



International Delegates Meeting – South Africa 2010
Saturday, 10 April – Sunday, 11 April

LESI Society Report

Summary of activity (October 2009 to March 2010)

Deadline: 12 March 2010

Name of Society: LES Philippines, Inc.

Society Meetings/Seminars/Conferences held between San Francisco (October 2009) and South Africa (March 2010) *Regular meetings do not need to be listed separately – “six evening meetings” may be listed instead

Date	Topic	Location	Attendance
4 th Friday of every month	3 Regular board meetings (September, October and February)	Makati City	Board Members and Officers
1 October and 12 November 2009	Special board meetings	Makati City	Board Members and Officers
26 November 2009	Ad Hoc Committee meeting on membership matters	Makati City	Ad Hoc Committee Members
6 January 2010	IP Commercialization: Entrepreneurship and Obtaining Funding in the USA	Manila Polo Club, Makati City	Featuring Ms. Sheila Marcelo as speaker, LES members, officers and guests from government agencies
23 January 2010	Annual Planning Session	Makati City	Board Members and Officers
11 March 2010	Courtesy Call on the newly appointed Director General and Deputy Director General of the Intellectual Property Office	Makati City	Board Members and Officers

1. Identify special meetings and state why they were notable (special speaker, # of attendees, etc.).

The Lunch forum entitled “IP Commercialization: Entrepreneurship and Obtaining Funding in the USA” held on 6 January 2010 featured as guest speaker, Ms. Sheila Marcelo, who is the founder of Care.com and other US-based IT businesses. She tackled licensing issues related to IT-based enterprises and challenges in time of recession. She also addressed questions on IP valuation. The lunch forum, which was attended by representatives from LES Philippines, Inc. and government agencies such as the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) provided an education opportunity for the attendees, as well as an opportunity for fellowship.

2. Has the number of meetings changed (increased/decreased) significantly? Explain why.

No, there is no significant increase or decrease in the number of meetings.

Membership

1. Has the number of members increased or decreased significantly? Please explain what steps being taken to increase membership.

No, there is no significant increase or decrease in the number of members. However, the members of the Board and the officers continue to actively recruit members from different industries and the academe.

Delegates

1. If your society does not send delegates to the International Delegates meeting, explain why.

LESI Committees

1. Are any of your society members interested in joining an LESI committee? List their names.

Patricia Bunye is Chair of the Asia-Pacific Committee, while Ferdinand M. Negre is the Vice Chair of the Meetings Committee effective Oct 2009. Recently, we reorganized our local committees to mirror as closely as possible the committee structure of LESI to ensure that: (1) LES Philippines is adequately represented in the international committees; and (2) our local chairs develop their respective committees taking into account the initiatives of LESI. The following have been appointed as committee chairs of our Society's committees:

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| 1. | Constitutional/Legal- | Mr. Augusto S. San Pedro (chair) |
| 2. | Education - | Ms. Leslie Anne T. Cruz (chair)
Mr. Ferdinand M. Negre (vice-chair) |
| 3. | Automotive - | Ms. Lorna Patajo-Kapunan (chair) |
| 4. | Biotechnology - | Ms. Carla Manto-Delgado (chair) |
| 5. | Chemical Industries, Energy and
Environmental Technologies - | Ms. Patricia A. O. Bunye (chair) |
| 6. | Copyright Licensing - | Ms. Ma. Trinidad P. Villareal (chair) |
| 7. | Dispute Resolution - | Mr. Alex Ferdinand Fider (chair) |
| 8. | Industry-University-Government
Transactions - | Prof. Eduardo Deveza (chair) |
| 9. | IT & E-commerce - | Mr. Peter Calimag (chair) |
| 10. | Life Sciences - | Mr. Ferdinand Negre (chair)
Mr. Renato Calma (vice-chair) |
| 11. | Patent &
Technology Licensing - | Mr. Rogelio Nicandro (chair) |
| 12. | Trademark & Character Licensing- | Mr. Llewelyn L. Llanillo (chair) |
| 13. | Membership Committee - | Ms. Rosabel Socorro T. Balan (chair)
Mr. Alonzo Q. Ancheta (vice-chair) |
| 14. | Meetings Committee - | Ms. Leslie Anne T. Cruz (chair) |
| 15. | Communications Committee - | Ms. Patricia O. Bunye (chair) |
| 16. | Nominating Committee - | Mr. Ferdinand M. Negre (chair) |
| 17. | Ethics Committee - | Mr. Augusto S. San Pedro (chair) |
| 18. | By-Laws Committee - | Mr. Anthony B. Peralta (chair) |

Where appropriate, they will be joining the counterpart LESI committees.

Assistance

1. List any ways that LESI can assist in your societies' activities.

Legislation/Information

Briefly summarize any changes to your legislation, regulations or business practices effecting licensing or technology transfer.

LES Philippines continues to support efforts to pass the National Technology Transfer Act (also reported at Amsterdam [September 2008], Manila [June 2009], San Francisco [September 2009] and Istanbul [January 2010]).

The enrolled copy of the bill was transmitted by the Senate on 3 February 2009 to the House of Representatives for signature. However, the Philippine Congress is now on recess. The Office of the President requested comments from the IPO and the DOST on the Technology Transfer Act. The IPO reiterated its comment that was submitted last December 2009. The Congress will resume sometime in June 2010, and it is anticipated that this bill may be signed and passed into law then. In the meantime, the IPO and the DOST are now holding consultation meetings in preparation for their task to draft the implementing rules of said law. To contribute, the LES Philippines Inc. will hold a seminar on IP Valuation, which is one of the contentious provisions of the Act during the Joint LES Philippines-LES Singapore Conference on 4-5 May 2010.

On the other hand, the enrolled version of the Anti-Camcording bill (House Bill No 5699 and Senate bill version) was submitted to the President before the adjournment of the Congress' session on 5 February 2010. It is expected to be signed, or to be passed as a law before the Holy Week (28 March-04 April 2010). These bills aim to prohibit and penalize unauthorized possession, use and/or control of audiovisual recording devices for the unauthorized recording of cinematographic films, other audiovisual works and/or their soundtracks in public exhibition/theatrical facilities in order to regulate, if not totally curb, such unauthorized acts which are contrary to public interest, economic growth, and the intellectual property rights of the owners of cinematographic films, audiovisual works and/or their soundtracks.

The other pending IP bills, which reflect the Philippine government's response to the challenges that the digital environment has posed, such as peer-to-peer piracy and mobile device piracy and the implementation of the WIPO Internet Treaties, may have to be re-filed. These include House Bill No. 3741, which has been pending for about 4 years now. It seeks to amend Republic Act No. 8293 through the integration of comprehensive, swift, efficient and adequate strategies designed to respond to the criminal onslaught of internet piracy by introducing the concepts of "technological measures" and "rights management information," which is in line with the mandate of Articles 11 and 12 of the WIPO Treaty on Copyright. This bill was meant to finally deal with the matter of mall owner liability for infringement.

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