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TO : Distribution List
FROM : Lawrence Gilbert
SUBJECT : Proposed Combined Annual and Educational
Meeting of the Society for University Patent
Administrators (SUPA)

As Chairman for the first annual meeting and also for the Educational Committee, it is my intent to combine the two at a meeting to be held on February 5 and 6 at Northwestern to dovetail with the annual Dvorkovitz meeting scheduled for February 2 - February 6 in Chicago. Earl Freise has offered the use of his facilities for the meeting which is most fortunate since SUPA is not yet in a position to pay its own way. As an alternative, Bruce Dahlbo has indicated that we could have the meeting at the Pick Congress on the 5th and 6th since they are taking over the entire hotel.

A brief flyer on SUPA is attached herewith which is intended to stimulate interest in membership. Allen Moore of Case Western has offered to post the flyer at both the upcoming April NCURA-SRA meeting in Dallas and also at the regional NCURA meeting in Michigan. In addition, I will be a speaker along with Roger Ditzel of Iowa State, at the annual SRA meeting to be held in October at Las Vegas. The program director will allow us to post a notice of our February meeting at the SRA conference. Finally, we intend to embark on a mailing campaign based on the lists of university administrators made available to us by Earl Freise and Allen Moore.

To enable me to prepare a notice of the annual meeting, I would appreciate comment from all of you as to format and length of the program. George Pickar has suggested a two day program; Earl Freise has suggested a part or all of a day to be devoted to Government patent compliance to be presented by officials of the major granting agencies such as ERDA, NSF, DHEW, DOD and NASA.

Bear in mind that the ultimate goal of SUPA is to enable university patent administrators to acquire skills in developing in-house programs so as to enable them to successfully deliver a product to the marketplace. Our educational programs should be directed towards that end.

I will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Larry

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Enclosure