

MEET A NAPP MEMBER

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I organize a regular happy hour for local patent practitioners because, you know, they're the good people. One of the attendees was Jeff Wendt, a long time NAPP member and at the time on the board of directors and president of NAPP. He thought NAPP would be a good fit for me and vice versa. I've been a member ever since.

I joined NAPP in 2014 back when NAPP still used an email forum for discussions. But it wasn't until I attended my first AMC in 2016 that I knew I'd found a professional "home". Until then, it was just another bar association.

Initially, I just participated in the forum discussions and local meetups, but I've now attended every AMC since 2016 and even organized one in Denver. I've participated in most of the committees at one time or another, including the marketing committee, the member benefits committee, and now the AMC planning committee. I ran for membership on the board of directors in 2016 and got elected on my second try in 2017. I served as NAPP President for four years, and I am finishing up my second term on the board. Honestly, it comes down to the focus on patent prosecution. It's what I do, and the other folks working in this area are universally intelligent, likeable, accomplished professionals that I enjoy interacting with. There are also various membership benefits that make my work easier, such as the networking, the forums and patent bots, the patent-focused CLEs, but that's just the icing on the cake.

I work as a partner at the law firm of Ramey LLP. Although the firm is based in Huston, TX, I mostly work from my home office in Gig Harbor, WA, representing my clients along the west coast. I primarily practice before the USPTO, but from time to time assist my clients with litigation and internal IP-related management and planning.

I'm experimenting with various hobbies as I try to shift from full time to semiretired. These days I do a lot of cooking, woodworking, crocheting, listening to audiobooks, and playing online chess. Oh, and volunteer for NAPP activities.



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