

South Carolina Inventors Forum



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SCIF Special News Bulletin

Some BIG announcements!

First, I am delighted to announce **Sergio Aparicio** has agreed to join the SCIF BOD!

As most of you know, Sergio is the City of Columbia Economic Business Development Manager and co-organizer of 1 Million Cups Columbia and on many local councils and more. We are fortunate he shares the viewpoint "that entrepreneurship is the most sustainable resource for economic growth" and that our forum fits this vision. Our Vision

<https://southcarolinainventorsforum.org/vision-%26-mission>

Please join me in welcoming Sergio aboard!!



One of Sergio's first actions was introducing **Catherine Treme** <https://catherinetreme.com/> who spoke to the 1MC Columbia last month.

<https://www.facebook.com/1MillionCupsColumbiaSC/videos/871250903429458>

"Catherine owns a copywriting agency that helps businesses convert shoppers into buyers through the art and science of the written language."

The second big announcement is Catherine has joined the SCIF as a Social Media and Marketing advisor! Catherine will be helping in copywriting and in crafting a compelling message that will get us seen by the people that need to find us!

Welcome, Catherine!



Next big announcement...

BOD members of our **SCIF** and the **SDIF** (San Diego Inventors Forum is an inventors group I built 2005 – 2018) are working towards networking together!

This is the SDIF FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SanDiegoInventorsForum>

Sharing resources, news and comradery coast to coast as both groups get back to meeting!

And here's the fourth big announcement.

UIA [htThe meetingiausa.org/](https://www.meetingiausa.org/) "is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational resources, and opportunities to the independent inventing community, while encouraging honest and ethical business practices among industry service providers." I was a UIA BOD member previously and have recently rejoined as a Steering Committee Advisor on their initiative to create a UIA Certified Inventors Organizations component/organization of the UIA. The SCIF is happy to announce it will be included as one of the first 3 of over a dozen non-profit inventor groups around the country to join this collaboration to build a nationally recognized haven for inventors and innovators looking to learn how to become successful entrepreneurs. In addition, this will link us solid to all the UIA resources including excellent speakers, connecallons at the USPTO, major trade shows, and more!!!

😊 Stay tuned for further announcements.

Adrian

SCIF June 2021 Inventor of the Month

My name is Mary Hancock; my husband is Antoine Hancock and we have three beautiful girls. After high school, I attended and received my education from South Carolina State University & the University of South Carolina. In 2002, looking for creative ways to teach my Entrepreneurship students helped birth this product idea. We worked on this project for approximately ten years before stopping to pursue, receive a complete patent in 2018.

"Keep your drive and commitment to seeing your vision come to fruition; it's essential to your success."

INVENTOR NEWS

Mary Hancock The Ultimate Automatic Opener

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This month's SCIF zoom meeting subject is about **"Networking" – It's all about who you know and how to approach**

For our SCIF meeting this month on June 9 "Networking" – *It's all about who you know and how to approach*, Sergio volunteered to be a presenter and invited Daniel Andrews with NIA to join and Catherine Treme will join in that meeting as well 😊

Presenting some of the best in messaging, networking and connecting in both the government and private sectors will be a fantastic informative evening!



Sergio Aparicio

Daniel Andrews Catherine Treme

Meeting begins with Motivational Moments from [Brian Pearson](#).

Ask the pros your questions!

Thanks for helping spread the word 😊

See you on Zoom 7pm EST Wednesday June 9th!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNHZZKUXISTW9SRkE1UDB3QT09>

Have an inventive day!

Adrian Pelkus

Topic for last month:

"Preparing presentations" – *Making the right first impression*

I was delighted to present this presentation accompanied with Tom Ledbetter.

We had a great conversation!

Here is the link to the May zoom meeting <https://youtu.be/uQJXj7QrQnw>



Adrian Pelkus



Tom Ledbetter

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones for the great work getting our videos on our SCIF YouTube page!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8kK5cOuL0wTqKjPI8TwKA>



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SCIF 2021 Schedule

June 9 "Networking and Funding"

– *It's all about who you know and how to approach*

July tbd* "Invention Contest" – *Let's see your great new product idea*

Please enter by June 30th!!!

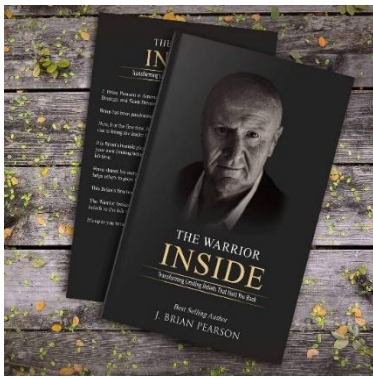
We are looking into making this a live event! *Date **may** change to **July 10th, Saturday**

- Must be Patent Pending or Patent issued.
- If already on market, must be less than one year
- 4 contestants will be selected to present for 5 minutes on Zoom and live (if we can).
- Public votes select the winner!

Send in your name, email address, patent # or application #, description and name of your invention to: admin@southcarolinainventorsforum.org

We want to motivate you in many ways!

Our friend [Brian Pearson](#), author of **The Warrior Inside**: Transforming Limiting Beliefs That Hold You Back, is a Business Strategist, Executive Coach, Speaker and Trainer.



Brian is an **Executive Director with the John Maxwell Team** and is graciously providing us another **Motivational Moment with Brian** to begin our meetings. Thank you, Brian!

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
-Walt Disney-

USI News



Good Showing - Keep Growing

Inventors made a good showing in this week's Senate debate over legislation to help the U.S. compete with China in innovation. We are calling it a success as our efforts contributed to Majority Leader Schumer [postponing debate until the Senate reconvenes on June 8](#). As a result we can rest and reflect on this Memorial Day Weekend. I for one am thankful that we have a heritage and hope of a government by the people and for the people.

Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Thom Tillis (R-NC) head up the Senate Subcommittee on Intellectual Property which is responsible for the patent laws. Aware that their anti-inventor agenda could not survive hearings and debate in their own committee, they resorted to a backroom deal with Majority Leader Schumer to make major changes to the patent laws via a series of amendments to the Endless Frontier Act.

Instead of empowering inventors to compete with China by "securing to inventors the exclusive right to their discoveries" as prescribed by the Constitution, Leahy and Tillis pressed to make it harder for inventors to enforce their rights.

[SA1740](#) - would deprive patent owners with foreign investors from recovering damages for willful infringement if there is a delay or flaw in registering assignments at the USPTO

[SA1741](#) - would allow infringers to bring charges of fraud against inventors at the USPTO rather than a regular court

[SA2060](#) - would [deprive all patent owners from recovering damages for willful infringement](#) if there is a delay or flaw in registering assignments at the USPTO

[SA2093](#) - added a one year delay to implementation of the assignment requirements and associated penalties

Recognizing that a vote on these amendments would expose their big tech agenda, they made a deal with Senate leadership to put their SA2093 amendment into the bill without a vote.

Other Senators likewise called in favors to load up the bill with their pet projects. By Friday the bill was overloaded with so much pork that no one knew what was in the bill, and it was unclear whether there 60 Senators willing to vote for the monstrosity. Rather than risk a failed vote, Senator Schumer postponed the matter until June 8.

We succeeded in blocking the FIRST THREE Leahy-Tillis amendments that would have made it easier for infringers to attack inventors.

The FOURTH Leahy-Tillis amendment contributed to overloading the bill resulting in postponement.

Going on Offense

This was not a clean victory, as the measure to further harm inventors remains in play.

Nevertheless, we have become very effective at stopping bad legislation. The Innovation Act in 2015, the elimination of functional claiming in 2019, and the CBM extension in 2020 are a few examples.

Our ranks are growing. More and more of you are stepping up as we demonstrate strength in unity. For those who have mobilized – it is working and worthwhile, please redouble your efforts. For those of you who have not made this a priority – now is the time, we cannot do it without you.

In the coming weeks we will have opportunities to advance legislation to roll back the most

harmful parts of the 2011 America Invents Act. Please make sure that you are enlisted and ready to answer the call.



<https://usinventor.org/>

SCIF events now listed on Scribble!

We are pleased and honored to announce our friends at Scribble are sharing news of our event!

"Scribble is South Carolina's content toolkit for your pursuit of innovation. Launch into inspirational sessions with innovators across the state & beyond."

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South Carolina Innovation Hub

<https://scribblesc.com/about>

SCIF involves you! Have questions, here is where to get answers!

Thinking of any new products or services that may help in some way, shape or form make life easier? We share new ideas and motivating concepts almost daily on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448388996120060/>

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to join our group!

We discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Join our group and come to our meetings to learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market. Meet with others and find friends, mentors and advisors.

Prepare your questions about inventing and ask local experts at Wednesday's Zoom meeting.

Prepare for launching your venture.

Mark your calendar for South Carolina Inventors Forum monthly meetings!

Monthly meeting format allows interactions and Q & A:

- Network
- Welcome & Thanks
- Motivational Moment with Brian Pearson
- What's new? Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network

See you on Zoom next Wednesday June 9th. Hellos start 6;30. Meeting begins 7pm.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251334966?pwd=SWVTTmhHNHZKUXISTW9SRkE1UDB3QT09>

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Help!! We need a back up admin for the website.

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SCIF welcomes stories about and by local inventors! We are calling for volunteers to help gather and write stories or folks to send theirs. Contact Adrian if you're interested.

Send us yours or Become an "Inventor of the Month"!

Time onstage (~10-30 minutes) to pitch your product and get feedback.

Help motivate other inventors, come tell your story!

[Contact Adrian if you're interested.](#)

We thank you for your support!

Some other great inventor clubs to check out

[Virginia Innovators Network](#)

[Vegas Inventors: Product Developers Group](#)

[Inventors Network KY](#)

[Inventor's Council of Central Florida](#)

[Inventors Association of South Central Kansas](#)

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[Learn more...](#)

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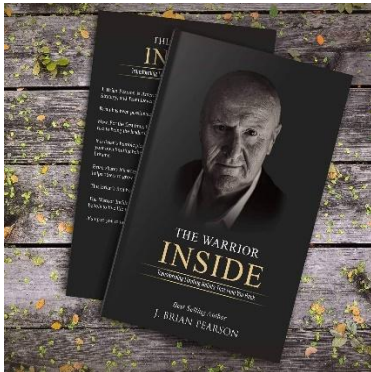


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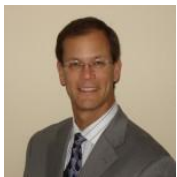
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