

Mission of the PTDLA

To discover the interests, needs, opinions, and goals of the Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries (PTDLs), and to advise the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in these matters for the benefit of PTDLs and their users, and to assist the USPTO in planning and implementing appropriate services.



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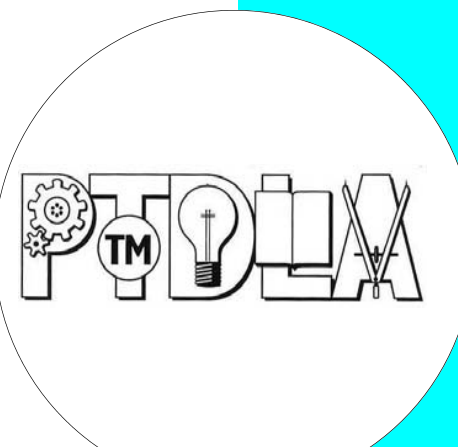
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Benefits of Membership

The term “Patent and Trademark Depository Library” (PTDL) refers to a library which has a formal arrangement with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and subscribes to certain obligations regarding public accessibility to collections and services.

Membership in the Patent and Trademark Library Association (PTDLA) is open to representatives from PTDLs. USPTO staff, former PTDL representatives, retired PTDL staff, and staff at public, academic, or special libraries who provide patent and trademark information are eligible for an affiliate membership.

Each PTDL is a member of a geographical region, with a representative elected by members of the region. See reverse side for a listing. The role of the Regional Representative is to communicate with PTDLA members in their region regarding their needs and interests, and communicating this information to the PTDLA Executive Council (composed of Officers and Regional Reps.)

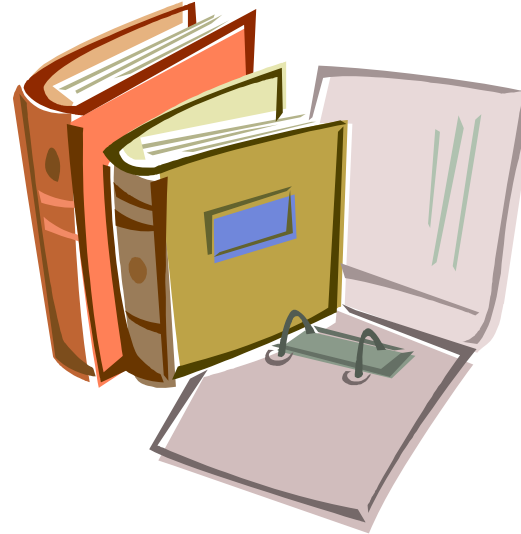
PTDLA.ORG Website

PTDLA members enjoy the benefit of a content-rich website, which serves as a gathering spot for information about the association, committee assignments, association events, informational handouts, and links to other useful resources. An exciting new addition is a set of databases containing information about historical patents and trademarks. The address is www.ptdla.org, and it is currently hosted by Rice University.

Publications

Intellectual Property (IP) Journal of the PTDLA

This online peer reviewed publication is the official journal of the PTDLA. Submissions from members and non-members are welcome, with topics from all forms of intellectual property: patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights. For more detailed information, see www.ptdla.org/ipjournal.html



PTDLA Newsletter

The PTDLA Newsletter features articles about news and special events at PTDLs, and helps members to stay in touch with their colleagues. Copies of the newsletter have also been used to inform USPTO staff and libraries who are considering becoming PTDLs. Electronic copies of the latest newsletters are available at www.ptdla.org/newsletters/

Training Opportunities

PTDLA supports programs at the PTDL Annual Training Seminar, such as the Open Forum with USPTO staff, and member Roundtable presentations. In addition, the organization hosts guest speakers on “PTDLA Day” who inform participants on various topics of interest. PTDLA also has an active mentoring program, introducing new PTDL reps to their Regional rep, and pairing them with their more experienced colleagues.

PTDLA at ALA

PTDLA became an affiliate member of the American Library Association (ALA) in 1996. One of the benefits of our affiliate status is the opportunity to meet and to present programs at the ALA annual conference. Members have organized and presented programs at the ALA annual conferences in 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2006.

PTDLA is also investigating the possibility of becoming affiliated with the Special Library Association (SLA), and PTDLA members have presented programs and pre-conferences at SLA annual conference events.

PTDLA listserv

The PTDLA has maintained an active electronic mailing list since 1995. The listserv is not moderated, and subscriptions are available to PTDL staff (not just those who are PTDLA members) and USPTO staff. The purpose of the list is to facilitate communication between and among PTDLs. To join the list, send a request to ptdla-l@clemson.edu.