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The Inventors Council is an independent, 501-c-3 educational non-profit 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 7:00 pm at Mott Community College – Regional Technology Center Room RTC – 1107 **When we resume meetings!**

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

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Next Meeting: **Zoom**

Venue: at you PC

May Itinerary

- Correspondence for the month
- Connections and webinars
- Speaker: Zoom Conferencing meeting with Aimee Carroll from Edison Nation

Upcoming Events:

- Physical meetings cancelled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic
- Future Zoom conferencing meetings – Tentative speaker from United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Ward Law office series
- Webinars and Podcasts as they are scheduled

April Minutes:

- Speaker was unable to attend
- Edison Nations scheduled for April 22nd. More info to be sent directly.
- Look for invention videos on YouTube. One example: “What happens behind the scenes after you submit your idea”, by Stephen Key, from InventRight
- Networking
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Michigan Inventor Clubs

Grand Rapids Inventors Network

www.grinventors.com

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

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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:

Still under Quarantine with limited inter-action with society means we have plenty of time to work on our invention.

Even though locked in our homes, we do have the opportunity to connect through social media. Last week we had the opportunity to connect with Aimee Carroll from Edison Nation. The Zoom presentation was a good opportunity for those unable to connect on the week before with the Muskegon Connection. They had a very large following and I know many of you were not able to connect.

For those unable to tie into the presentation, here are a few notes I took from the meeting:

- Edison Nation connects innovators with companies to bring new products to market.
- They also recently started manufacturing and selling certain product submitted by inventors.
- A normal submission cost is \$25 for non-members
- Members can submit four inventions with a \$99 annual membership.
- Your invention can be in any phase from the proverbial "bar napkin" to fully developed and even currently selling, (say on Amazon or ebay).
- Though IP protection is appreciated, none is essential to submit an idea
- Edison Nation deals with just about any type of product
- You can submit your idea for any reason; you may not have the experience to develop your idea, or you may just be exhausted from working on all the details needed to move forward.
- Their Research and Development group looks at every aspect of your idea from patent infringement to marketability.
- Submit ideas to www.edisonnation.com

Again, as the weeks go on, I will be forwarding connections to various webinars and informational social media posts that can help you

So, stay safe, wear your face mask, and keep **washing your hands!**

Remember, have fun with your invention!