

Twice as many people attended our October in-person meeting than attended our first meeting in September, and we look forward to many more attendees for our November meeting.

Every attendee had an opportunity to share their invention milestones and successes in the “What’s New” portion of our meeting. Inventors also made requests of what help or advice they needed to move forward with their product in the “What’s Needed” section of our meeting.

It was inspiring to hear that one attendee had been granted over 60 patents in his career. We would love to hear about your successes at a future meeting and are accepting submissions for those of you who would like to participate in an Inventor Spotlight for a future meeting.

SDIF’s original funder, Greg Wawrzniak, shared an introduction to his four pros of inventing. He will elaborate on this topic at future meetings.

SDIF board member, Michele Nash-Hoff, attended the US Inventor First Annual Conference on October 19th and 20th in the Washington, D. C. area to celebrate 10 years of work to achieve its mission “to restore the patent system to what it once was and to empower YOU to succeed.” About 150 people attended all or part of the two-day event held at the U.S. Patent office facility in Alexandria, VA. It was truly a remarkable event!

US Inventor is the only organization representing small inventors, businesses, and startups to enact change that supports these groups. US Inventor founder, Paul Morinville, said, “We are honored to have such a significant turnout for our first event and incredibly grateful to our members, speakers, and sponsors for making this event possible. We have so much work to do, and I hope the event, discussions, panels, and presentations allowed USI members to feel empowered and motivated to enact change.”

Michele will share highlights of the event that was preceded by a day at the Capital where she and about 30 other people met with staff of Congressional Representatives in Congress to discuss how to fix the broken patent system. The afternoon included a networking event to which Congressional staffers were invited to see the new documentary, [Innovation Race](#), directed by Luke Livingston. Mr. Livingston attended the whole USI conference and handled the live streaming and recording of the conference.

Michele will also provide the latest update on legislation proposed in Congress that affects inventors' rights and patents. As you know, these rights have been significantly destroyed by the [America Invents Act of 2011](#) and the political and social influence of Big Tech (see <https://usinventor.org/the-loss-of-inventor-rights-a-concise-description-2/>).

A tour of the Maketory will be provided to first time attendees so they can see what facilities and equipment are available to help them with their product development. The Maketory offers private office suites, private work studios, on-site storage for materials and supplies, free Wi-Fi, and free parking. The ground floor of the facility contains a wood shop, metal shop, welding area, prototype/assembly area, 34 private work studios, and a blacksmith shop outside the back of the building. The second floor has both a small and large conference room, an open space for meetings or training sessions, and private offices.

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