

# Inventors COUNCIL

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## OF MID-MICHIGAN

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[www.inventorscouncil.org](http://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:  
This month we meet at Capital Coney Island

As a non-profit, Our Meetings are Open to the Public  
We appreciate a donation of \$5.00 at the Door

Volume 2019 - #10 Next Meeting: **Thursday, November 14, 2019 - 7:00 pm** Venue: **Capital Coney Island**

### November Itinerary

- E-team report
- Update on January venue
- December meeting - Christmas Dinner at Capital – submit names for Board and officer's election
- Discussion on upcoming Speakers
  - (possibly revive our Speaker Series for the year)
  - MSBDC Exploring the Financial Side of your Invention – (Mary Korodyban)
- IGA Podcast
- Networking

### Upcoming Events:

- Factory Two November events - [www.info@factorytwo.org](http://www.info@factorytwo.org)
- MiQuest November Calendar of Events: [www.MiQuest.org](http://www.MiQuest.org)
- SBDC Business Workshops: [www.sbdcmichigan.org](http://www.sbdcmichigan.org)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Young Sharks program [go.umflint.edu/YoungSharks](http://go.umflint.edu/YoungSharks)
- Chicago Toy & Game Fair – Nov 23-24  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-chicago-toy-game-fair-tickets-54498174507>
- UIA Inventors Spotlight at the PGA 2020 Merchandise Show – Orlando, FL.  
To submit a product <https://www.submitmyinvention.com/submit/pga-inventorsspotlight>

### October Minutes:

- We discussed the benefits we received at the MIC Expo in East Lansing.
- Discussion on various venues available for our Council
- introduction to Edison Nation's ability to help inventors
- Be aware go to [www.uiausa.org](http://www.uiausa.org) not uiausa.com.
- Networking

### *Inventor Resources*

#### Michigan Inventor Clubs

- Grand Rapids Inventors Network  
[www.grinventors.com](http://www.grinventors.com)
- Inventors Council of Mid-Michigan  
[www.inventorscouncil.org](http://www.inventorscouncil.org)
- Jackson Inventors Network  
[www.jacksoninventors.org](http://www.jacksoninventors.org)
- MidMichigan Innovation Center  
[www.mmic.us](http://www.mmic.us)
- Muskegon Inventors Network  
[www.muskegoninventorsnetwork.org](http://www.muskegoninventorsnetwork.org)
- Inventors Association of Metro Detroit  
[www.inventoriamd.org](http://www.inventoriamd.org)
- Lansing Inventors Network  
[www.facebook.com/LansingInventorsNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/LansingInventorsNetwork)

#### Affiliations

- Inventor Groups of America  
[www.inventleader.org](http://www.inventleader.org)
- United Inventors Association of America  
[www.uiausa.org](http://www.uiausa.org)
- Michigan Inventors Coalition  
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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 Marty Sovis to request a Pre-evaluation form and return it at least one week prior to a meeting to schedule a time.

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### **President's Note:**

This month I am looking at some of the opportunities we have to offer our membership. We have a lot of connections in the invention industry, and we can connect members with anyone they need to meet. One of the best things about inventor groups is the contacts that are available. All an inventor group needs to do is reach out and ask for help. This networking is vital in so many ways. No matter where you are in developing your idea, there is networking out there to meet your needs. All we, as leaders of inventors councils, need to have is the information on "what you need help with". We can suggest individuals, groups, or businesses that are a perfect match for what you need. Often an individual will have missed a step in the process and our suggestions will smooth out the road for them. So I am asking you to share where you are in the process and let our council help knock down the roadblocks. There have been so many times where I have seen someone struggling with their next step and a simple sharing of their struggle could moved them down the path to success.

Local groups, that are affiliated with inventor groups throughout the nation, receive critical information concerning the patent process. As a member of the Inventor Groups of America we receive updates on the legal appeals in Congress. We join other inventors groups to show strength in numbers. Most often that is the only way our Congressman will listen.

This brings my attention to the fact that not all of our members who have product to display have listed them on our website. All the connections that we have is of little use if we don't showcase our items. So let's put our ideas on the front burner and utilize all the connections we have to get that product on the store shelf or on the web.

Finally, inventors who have succeeded in getting a product to market can help the novice inventor start off on the right foot. In doing so, you often realize things you can change in your own process.

Remember, have fun with your invention!