



Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association

Executive Committee Resolution
Recognizing

Mr. James A. Arshem

Whereas, Jim served as the FIRST PTDL Representative for the Denver Public Library at the time of its designation on November 14, 1977, and never lost sight of the true purpose of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program: to provide information and excellent service to inventors and entrepreneurs.

Whereas, Jim served on the FIRST Patent Depository Library Advisory Council, the predecessor to the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association, which was formed in September 1983. In 1984 he served as President, and unfailingly ensured that the lines of communication were open between the Council and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Whereas, Jim served as the FIRST Fellowship Librarian to the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program in 1983, thereby setting a high standard for the 20 Fellowship Librarians to follow. As a permanent staff member, he provided unsurpassed mentorship to the Fellows as well as to PTDL staff, herding them around Crystal City, helping them to find the best restaurants, and making sure that they found whatever they needed while in “the big city.” He has provided invaluable insight and guidance to all of his colleagues.

Whereas, Jim opened his elegant home to legions of PTDL representatives for wonderful pizza parties to give them a chance to learn about the PTDL program, to socialize with their colleagues, to stretch their meager food allowances, and most importantly to feel welcomed into the PTDL fold.

Whereas, Jim has logged literally thousands of miles to attend meetings, conferences, and training sessions promoting the PTDL to anyone who will listen. Jim has always been the voice of the common man – the ordinary library patron who is the focus of all local and national efforts of PTDLA members.

Whereas, Jim’s office space can only be described as astounding, and has been saved from being cited by the fire marshal only by having it designated as an Urban Archaeology research project. He has tirelessly documented PTDL seminars, conferences, training sessions, and social events with his ever-handly camera. He tiptoed into every single program and snapped fabulous photographs of every single speaker, and many participants – all of which form a layer in the pre-fossil sedimentary paper on his desk.

Be it resolved that the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association recognizes and honors Mr. James A. Arshem with a Lifetime PTDLA Membership Award for his valuable years of leadership and commitment to making patent and trademark information available to the public, and for the many contributions that he has made to both the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program and United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Signed,
PTDLA Executive Committee
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