness Tool
- <http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/assessment/index.html>

- Smithsonian Collaboration
  - ProBono
    - Free legal assistant inventors
  - Scam Prevention
    - Non USPTO
    - Innovation Research
  - USPTO takes fees, no tax money to pay for their budget
- Summer Intern Panel – See Intern Panel Summary Notes (Provided by Sydney Cain: Senior Shareholder Programs Administrator & Corporate Communications Associate – ASRC Federal)
- Lunch Speaker – Mr. Torry Johnson (NASA Tribal College/University Program Manager)
- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
  - Rock On – a Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) that brings rocker engineering teams together annually
    - Funding available for kits and travel
    - Each team has a mentor
    - 7-10 days at WFF – goal launch a rocket with payload
  - NASA GSFC partners with Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), Haskell University, funds tribal colleges and STEM engagement activities through grants, internships
  - Utilize opportunities and continue engagement with the community
  - Make sure professional development is addressed, such as public speaking, working in a group
  - Learn from young professionals and listen about their experience
  - Develop targeted and mutual relationships that have mutual benefit
- AISES Overview/Status – Sarah EchoHawk (AISES)
  - Timing of GRC Meeting
    - Based on data, concluded that the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of June maybe the best dates to have the summer meeting
  - Fall GRC Meeting
    - State of AISES
      - Efforts to reorganize and revitalize
      - 2015 organization goals
    - Meeting Date: November 19, 2015 8am
      - Formalized Membership
      - Update Regional Structure
      - Annual State of AISES Brief-Out
  - Events

- National Conference Dates: Phoenix (2015), Minneapolis (2016)
  - Leadership Summit: March 2016
  - Virtual Science Fair
  - Regional Science Bowls
  - Scholarship & Internships
- New Endeavors
  - National Conference Mobile App Competition (New)
  - Robotics (New)
  - Pathways to STEM Faculty (New)
  - Pathways to Industry (In Development)
  - Pathways to Inventor Competition (In-Development)
- AISES Structure
  - Board of Directors (Nine Members & Two Students)
  - Fiver Board Committees (Open to anyone)
  - Working with SACNAS
    - Have 2 positions in DC for AISES
  - New Mexico HQ & Colorado Field Office
  - AISES Integrational Model
    - Regional vs. Central (HQ)
  - Looking for Government applicants for Board of Directors
  - Opportunity Expo – Ways to support AISES
- Mr. Russ Slifer, Deputy Under Secretary/Deputy Director – USPTO
  - Support STEM initiative
  - Four regional offices
  - Patent Pro-Bono Program
    - 20 states signed up in 2014
    - All 50 states in 2015
  - Camp Invention – Invent Now
    - 200,000 students
- Adjourn – Next Meeting: **AISES National Conference – Phoenix, AZ (November 19 – 21, 2015)**