



Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association

Executive Committee Resolution
Recognizing

Mr. Wesley H. Gewehr

Whereas, Wesley H. Gewehr has held many key information and automation-related administrative positions at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. These included: Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Public Services and Administration, 1983-1994; Administrator for Information Dissemination Organization, 1994-2000; and Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2000-2004.

Whereas, Wes had a management style that was unique. While many executives manage remotely through their Directors, this approach was not good enough for Wes. When he became the Administrator of the Information Dissemination Organization, Wes began a quest to learn all he could about information dissemination, libraries, librarians, and what this Patent and Trademark Depository Library business was all about. He asked questions, he listened, he learned, and he understood.

Whereas, Wes provided superior support to the PTDL programs by recognizing the needs of the libraries and their patrons. This commitment to the mission and goals of his organization combined with his extensive USPTO and automation background, superior team building, and management skills made him an outstanding Administrator of a highly successful organization. Wes worked tirelessly to achieve and maintain high standards for PTDL service and customer service.

Whereas, Wes showed dedication to outreach by promoting the strengths and continued growth of the PTDLs. He personally visited fifty-three Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries and many potential PTDLs where he asked questions, listened, and learned more about how the librarians worked with their clients. His visits were often instrumental in giving the PTDL program and library staff credibility with clients and library administrators.

Whereas, Wes showed superb knowledge, finesse, and humor when giving presentations at PTDL Training Seminars. His talent for using sound, music, and animation to explain technical subjects and the depths and intricacies of the USPTO organization, resulted in lively and effective presentations that seminar attendees loved and remembered. Librarians also commend him for his hospitality and openness to discussion.

Be it resolved that the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association recognizes and honors Mr. Wesley H. Gewehr *with a Lifetime PTDLA Membership Award* for his valuable years of leadership and commitment to making patent and trademark information available to the public, and for the many contributions that he has made to both the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program and United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Signed,
PTDLA Executive Committee
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