



2013 APANET Diwali Celebration

## Committees

Committees serve to assist the Board of Directors in carrying out APANET's mission and objectives and include Board of Directors and members.

- Membership
- Social
- International Affairs
- Community Service
- Professional Development
- Education
- Public Relations/Communications

Members can join a committee by contacting [APANET@uspto.gov](mailto:APANET@uspto.gov).

## Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to get involved, meet others, and learn more about the organization. To volunteer, please contact [APANET@uspto.gov](mailto:APANET@uspto.gov).

## Contact Us

- [APANET@uspto.gov](mailto:APANET@uspto.gov)
- <https://usptoapanet.org/>

## 2026 Board of Directors

### Executive Board

*President:* Pinping Sun  
*Vice President:* Afroza Chowdhury  
*Treasurer:* Steven Lim  
*Secretary:* Ljiljana (Lil) Ciric  
*Past President/Advisor:* Kwang Han

### TC Representatives

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*Amy Clark*  
*Ericson Lachica*

*TC 2100:* Hosain Alam

Miranda Le

*TC 2400:* Angela Nguyen

Bryan Lee

*TC 2600:* Ankur Jain

Hannah S. Wang

*TC 3600:* Karen Beck

*TC 3700:* Brijesh Patel

### At-Large Representatives

Dah-Wei Yuan, Razu Miah, Xiao (Sam) Zhao, Shaheda Abdin, Marzia Monty, Crystal Hammond, Xi Wang, Tammy Goddard

### CFO/CIO/OPIM/PTAB/Other Representatives

Arti Shah

### Trademark Representative

Monique Watts



2025 APANET Breakfast Event



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2023 APANET Lunar New Year

# USPTO Asian Pacific American Network (APANET)

## Mission

To support and promote the goals of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO);

To educate all USPTO employees about the diverse cultural heritage of the Asian Pacific American community through seminars and cultural celebrations;

To assist our members in their career and professional development;

To foster a working environment within the USPTO that is free of prejudice, bias and stereotypes.



2022 APANET Day at the Farm in Maryland

## Membership Types

APANET offers two types of memberships, one for USPTO employees and one for non-USPTO employees.

- The USPTO Employee Membership costs \$1.00 biweekly by payroll deduction or \$26.00 by check or cash once a year.
- The Non-USPTO Employee Membership costs \$26.00 by check or cash once a year.

To join APANET, a membership form must be completed and returned to the Membership Committee (Chairman Harshad Patel). The membership form is available at APANET events and online at <https://usptoapanet.org/membership>.



2018 Community Day Parade



2016 APANET Dragon Boat Race

## Membership Benefits

- Cultural celebrations (i.e., Lunar New Year, Diwali, May Heritage, Moon Festival)
- Social events (i.e., happy hours, lunches, breakfasts, coffee breaks)
- Educational events (i.e., career & professional development lectures and workshops, cooking workshops)
- Members-only discounts (i.e., free or discounted member price to all APANET events)
- Outreach opportunities (i.e., mentoring and tutoring students, participating in natural disaster relief efforts and charity efforts)
- APANET volunteer opportunities (i.e., as an event volunteer or as a committee member)

### For APANET event info:

- Visit the APANET website.
- Look for announcements on bulletins around the USPTO campus
- Check the USPTO PTOWeb
- Receive flyers via email (members only)
- Email [APANET@uspto.gov](mailto:APANET@uspto.gov)