

MEET A NAPP MEMBER

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I learned about NAPP back in 2004 or so, I was working as an in-house IP manager for a large healthcare company, but thinking of becoming self-employed. In so doing, I stumbled on the NAPP website and found out more when I met the NAPP board President in person over coffee. I signed up for my first annual meeting in 2004, took the Nuts and Bolts course and joined as a member at the same time.

I have attended most NAPP national meetings since 2004, once serving as a speaker on the Chemical Patent Practice for one Nuts and Bolts session. I have been serving the AMC Committee for the past several years. NAPP provides an ease with which interaction with members can take place on a personal level, and the invaluable education level gained from formal sessions and face to face meetings.

My "firm" is a one-man consulting operation that provides just enough work to keep me active and intellectually engaged without interfering with what some might call my "retirement". While I do prepare and prosecute a few patents each year, I mostly manage the worldwide patent portfolios of small startup biotech companies that have no in-house person to watch over such things. I have also been part of a team of instructors that provide training to recently minted agents/attorneys via exercises in claim drafting and responses to office actions.

In my spare time I am striving to improve my golf game, with the goal of shooting my age - which means I either have to get better soon, or must live to be 105! To do this, I split time between homes in suburban Atlanta and on Kiawah Island, SC, where I recently served a shuttle driver for the players during the 2021 PGA tournament. Oddly, none of them wanted my autograph. I also discovered I like playing Pickleball - a court game that is popular among chronologically gifted folks like me, who like hitting things but don't want to run too much. And of course, I look forward to spending even more time with my extended family, especially my seven grandchildren.



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