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CLP Announces New Additions to the Board

New Board members will contribute to the global growth of the CLP certification program.

CHARLOTTE, NC (January 19, 2021)—Certified Licensing Professionals, Inc. (CLP) announced new Governors and officers for the 2021 Board of Governors (Board). The Board is responsible for the administration of the CLP professional certification program, designed to establish credibility and provide greater visibility to the licensing profession.

James Jessop, Dan Potvin and Don Taylor joined the Board effective January 1, 2021.

“The fields of licensing, technology transfer and IP management have evolved significantly in recent years and I look forward to partnering with my colleagues on the Board to build awareness of the CLP credential,” Ben Dibling, Deputy Managing Director, Penn Center for Innovation and Chair of the Board of Governors said. “We will focus our efforts on encouraging both individuals and employers alike to seek certification and support ongoing professional development.”

Jessop is an experienced business development advisor through IP licensing and collaborative R&D, with a demonstrated history of working in the renewable energy and environment industries. He is skilled in negotiation, IP licensing, research and development, renewable energy and engineering.

Potvin is a Senior Director of Licensing at General Electric Company. He leads the development and negotiation of IP licensing programs across a variety of fields with a current focus on engineering software and hybrid electric vehicles.

Taylor is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences Translation, Executive Director of sciVelo and Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics at the University of Pittsburgh. His responsibilities include working across the six health sciences schools to advance the commercial translation of Pitt’s discoveries and inventions.

In addition to the new additions, CLP announced that Jeff Whittle, Womble Bond Dickinson LLP, has been elected to the position of Chair Elect. Whittle provides over two decades of legal experience to clients in the energy and high-tech industries. He has served on the Board since 2018 and is a past President & Chair of the LES (USA and Canada) Board of Trustees.

Full bios for each CLP Governor are available on the [CLP website](http://www.licensingcertification.org).

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The Certified Licensing Professional (CLP) program is a professional designation intended to distinguish those who have demonstrated experience, proficiency, knowledge and exposure to licensing and commercialization of intellectual property through involvement in patenting, marketing, valuation, IP law, negotiation, and intellectual asset management. The CLP program is designed to provide an inclusive environment for licensing professionals from varied backgrounds, thereby leveraging the multidisciplinary nature of the licensing field based on certain knowledge standards. The CLP exam is offered twice a year at over 400 locations worldwide and through live remote proctoring at a location of the candidate’s choosing. For more information, visit www.licensingcertification.org.