

Merry Christmas

INVENTORS COUNCIL OF MID-MICHIGAN

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www.inventorscouncil.org

The Inventors Council is an independent, non-profit 501-c-3 corporation formed to help inventors pursue their dreams of bringing new and innovative products to market. Our goal is to help fellow inventors succeed in the most efficient and least costly manner by providing education and business networking.

Founded by Robert (Bob) Ross in 1995

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at:
Walli's Restaurant, 1341 S. Center Rd Burton, Michigan
Two blocks south of I-69 at Exit 139

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Next Meeting Thursday, December 14, 2017 - 7:00 pm

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Inventors Council of Mid-Michigan
www.inventorscouncil.org

Jackson Inventors Network
www.jacksoninventors.org

MidMichigan Innovation Center
www.mmic.us

Muskegon Inventors Network
www.muskegoninventorsnetwork.org

Inventors Association of Metro Detroit
www.inventoriamd.org

Lansing Inventors Network
www.facebook.com/LansingInventorsNetwork

Upcoming Events:

- MiQuest November Calendar of Events: www.MiQuest.org
- SBDC workshops available:
<https://clients.sbdcmichigan.org/events.aspx>
- National source for Inventor Education www.uiausa.org
- Entrepreneurs & Inventors Education Summit – Jan 18, 2018 – Detroit

December Agenda:

- Welcome to members at the lower level Banquet Room
- Submission for members for our Board of Directors
- Discount on dues for 2018
- Financial report
- Correspondence information
- Networking

Minutes of November Meeting:

- There was no report on e-team agenda by Rick Mason
- Report on Board of Directors Meeting
- Discussion on upcoming Board elections
- Report by Marty on Inventors Association Leadership Circle
- Guest Speaker was Jacob M. Ward, U.S. Patent Attorney and Registered Canadian Patent Agent from Tiffin, Ohio. He explained how the America Invents Act has changed Patent Laws and how to properly apply for a provisional patent application. A lot of questions and discussion.
- Brief discussion on Ferris Wheel Open House if time permits
- Cookies & Coffee
- Networking

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Invention Review Panel

For an objective evaluation and priceless feedback, present your invention ideas to an educated group of inventors, business owners, engineers, and authors. Our Panel will sign a non-disclosure agreement to guarantee your ideas are kept secret while we provide input you need to make decisions during the stages of getting your product to market.

We ask for a \$25.00 donation for non-members. The Panel meets at 6:00 pm prior to each meeting. You must e-mail our Panel Chairman Rick Mason to request a Pre-evaluation form and schedule a time. xyzmason@aol.com

President's Note

The end of the year has arrived so a little rundown on what we have accomplished for our members this past year.

- Several Interesting speakers:
 - Denise Sylvester from the Detroit Office of the US Patent Office
 - David Ollila from Flint's 100K Ideas
 - Dan Kurin from the Factory Two maker Space
 - Michael Crawford from the Genesee Career Institute
 - Mike Ball on how to launch a business to sell
 - Jacob Ward, Patent Attorney on the changes of AIC and the Provisional Patent Application

- We participated in a successful (and final) Jumpstart
- We had several members involved in the Michigan Inventors Coalition Expo in Lansing
- We had a few Podcasts
 - Licensing to Major Leagues
 - Inventors Manufacturing Company
 - How to patent by a former patent Examiner

- We are in contact with other inventors organizations including the Inventors Association Leadership Circle
- We hopefully helped a few inventors through our well known Inventors Panel Review.

We have several speakers on schedule for next year so it looks to be an informative 2018 for us. I hope to see members who have moved their inventions along to continue to participate and help the novice inventor and those who have hit roadblocks.

Short and Sweet. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Remember to have fun with your invention!