

Polymer Valley News

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 49th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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Awards Night



Scholarship Winners

Front row: (l to r)

Hemant Thakkar, Vivian Malpass, John Boykin, Emily Carlier, Allyssa Dziurlaj, Margaret Sullivan

Back Row: (l to r)

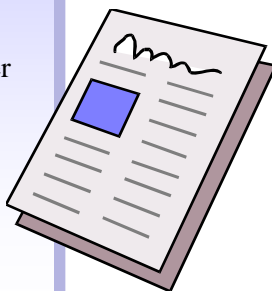
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Reminder to our ~ Advertisers and Sponsors ~

This is the last edition of the 2007-2008 SPE Newsletter for the Summer. The 2008-2009 Newsletter season begins in August, 2008. We appreciate your support for our newsletter and welcome your advertisements for the next year.

Please see the insertion order request form on page 20.

We look forward to working with you in the future!



Speaker Tom Waltermire of Team NEO

Coming Up:

- Next meeting – See you in the fall
- Board meeting – Aug 11, 2008, 5:30 p.m. Polymer Eng. Center, Room 105

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President's Message

Our Akron Section Awards Night on Monday, May 19 was a resounding success. The attendance of 55 students, parents, teachers, members and guests was very encouraging. Bob Wegelin did an excellent job in selecting the Raintree CC as the venue. Our guest speakers were Tim Womer from SPE International and Tom Waltermire from Team NEO. Tim gave us an update on International SPE and its educational activities with comments on the successful recent SPE ANTEC in Milwaukee and the first combined NPE Show and SPE ANTEC Technical program set for Chicago in June 2009. Tom Waltermire, the CEO of Team NEO and past Chairman and CEO of PolyOne Corporation, described the mission and activities of Team NEO. This is a joint venture of the chambers of commerce of the major cities in the NEO region and the Fund for our Economic Future. Team NEO serves as a catalyst for enhancing business in NEO with an emphasis on high growth clusters and combines resources with government economic development organizations to market the assets of the region to attract new business development. Team NEO also assists non-profit economic development organizations in NEO to improve their effectiveness. Tom presented data showing a surprising overall growth rate of 6% for NEO industry over the last ten years. The fastest growing market segment is the plastics and polymer manufacturing which is very good news for students deciding to enter our industry. He also gave some examples of specific developments which will be driving this growth in the future such as flexible liquid crystal films and nano-technology.

Hemant Thakkar, our Awards and Education Chairman, then presented the scholarship awards. These included eight Special Merit Scholarship Awards, five named scholarship awards, and awards to Science Fair and Essay Contest winners. The recently elected new Fellows of the Society—Dr. Sadhan Jana and Dr. Avram Isayev—and new Honored Member of the Society—Dr. Lloyd Goettler—were recognized by the Section for their achievements. Also, Joe Mattingly was recognized for the section winning the Gold Pinnacle Award, and Kaan Gunes and Todd Lewis were recognized for winning the SPE Outstanding Student Chapter and SPE Chase Student Chapter Awards. Finally, Dr. Dan Jones of Lockheed Martin was inducted into the Section's Plastics Hall of Honor. Photographs of all the 43 Hall of Honor recipients will be on display in the foyer of the Polymer Engineering Department of Akron University

We are moving ahead with our program planning for 2008-9 which will be focused on the 50th Anniversary of the Akron Section. Our six monthly technical meetings will feature different local companies from different segments of the plastics industry including compounders, processors, mold makers, additive suppliers and finished product suppliers, and wind up with a Gala Night in April 2009. We welcome all input on our monthly meeting program and ideas for future programs, as well as any suggestions for improving the value of SPE to our membership.

Have a great summer and hope to see you all next September when Joe Mattingly will be your new President.

You can always contact me at vivian.malpass@tek-mark.com or at 330-342-1120.

Sincerely,
Viv Malpass



Spring Golf Cancelled

Our 43rd Spring Golf Outing had to be cancelled due to the poor turnout (11 players). It appears that it's time to rethink this event. Some suggestions received were:

- Move it to June (better weather)
- Start round at 9:00 or 10 a.m.
- Do direct mailings to members (month in advance)
- Golf during the week

This event used to be a major fund raiser. Let's hear your thoughts (positive or negative) on if we should continue to offer this event or scrap it. E:Mail me or call, your input is valuable to your organization.
 Bob Wegelin
 robert.wegelin@sbcglobal.net
 330-414-1498

Technical Assistance Initiated On Akron SPE Web Site

Do you have a technical question on plastics, polymers, rubbers, etc. Our web site now has a place where you can detail your question and the Akron SPE Board will use their collective knowledge and resources to answer your questions. Check it out at www.akronspe.org. If you post a question we will post it in the following newsletter along with the answer.



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For more information or assistance, call Rich Markham at 614-477-1133 or write to markham@polymerohio.org.



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Sept. 17-19	TPE TOPCON -- Hilton Inn	Mar. 31	Vendor's Display Program (suppliers, tooling, etc.) -- Guy's Party Centre
Oct. 22	Materials in Space - NASA -- Hilton Inn	Apr. 28	Weathering of Plastics Atlas Material Testing Technology LLC, William Lucas -- Guy's Party Centre
Nov. 26	Akron CNC Training Center -- Lindsay's Amber Restaurant	May 16	Spring Golf Outing -- Barberton Brookside
Dec. 10	Social Outing – with Cleveland -- Pro Football Hall of Fame	May 19	Awards Night -- Raintree CC
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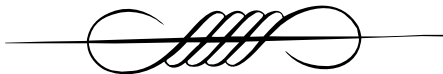
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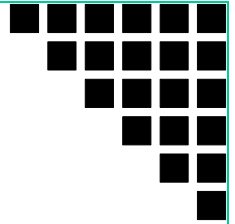
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Councilor's Corner



Antec, Milwaukee May 3,4 2008

Akron section

1. Joined and attended the conference committee. Conference attendance is doing well in spite of the economy. An agreement was reached on a one page form for use by sections/divisions having minitecs. It is not a guideline but just a form to get the details into national so they can post the information.
2. Sections meeting. A relatively quiet meeting.
 - I reported on the database for technical meetings. There is a subcommittee and next step is to get a beta version out to selected divisions and sections for trials. We had lots of volunteers from the audience to try the beta version. The timing is that it would be launched from the national web site after the web site redesign. Timing is most likely early 4th quarter.
 - It also appears that some sections are still trying to go electronic with their newsletter and one member volunteered to repost a guide to help sections do this. Paper newsletters have gotten too expensive. A straw poll showed about 80% of sections are using electronic newsletters. The councilor from Texas highlighted their new meeting focus which will be on companies who use plastics. The other strong trend is towards minitecs hosted by 2-3 sections.
3. Both council meetings were relatively quiet as well. Highlights follow
 - Budget is on track for year. Biggest loss of revenue is the Plastics Engineering magazine and biggest revenue is Antec.
 - Antec was doing well and should come in or exceed budget.
 - Bill McConnell took over from Vicki Flaris. He gave his new operating plan and introduced his theme "Make It Happen".
 - Membership continues to shrink slightly on a national level.
 - NPE/Antec for 2009 should be a great event. Paper submittals will be due earlier to allow for more marketing of the technical sessions. This event should present a unique opportunity to get new members.
 - Web redesign is slightly behind but should initiate in June-July of 2008.
 - No big votes except on some minor bylaw changes.
 - Next meeting is in October in Connecticut.
4. Milwaukee section had a nice dinner and meeting on the Saturday before Antec. The Milwaukee section is larger than Akron but seems to have some of the same issues. Technical meeting attendance is down and they are searching for ways to entice more members. One recommendation is to have good meetings and not concentrate on the amount of people that actually attend.
5. Idea for celebration, have a mystery dinner. We could even host it at Stan Hywet.

Joseph E. Pfeiffer



Minutes of Board Meeting – May 12, 2008

Call to Order: 5:30 PM at Akron University Polymer Engineering Center.

Present: Vivian Malpass, Dave Schultz, Todd Lewis, Hemant Thakkar, Joe Mattingly, Joe Pfeiffer, Lloyd Goettler and Bob Wegelin

Absent - John Woodside, Kevin Malpass, Josh Wong, Sadhan Jana, Kaan Gunes, ,Tony Dean, Gary Taylor and Reza Sadeghi

President: Viv reviewed with Board -Intl. Action items for May/June. We need to develop goals and budget for 2008/09 year. Need to confirm Pres-Elect for 2008/09 year.

Past President: John Woodside was absent.

Prior Past President: Lloyd Goettler- provided DVD of 50 Year Events at Univ. of Akron for Tony Dean for 50th SPE Anniversary. Kent Marsden reports we may utilize any parts of the DVD to help SPE.

President-Elect: Joe has lined up Future Board- still need Program Chair/President-Elect.

Treasurer: Gary provided details of finances and we are on budget and have received all rebates due the Section.

Councilor: Joe reports several items from latest Council Meeting that impact Sections:

- a. Intl has agreed to provide a Newsblast type PR for Mini Techs
- b. Joe is involved in a new Committee working on Technical Meeting data base for all Sections
- c. Sections have mentioned that industry focus rather than subject works at Monthly meetings
- d. BIG Meeting June 2009- ANTEC/NPE- Chicago
- e. Next Council Meeting set for June 2009

Joe Mattingly would like to be Councilor for next 3 year term.

Secretary: April minutes were approved.

Awards: Bob Wegelin- reports-Date set for May 19th- location Raintree.

Program: Joe reports that Committee has worked well in his absence-- all is set for May 19th-Awards with Hemant doing an excellent job-Hemant to continue contacting student scholarship recipients to get their attendance at the Awards Night. ACCESS and Plastics News- Frank Esposito have been contacted- ACCESS has it listed on a NEW website- SEE accessinc.org. Joe M reports- CONSTANT Contact working well, he reports that 29-40% of e-mails being opened- Board made suggestions on how to further inform membership- Joe looking into Post Card reminder for late 2008 year.

Student Chapter: The student chapter participated in ANTEC for 2008.

Newsletter: No report.

Membership: Number of paid members is still at 373. Names of the new members are published in the Newsletter.



Minutes of Board Meeting – May 12 (cont.)

Education Committee: Hemant informs we still need more PR from Local Science Fair organizers since we continue to offer monies. Hemant to contact local person and discuss for late 2008 for early 2009. Board discussed ways to involve more local college students in SPE. Hemant requested to review possibility of PlastiVan visit and/or Thermoforming Equipment for local schools from Intl.

Education Foundation: Bob Wegelin reports Foundation has completed the year and paid out all scholarships and received in monies from the Akron Section. Confirmed that we will provide Scholarship monies for 2008-09 year for 13 students.

Public Interest / Website: Tony Dean reported that the website is up to date. He will get an announcement in the Akron Beacon Journal for May Awards Night. Tony also reports all dates into Plastic Engineering. Tony and Kaan will review current status of work with Polysort to get Plastics Experiments running again-to be discussed at June BOD meeting.

Advertising: Joe Mattingly reports he will turn over to David Katz May 08.

Fall Golf: No report.

Spring Golf: Bob Wegelin reports very low attendance- will be cancelled for Spring 2008.

House: No report.

ACCESS: SPECIAL Note: Need to determine who will be contact for ACCESS in future-suggested Hemant Thakkar -Education Chair.

Polymer Ohio: No report.

Communications: No report.

Old Business:

(1) Past Presidents Committee

No report. They reviewed current status of industry and made suggestions for help to expand our presence for future to keep SPE viable and value add. Among the items discussed were- Vendor Night, Sections in US, the 20/20 Program and 50th Anniversary of Akron SPE. It was noted that SPE Intl. has formed a new Committee to improve outreach to companies-should help with our 20/20 efforts.

(2) 20/20 Program - No report.

(3) Computer Projector

Joe Mattingly reports he has the high definition projector, portable screen and mouse. He will forward bills to Gary Taylor.

(4) TOPCON 2009

Viv reports TPE SIG is currently in discussions with Akron Section for 2009 plans for TPE Conference- tentatively set for Sept 14-16 time frame There are many conflicts for 2009- including ANTEC- TPE Sessions in late June 09, first Eurotech Meeting set for Sept 09, TPO- Detroit Oct 09, and Rubber Div- 100 Year Anniversary- Oct 14- Pittsburgh.



Minutes of Board Meeting – May 12 (cont.)

New Business:

- (1) Reviewed Potential Programs for 50th YEAR Anniversary.
- (2) Need to develop SPECIAL Programs and get Company support all year long. David Curtis- Past President. SteerAmerica-Joe's new company has agreed to Sponsor a Gala Event to be planned for Year 08/09 --need additional sponsors.
- (3) Need to confirm Board- President Elect for next year. Viv requested all Board review and report if they plan to continue in all positions.
- (4) President- Joe Mattingly
- (5) Pres-Elect--??
- (6) Councilor- Joe Pfeiffer- 1 more year
- (7) Secretary- David Schultz
- (8) Treasurer- Gary Taylor
- (9) Website/PR- Tony Dean
- (10) Education/Awards- Hemant Thaakar
- (11) Newsletter- David Katz
- (12) Advertising- David Katz
- (13) Also need new Board and Committee Members. Several new members were mentioned by BOD and will be contacted. Personal contact suggested. Reza has forwarded to all Board Members list of Members for Review.
- (14) Viv and Dr Jana have confirmed location for Hall of Honor photos in PEAC. Viv has delivered recent pictures. Todd Lewis will work with Polymer Science Building personnel to get all pictures from the Hall of Honor wall. It was also discussed that a permanent record should be developed by scanning original pictures-. Photographer in Akron will be contacted by Joe Pfeiffer. We also discussed the possibility that we have hard copy photos on the designated wall and that we add one or two 11X17 digital monitors with past Hall of Honor Winners plus information on Section Board and Intl. SPE.- Action later date.

Closing Comments: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting of the Akron SPE Board of Directors will be Monday, June 2, 2008 at Papa Joes- Valley at 5:30 PM.

Minutes of Board Meeting – June 2, 2008

Call to Order: 5:30 PM at Papa Joe's Restaurant.

Present: Vivian Malpass, Dave Schultz, Joe Mattingly, Joe Pfeiffer, Lloyd Goettler, Bob Wegelin, Tony Dean and Gary Taylor

Absent - John Woodside, Kevin Malpass, Josh Wong, Sadhan Jana, Kaan Gunes, Reza Sadeghi, Todd Lewis and Hemant Thakkar

Secretary: May minutes were approved.

President: Viv reviewed with Board -Intl. Action items for June. We need to develop goals and budget for 2008/09 year. Informed, Approved by Vote and confirm Pres-Elect for 2008/09 year- David Katz of Exxon-Mobil.

Past President: John Woodside was absent.



Minutes of Board Meeting – June 2 (cont.)

Prior Past President: Lloyd Goettler confirmed he has thoroughly reviewed the membership list for new board members for 08-09 year. The members mentioned will be contacted by various Board Members.

President-Elect: Joe has lined up Future Board.

Treasurer: Gary provided indepth details of finances and suggestions for 08-09 Budget. Plans to purchase updated version of Quicken.

Councilor: No report- next Council Meeting set for Oct 2008.

Newsletter: No report.

Newsletter Advertising: Joe Mattingly has turned over to David Katz May 08, plan to review duties for 08-09 Year since he will now be Pres-Elect.

Program: Joe reports- CONSTANT Contact working well, that should be mentioned re Pinnacle for 08-09 Year. Joe looking into Postcard reminder for late 2008 year.

Membership: Number of paid members is still at 373. Names of new members are published in newsletter.

Awards: Raintree worked very well for location and food was excellent.

Education Committee: Hemant reports that all Winners- Science Fair and Essay names have been given to Gary Taylor to forward checks. He also will soon contact Carin Helfer re Science Fair input for 08-09 Year -Hemant informs we still need more PR from Local Science Fair organizers since we continue to offer monies. Hemant to contact local person and discuss in late 2008 for early 2009. Board discussed ways to involve more local college students in SPE.

- Hemant will keep in contact with Kaan Gunes / Todd Lewis- Std Chapter for Education input Polymer Awareness-Day- re Chase Award.

- Hemant requested to review possibility of PlastiVan visit and/or Thermoforming Equipment for local schools from Intl.

Education Foundation: No report.

Spring Golf: No report.

Student Chapter: No report. Board has suggested that undergrads be contacted for interest in SPE also- Josh Wong has contacts and Lloyd will review with Josh potential to help.

Public Interest / Website: Tony Dean reported that the website is up to date.

- Tony Dean will get future meetings in earlier for 08-09 Year to ABJ.

- Tony also reports will get info on meeting dates into Plastic Engineering.

- Tony and Kaan will review current status of work with Polysort to get Plastics Experiments running again- August Meeting. Possibly work with AGPA-Carin Helfer

- Tony reports he has been in contact with Kent Marsden and will confirm all dates for ALL Anniversaries for 08-09 Year.



Minutes of Board Meeting – June 2 (cont.)

Old Business:

(1) Past Presidents Committee

No report. They reviewed current status of industry and made suggestions for help to expand our presence for future to keep SPE viable and value add. Among the items discussed were- Vendor Night, Sections in US, the 20/20 Program and 50th Anniversary of Akron SPE. It was noted that Corporate involvement appears to be on Intl radar screen

(2) 20/20 Program - No report.

(3) TOPCON 2009

Viv reports TPE SIG is currently in discussions with Akron Section for 2009 plans for TPE Conference- tentatively set for later possibly early Nov due to several major conflicts. There are many conflicts for 2009- including ANTEC- TPE Section- June 22, 2009, First Eurotech Meeting set for Sept 09, TPO- Detroit Oct 09, and Rubber Div- 100 Year Anniversary- Oct 14- Pittsburgh.

SPECIAL Note - Need to determine who will be contact for ACESS in future-suggested Hemant Thakkar - Education Chair.

Program - SPECIAL Notes- Akron Section does very well TOPCONs and with Mini Techs - Need to consider- Bio-Medical area for future- Lloyd Goettler will research, also Extrusion as a possibility- Joe Mattingly will consider for future as well.

New Business:

(1) Reviewed current status of Potentials Programs for 50th YEAR Anniversary- Need to include- University of Akron in plans for highlighted Institutions/Companies.

(2) Reviewed entire list of number 1 and 2 companies- minor modifications noted to September/November and January programs.

(3) Need to confirm what each Major company might include as they sponsor the MONTH - to include: Program- Tour, Powerpoint, Advertising, Potential donation to Education Foundation- Scholarship.

(4) Need to develop SPECIAL Programs and get Company support all year long. David Curtis- Past President- retired from Steer Enterprises and Tony Dean retired Ferro agreed head up Special Programs. SteerAmerica-Joe's new company, has agreed to Sponsor a Gala Event to be planned for Year 08/09.

New Business:

(5) Board is set -- President - Joe Mattingly, Past-President - Viv Malpass, Pres-Elect/Program - David Katz, Councilor- Joe Pfeiffer, Secretary - David Schultz, Treasurer - Gary Taylor, Website - Tony Dean, Education - Hemant Thakkar, Newsletter - David Katz, Advertising - David Katz

(6) Also need new Board and Committee Members. Several new members were mentioned by BOD and will be personally contacted.

(7) Jana has confirmed location for Hall of Honor monitors/pictures in PEAC. Todd Lewis will work with Polymer Science Building personnel to get all pictures from the Hall of Honor wall. It was also discussed that a permanent record should be developed by scanning Original pictures-Photographer in Akron will be contacted by Joe Pfeiffer. We will also need to confirm what we want as Heading for Hall of Honor -wall in PEAC. We also discussed possibility that we only have two or possibly three 11X17 monitors enclosed in glass case and possibly have 2 years of hard copy photos on the designated wall. The monitors with could also have information on Section Board and Intl. SPE.

Closing Comments: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting of the Akron SPE Board of Directors will be Monday, August 11, 2008 at University of Akron at 5:30 PM.



Award's Night



Dr. Avaram Isayev of Akron Univ. (left) was named a Fellow of the Society of Plastics Engineers. Section President Vivian Malpass congratulates him.



Dan Jones Inducted into Plastics Hall of Honor



Dr. Lloyd Goettler (left) receives SPE Honored Service Member Award

Award's Night



Todd Lewis (left) Accepts SPE Chase Award for the Akron SPE Student Chapter



Kaan Gunes accepts SPE Outstanding Student Chapter Award



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