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Inventors Alliance ::: Educating Inventors Since 1993

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About The Inventors Alliance

Inventors Alliance was formed in 1993 solely for educational purposes. The mission of Inventors Alliance is to educate inventors enabling them to sell their ideas. Subscribing to any one of our chapter newsletters is absolutely free and is the best way to get notification of upcoming on and off-line meetings. We are here to support independent inventors, product developers and innovative companies through our educational and networking opportunities.

Founded

The Inventors Alliance was founded in the San Francisco & Silicon Valley Bay Area mid 1993.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Inventors Alliance is to provide educational opportunities for Inventors, with the goal of giving them the information they need to bring their products to market.

What We Teach

We teach our members about all aspects of the invention process. Marketing, Manufacturing, Venturing(starting your own company), Licensing(selling your ideas for a royalty), Prototyping, Sales & patenting are all taught at the Inventors Alliance.

Who Teaches?

Highly respected experts come to speak to the Inventors Alliance every month. QVC(television shopping)& the Sharper Image are two of many corporations that have spoke to our organization. Many legal experts such as David Pressman (author of the world renowned "Patent It Yourself") self help legal guide and John Ferrell(author of "Patent Pro Se" have spoken. Then of course there are the many successful inventors that have spoken to our organization. Some notable successfully inventors that have spoken to IA are the inventors of the duracell battery tester, the inventor of the Pet Rock and the inventor of a new medical syringe that saves lives. Inventor/Author Educators such as Stephen Key and Robert Merrick speak to IA regularly. Prototype experts with hollywood special effects connections have also spoke to Inventors Alliance and shared a trade secret or two. Then of course there are the manufacturing experts that specialize in everything from injection molding to electronics manufacturing.

About Meetings

Inventors Alliance meetings emphasize education and networking. The main focus is on the speakers during our monthly seminars and conferences. Although the emphasis is on education. Many members benefit from networking with other members. Meetings take place live at our San Francisco and Sacramento Chapters while our Internet Chapter host live lectures over the Internet/Phone making our knowledgeable speakers accessible to anyone in the world with an Internet connection.

The Members

Our members span a wide range of personalities and expertise. Everyone from plumbers to astro physicists attend our meeting to learn how to make their ideas a reality.

Membership is optional. We reach approximately 4,000 inventors through our email newsletter. Inventors Alliance is not affiliate with any other organization.

About Our Chapters

The San Francisco / Silicon Valley Bay Area Chapter(established 1993) hosts live lectures in Sunnyvale, CA every month.

The Sacramento,California Chapter(established 2002)hosts live lectures in downtown Sacramento every month.

Our new Internet Chapter (established 2004) hosts live phone/internet



lectures every month.

Inventors Alliance Positions On Issues

IA is a non-political non-partisan organization.

As far as solving the energy crisis and how it relates to the patent office, I believe that the solution is not 100 researchers doing research in government sponsored labs or corporations, but thousands of inventors and small companies across the country coming up with new solutions to the energy problem in their garages and small businesses.

In order to encourage this kind of effort, you need to make it easy for that creative genius to get into the game.

The reality is that the independent inventor just doesn't have the kind of money a corporation does.

Also, they need to be encouraged to come up with new technologies that they can license to major corporations that can manufacture and distribute.

If the independent inventors or small company isn't able to protect their ideas, they won't come up with these critical new technologies.

I have three quick suggestions that I believe are important in order to make it easy for American inventors to get into and stay in the game of coming up with new technologies.

First. . .

I believe we need to keep this a first to invent country rather than a first to file country. It's always worked for us in the past and supports the independent inventor.

I see no need to align ourselves with the rest of the world in this area. The rest of the world does not have a good record of supporting small companies in the area of intellectual property and I think becoming a first to file country will weaken innovation and new ideas in America.

Second. . .

Keeping the Provisional Patent Application around also supports the independent inventor.

It lets them say patent pending and fish of the end of the pier for one full year to see if anyone wants to license their technology.

Third. . .

I've never heard anyone suggest this before except on our phone call, but I think it's fair and makes sense. An additional fees category for companies that are under 10 people would help foster innovation among Americas independent inventors and truly small companies.

The patent offices current definition of a small entity is under 500 people. The small businessperson shouldn't have to pay the same filing fees as a company with 500 employees in my opinion if we want to foster innovation.

There's some great information about filing a patent the USPTO web site. I'd like to see even more. Especially about filing PPA's.