



CUSTOMER PARTNERSHIP MEETING



JANUARY 17, 2018

**TC 2600**

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# USPTO TC2600 Customer Partnership Meeting

## January 17, 2018

### AGENDA

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| 8:30-9:00 a.m.       | Morning Network   |
| 9:00-9:30 a.m.       | Introductions: TC Contacts for Procedural Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ TC 2600 Director: John Barlow</li></ul>   |
| 9:30-10:30 a.m.      | Presentation: 103 General & TC Specific Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SPE: Ke Xiao</li><li>▪ SPE: Barry Drennan</li></ul>                              |
| 10:30-10:45 a.m.     | Morning Break   |
| 10:45-11:45 a.m.     | Presentation: How SPEs/Primaries are trained to review Office Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SPE: Ilana Spar</li><li>▪ SPE: Roberto Velez</li></ul>       |
| 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Lunch   |
| 1:00-2:15 p.m.       | Workshops   |
| 2:15-2:30 p.m.       | Afternoon Break   |
| 2:30-3:30 p.m.       | Presentation: Examiner Interview Trainings and Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SPE: Claire Pappas</li><li>▪ SPE: Marivelisse Santiago-Cordero</li></ul> |
| 3:30-4:00 p.m.       | Director Panel Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ TC 2600 Directors</li></ul>  |

## TC2600 DIRECTORS

### John Barlow: Workgroups 2620 and 2690



John Barlow joined TC 2600 as a Technology Center Group Director following many years of service as a Workgroup Coordinator and Subject Matter Expert (SME) for Patent Operations. He currently serves as the Director for the 2620/2690 Display Systems workgroup. He began his USPTO career in 1989 as a patent examiner in Group 210 where he reviewed patent applications in the Electrophotography, and Incremental Printing of Symbolic Information technologies. In 1998, John was selected as a TC 2800 supervisory patent examiner, and managed art units in their Printing and Measuring & Testing workgroup. John, a native of Illinois, holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology from Bradley University. John has worked on numerous Patent initiatives and has been recognized with a Department of Commerce Silver Medal for the Quality Index Reporting (QIR) initiative and a Bronze Medal for the Patent Application Inventory Goal (PAIG) program.

### Diego Gutierrez: Workgroups 2630, 2640, and 2670



Diego joined the USPTO in 1988 as a patent examiner in the thermal measuring and testing area. He became a Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) in 1998 and a Technology Center Coordinator in 2010, both in TC 2800. While in TC 2800, he led the operation and management of multiple art units, served as Acting Director, and as the lead Employee Relations/Labor Relations liaison. In addition, he served as the Acting Patents Part-Time Program Administrator. In 2012, he was re-assigned to the newly created Art Unit 2615 to handle the examination of all Pre-GATT applications. In 2013, he was selected for a detail at the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, D.C., where he worked with senior management at the Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Institute of Education Sciences of the Department of Education. In April 2013, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service as one of the Directors in Technology Center 3700. He is currently the Patents Part-Time Program Administrator, and the Patents Examiner Transfer Program Administrator. Diego received his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology in 1983 and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1988. In 1993, he received a Juris Doctor degree from the GW University School of Law.

### Derris Banks: Workgroups 2650 and 2680



Derris H. Banks joined the USPTO in June of 1994 examining applications concerning semiconductor fabrication and abrasive tool manufacturing found in Technology Center 3700. He was promoted to SPE in December 2000 and managed various Art Units that examined metal working and shaping, toys, printed matter, wood working, solid material comminution or disintegration, and presses. He has served on numerous special projects such as Detailee to the Office of the Commissioner, Assistant to the Acting Director of Office of Patent Training, Class Manager in the Office of Patent Training, Nationwide Workforce Team member, and Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) Quality Assurance and Outreach Team member. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park in 1993, and his Master of Public Administration degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management at DeVry University in 2007.

### John LeGuyader: Workgroups 2610 and 2660



John LeGuyader joined the USPTO in 1990 as a Patent Examiner in Biotechnology Group 180, and examined in the recombinant-DNA area. In 1999 he was selected as a Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) in Technology Center (TC)1600 in the molecular biology workgroup. John was detailed to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents in 2004 and served as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner for Patents Resources and Planning in 2005. Prior to being selected as a TC 1600 Director in 2006, John was the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner for Patents. John has been a director in TC 2600 (Communications) since 2009. Over the course of his USPTO career, John has earned a variety of awards while working for the USPTO including a Department of Commerce (DOC) Silver Medal and three DOC Bronze Medals. John completed his BS in Biological Sciences and Master's degree in Ecology and Evolution at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Before working at the USPTO, John had been an instructor at Dowling College and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island.



## SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINERS - PRESENTERS

### **Claire Pappas: Art Unit 2626**

Claire currently serves as Supervisory Patent Examiner in TC 2600. Since October 2013, she has managed a group of examiners in Art Unit 2626, examining applications in the field of displays and input devices. Claire started her career at the USPTO in 2006 as a Patent Examiner and became a Primary Examiner in 2012, examining applications dealing with image analysis. In 2011, Claire joined the Office of Patent Training, serving as a Training Assistant for newly hired examiners assigned to the electrical arts. Claire earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University.

### **Barry Drennan: Art Unit 2618**

Barry is currently the SPE of Art Unit 2618, and also serves as a backup QPOC in WG 2610 and a Docket Management POC in TC 2600. He joined the USPTO in 2008 in Image Analysis, becoming a Primary Examiner in 2012. Before joining the USPTO, Barry earned a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, specializing in applications of artificial intelligence techniques. In his spare time, he enjoys photography, computer and board gaming, and reading up on the latest in science news. Barry lives with his wife and their three cats in Montclair, VA.

### **Roberto Velez: Art Unit 2662**

Roberto joined the USPTO in June 2005 and examined in the semiconductor testing and measuring area (class 324). He became a Primary Examiner in 2010 and served as an assistant trainer at the Patent Academy in the summer of 2012. He was selected for the SPE position in 2012, and since then he has been supervising the digital camera area (class 348). He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He lives in Woodbridge, VA with his wife (a SPE in TC 2600) and his son. He enjoys playing any kind of sport.

### **Marivelisse Santiago-Cordero: Art Unit 2676**

Marivelisse graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduating in 2004, she joined the USPTO as a patent examiner in the area of Telecommunications. Currently, Marivelisse is a Supervisory Patent Examiner in TC2600 where she supervises a staff of examiners in the areas of facsimile, printer, color, halftone and color, as well as examiners in the areas of digital audio data processing, linguistics, speech processing, and telecommunications. During her employment at the USPTO, Ms. Santiago-Cordero has been actively involved with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) USPTO professional chapter, where she has been instrumental in the mentoring, development, and training of new patent examiners, helping the overall goals of the USPTO of increasing diversity within the Agency. In her spare time, Marivelisse enjoys spending time with her family, practicing kickboxing and yoga. She currently resides in Woodbridge, VA with her husband and son.

### **Ilana Spar: Art Unit 2622**

Ilana currently serves as a Supervisory Patent Examiner in TC 2600. Since October of 2015, she has supervised Art Unit 2622, which examines applications in the field of displays and user input devices (class 345). Ilana started her career at the USPTO in 2008 as a Patent Examiner and became a Primary Examiner in 2013, also examining applications dealing with displays and user input devices. She has served on details to the Patent Training Academy as well as the TC 2600 QAS shop, and is one of the editors of the TC 2600 Newsletter. Ilana earned a B.S. in Physics and a B.A. in History from The George Washington University, and currently lives in Washington, D.C.

### **Ke Xiao: Art Unit 2612**

Ke joined the USPTO in September 2004 and examined in the display and input device area (class 345). He became a primary examiner in 2011. He was a training assistance at the patent training academy in 2008 and he served as a lead for the work group QEM and transfer specialist for several years. He was selected for a SPE position in 2012 and has been working in the computer graphics area (class 345) since that time. He graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and currently lives in Rockville, MD with his wife and son.