# A.L.I.C.E. AI Foundation

*Promoting the adoption and development of Alicebot and AIML free software.*

---

**P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

# Latest Board Member: Gene Riccoboni

## Attorney Brings Bot Law and Trademark Experience to Foundation

**22 August 2001—San Francisco CA:** The A.L.I.C.E. AI Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Gene J. Riccoboni to its Board of Trustees.

Gene Riccoboni is an Internet attorney who currently works for Grimes & Battersby, LLP, an intellectual property law boutique based in Stamford, Connecticut.  Gene formerly served as the Manager of Legal Affairs for On2 Technologies (AMEX: ONT), a leading technology firm at the forefront of Internet video compression. Prior to his tenure with On2, Gene worked for WebCounsel, LLC, a Website development and consulting firm that specializes in establishing an online presence for international law firms.

Gene has written extensively on the law of bots, supply chain management, electronic commerce, and domain names for publications such as *The Industry Standard*, *E-Business Advisor*, *The Licensing Journal* and Law.com. He is also a member of the Internet Law Committee for the New York State Bar Association. During law school, he worked as a Judicial Extern at the New York State Supreme Court for the Honorable Denis. W. Donovan.

Before attending law school, Gene was a Member of The New York Commodity Exchange where he traded derivatives on precious metals.  Gene is admitted to practice law in New York State and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  He holds a master's degree in business administration from Iona College, and a juris doctorate from Pace University School of Law.

"I am truly honored by this very generous invitation, and humbly accept with great joy," says Riccoboni. "Like many others, I am fascinated by the entire bot revolution; and in particular the Alicebot project." Riccoboni's published output includes an article for Law.com entitled "Dot-Bot: The UCITA's Ratification of Contracts formed by Means of Electronic Agents". The Board of the Foundation is very pleased to bring Riccoboni's expertise in the emerging field of bot law, as well as his experience in domain name and trademark licensing issues, to the organization.

Dr. Richard S. Wallace, Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, says, "We are looking forward to a long and productive relationship with Gene. All of us on the Board feel that he brings an excellent set of experiences and knowledge to the table. Most exciting is Gene's enthusiasm for the topic. Most people don't realize what it means to serve on the Board of a non-profit corporation. Board members accept no salary for their work, and in fact they are expected to donate their own time and money to the

organization. Not only that, the primary responsibility of the Board of Trustees is fundraising: convincing others to donate to the organization. Board membership in a non-profit corporation is the ultimate sacrifice one can make to show dedication and commitment to the organization's mission.

"The Board of a successful non-profit corporation must consist of people with diverse backgrounds covering all of the skills needed to run such an organization. For us this includes people with fundraising backgrounds, and people with financial, legal, business and marketing expertise as well as those with technical and scientific knowledge. Knowing his significant and relevant legal experience and his intense interest in our field, I welcome Gene Riccoboni to the ALICE AI Foundation Board of Trustees."

## ABOUT THE A.L.I.C.E. AI FOUNDATION:

The A.L.I.C.E. AI Foundation was founded in 2001, as a non-profit organization with the following mission:

- DISTRIBUTE Alicebot and AIML Free Software. We distribute our advanced AI software source code freely to schools, research labs, nonprofits and other organizations, and to individuals.

- PROMOTE the adoption and development of Alicebot and AIML technology.

- DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN standards for AIML, the AIML pattern language, Alicebot implementations, and Alicebot interfaces (Responders).

- PURSUE AND PROMOTE research and development in natural language and artificial intelligence technologies.

- PROVIDE education and training resources to promote the adoption of AIML technologies.

- WORK closely with and advise commercial entities engaged in AIML, development to develop standards, plan future programs, and evaluate research and development.

- ALLOCATE public and/or private funds as appropriate to organizations, agencies or individuals who can provide AIML, programs or products of high quality if they are deemed beneficial to the community.

- PLAN AND HOST periodic conferences and meetings as required to accomplish the general goals of the organization.

Several Foundation Board members and founders will be present at the upcoming LinuxWorld Expo in San Fransisco, 28-30 August 2001.

Contacts:

Noel Bush                              Dr. Richard Wallace
noel@alicebot.org                      drwallace@alicebot.org