

PTRCA President Report, 2024-2025

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Special thanks to the Executive Council and PTRCA Committee members, especially newly elected or appointed volunteers. Specifically, Vice-President/President-Elect Patrick Griffis, Secretary Denise Wetzel, Treasurer Jim Miller, Past-President Missy Murphey, Academic Libraries Division Representative Suzanne Reinman, Academic Libraries Division Representative Hannah Edlund, Public Libraries Division Representative James Bettinger, Public Libraries Division Representative Stella Mittelbach. Listed below are the 2024-2025 committees:

- Bylaws Committee: Denise Wetzel (Chair), Hannah Edlund, and Sarah Weiss.
- Conferences Committee: Tallie Casucci (Chair), Youngwoo Ban, Spruce Fraser, Patrick Griffis, Denise Wetzel, Patricia Verdines, and Missy Murphey (Ex-officio).
- Election Committee: Leena Lalwani (Chair) and Christina Byrne.
- Education Committee: Alfred Mowdood (Chair), Jim Miller, Stella Mittelbach, Suzanne Reinman, Terra Rogerson, Graham Sherriff, Patricia Verdines, Sarah Weiss, David Zwicky, and Tallie Casucci (Ex-officio).
- Membership and Mentoring Committee: Patrick Griffis (Chair), Spruce Fraser, Mary Kordyban, David Zwicky, and Tallie Casucci (Ex-officio).
- Publications Committee: Suzanne Reinman (Chair), David Irvin (Journal Editor), Russ Allen (Website Developer), Tallie Casucci, Terra Rogerson, and David Zwicky.

Over the last year I focused on two significant initiatives: updating our Resolutions and Archives. PTRCA Executive Council's [Resolutions](#) recognize PTRCA retirees for their contributions to the organization as PTRCA leaders and members. PTRCA has not recognized anyone since 2016, so we caught up on retirements from January 2017 to March 2025. I created a short list of retirees who were [Past Presidents](#) and sought input from the Executive Council on other people to recognize. The retirees were divided amongst the Executive Council to distribute the workload of locating information about their accomplishments and drafting the Resolution. We wrote ten resolutions for Donna Arment, Charlotte Erdmann, Spruce Fraser, Marian Armour Gemmen, Walt Johnson, Lisha Li, Neil Massong, Thomas Melvin, Dave Morrison, and Ran Raider.

The second major initiative was locating a new home for our physical PTRCA/PDLA Archive. In mid-December 2024, Wright State University withdrew from the PTRC program. They requested we find a new home for our collection at "an institution with a direct and enduring association with the Patent and Trademark Resource Center." The Wright State's archivist described our current collection as "7 letter-size gray flip-top Hollinger boxes, 1 of the "slim" Hollinger flip-top boxes, and 1 legal size folder. We have it measured as approximately 3.85 linear feet. I would say in cubic feet, it's about 3 cubic feet." I sent an announcement to PTRC-L about the situation in February 2025. Fortunately, the University of Maine offered to host our collection. John Hutchinson (University of Maine's PTRC representative) and Greg Curtis (Head of Special Collections and Projects) will attend our PTRCA Annual Business Meeting on April 17, 2025. Assuming a favorable vote from PTRCA members to update the Bylaws, the materials will be mailed to the University of Maine. They will begin processing and digitizing the collection. If needed,

the Oklahoma State University (Suzanne Reinman, PTRC representative) offered to help the University of Maine digitize the collection.

As PTRCA President, I am Chair of the Conferences Committee. Unfortunately, the in-person aspect of the PTRCP Seminar was canceled, which limited our planning needs. Before the transition to online-only, we started to plan Sunday's no-host welcome dinner, Monday night's PTRCA Reception, Wednesday night's no-host Dine-Arounds, breakfasts (Monday-Thursday), and afternoon snacks (Monday-Thursday). The Conferences Committee members decided to host two virtual social events. The first social will be during the PTRCP Seminar, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 5:15pm-6:00pm ET. About a month after Seminar on Wednesday, May 21, 2-3pm ET, there will be a second virtual social. Both socials are open to members and non-members to meet other PTRC representatives. Depending on interest, we may host another virtual social in mid-August.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce David Irvin as the recipient of the Esther Crawford PTRCA Distinguished Service Award. David demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to PTRCA as Editor of the *PTRCA Journal* (2019-present) and member of the PTRCA Publications Committee (2017-present). Under David's leadership, we expanded the scope of the *PTRCA Journal*, ensuring it remains a leading publication in our field and attracts new audiences. His efforts in coordinating with authors and associate editors have greatly enhanced the quality and breadth of the journal's content. Despite changing jobs and no longer being the Las Cruces PTRC representative in April 2024, David has continued to serve the PTRCA with unwavering commitment. David's valuable contributions have not only elevated the journal, but have also enriched the educational experience of our association. Congratulations David!