

INTRODUCING A NEW WAY TO PROMOTE IP RIGHTS IN THE CARIBBEAN



A FORUM FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION AMONGST IP PRACTITIONERS IN THE REGION



HISTORY



In 2014 an e-mail survey was mailed out to numerous IP practitioners throughout the Caribbean region to ascertain the degree of interest in the idea of forming a Caribbean organization.

Following the enthusiastic responses received the Inaugural Meeting of the Intellectual Property Caribbean Association (IPCA) took place on Saturday, 22nd November, 2014 in Miami, Florida, USA. In attendance were 48 representatives from 37 firms from 21 countries.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA



Membership in IPCA is open to all IP practitioners, based in the Caribbean, who:

- Reside in a country that borders the Caribbean sea; or
- Are in a country that is either a member or associate member of CARICOM; and
- Are ordinarily resident in the country and have an established IP practice there.

A member may be an individual or a firm. Registry / Government membership is also available.

PURPOSE



IPCA was formed to establish a forum for better communication and collaboration amongst IP practitioners in the Caribbean and to aid in the exchange of ideas and provide more networking opportunities for our members.

Incorporated in the Cayman Islands, IPCA is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee without any share capital.

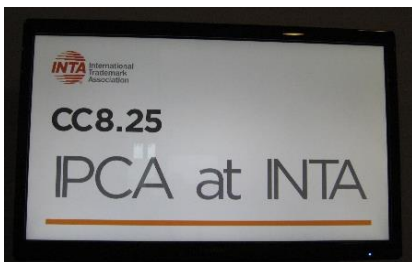
COMMITTEES



To help meet the needs of the association IPCA has formed four unique committees:

- Education and Training (Dolphin Team) which provides opportunities for current and future IP practitioners.
- Legislation and Registry Liaison (Coconut Team) which assesses the scope for legislature modernization, standardization and improvements in Registry responsiveness and practices.
- Enforcement and Anti-counterfeiting (Turtle Team) which discusses the role of the association in regard to the enforcement of IP rights and anti-counterfeiting measures.
- Marketing (Conch Team) which considers how to get our message out to the rest of the world.

MEETINGS



The half-yearly IPCA meeting takes place during the International Trademark Association's Annual Meeting in May.

IPCA's AGM is usually held in November.

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