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# President's Message

Dear Akron SPE Members,

It is hard to even begin to think of where to start to give a recap on last year's program, or to give details of the upcoming year, but I will try.

I would like to first and foremost thank everyone on the Board of Directors for the Akron and Cleveland sections of SPE along with ACCESS for helping to coordinate and produce a rewarding and informative program for the 2019-2020 year. I would also like to congratulate the scholarship and award winners that would have been recognized during the May banquet, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic were only able to receive their recognition online and at a distance. Hopefully it did not diminish the fact that they are truly a special group of people. More can be seen about their accomplishments in our summer newsletter, which I also have to thank all those that keep it current and updated.

That was somewhat of a lead-in to this coming year's program, which will begin with SPE Thermoplastic Elastomers Virtual Conference 2020 being held September 15 and 16. Information can be found at: [www.4spe.org/tpetopcon2020](http://www.4spe.org/tpetopcon2020). The events for the remaining calendar are still being finalized at this point in time, and they will be released as soon as possible on our website: [www.akronspe.org](http://www.akronspe.org), and in our newsletters.

I know that we all want to return to some form of normalcy with our lives, but I would just like to say that we should all be a little patient with everything and everyone right now because we are in this together, and I know that we can succeed if we keep that in mind.

President, Akron Section

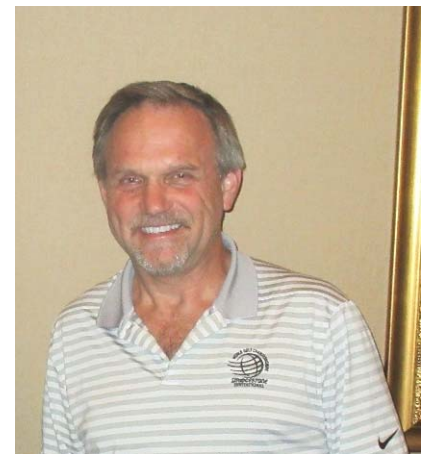
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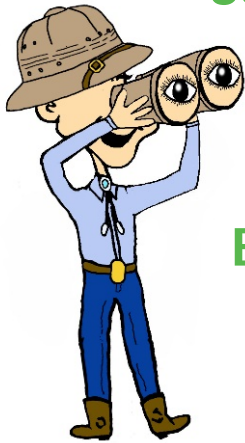
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**September 15-16, 2020**



**TOPCON 2020**

**Exploring Sustainable  
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The Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers, along with the TPE Special Interest Group of the SPE, will again be hosting a conference this fall that highlights a unique blend of polymers, Thermoplastic Elastomers (TPE). This is the 14<sup>th</sup> time the conference has been held (normally every other year).

Themes this year will give valuable insight into Industrial Design, Regulatory, Consumer/Social and Competitive Trend Analysis and their effects on TPE design, formulation and fabrication.

This conference will push the envelope of development as we feature two keynote addresses. Janson Hauer (The Garage Group) will discuss Innovation Renewal and the Garage Group Story. Judit Purskas (The Ohio State University) will present her work on Piezo Active Elastomers for Biomedical Applications.

The program can be found at <https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=5260>

We were well into planning for the 2020 TPE TOPCON when the Covid-19 pandemic gained traction. Since we had an excellent program, it was decided to move to a virtual platform for 2020. Past conferences have pointed out the value of this technical exchange to our industry. Our program contains two full days of technical and market presentations delivered by leaders in the plastics industry. As an added bonus, registrants may access presentations at their leisure to review and revisit information shared during the conference.

You can register at <https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=5226>

Sponsors will be recognized during the conference. If you want to be a sponsor, go to <https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=5225>

This will be a great conference. Your registration will support the Akron Section and TPE SIG in their efforts to provide student scholarships and opportunities for students to participate in plastics industry events.



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For local questions please contact the  
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need of New Board Members.**

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# Board Meeting Minutes – August 3-4, 2020

**Call to Order:** Zoom meeting started at 5:30 PM

Note- two separate Zoom meetings-technical difficulties- computer/zoom

Set A- Aug 3

Set B- Aug 4

**The meeting minutes have both Set A and B conversations included**

**Present – Set A:** Keith Pelfrey, Joe Mattingly, Tony Dean, Joshua Seylar and David Schultz-Leader

**Absent:** Larry Stanek, Nicole Fraifogl, Gary Taylor, John Fellenstein, Bob Wegelin, Sherri Makar Hart, Tom McQuaide, Kevin Malpass, Bob Weiler, Sahil Gupta and Dan Jones

**Present – Set B:** Larry Stanek, John Fellenstein, Sherri Makar Hart, Tony Dean, Kevin Malpass, David Schultz and Dan Jones

**Absent:** Tom McQuaide, Bob Weiler, Viv Malpass, Sahil Gupta, Joe Mattingly and Bob Wegelin

## **Minutes from March**

Minutes from last zoom May 11 were reviewed and approved.

## **President's Remarks**

President-Elect for 2020-21 is still needed - Larry in for a second term as President until another board member is able to fill the position.

Special note- Dan Jones is our new Councilor- Dan, Thanks so much for added service and support!

## **Technical Program 2019/20—Larry Stanek**

Upcoming programs: All cancelled- re COVID 19:

March 9 - speaker from NASA - at Hilton in Fairlawn

April meeting - SmartShape tour set-up with Cleveland section

May - Awards banquet set at Firestone Country Club. Follow-up: Larry has a list of potential speakers to be distributed to BOD.

## **House—Gary Taylor**

No report.

## **Technical Program 2020/21—BOD Committee**

BOD discussed ideas for programs for upcoming year. Meeting types were discussed from virtual to in person- being considered. Dan Jones has suggested Plastics Problems and also provided details and sites for review.

Regrouping must be done- re COVID 19.

Larry Stanek planning to get in touch with Rik Keley- Cleveland for their status.

- Keith Pelfrey noted U of A Professor doing work on bio-based films.

- Joe Mattingly will follow-up on options for touring Goodyear, Innovation Center.

- Nicole Fraifogl suggested 3-D printing options.

- Taking a tour of University of Akron discussed and possible presenters.

Group discussed benefits of having tours: high participation, lower cost for attendees and profitable for section.

Recommended not to have Sept meeting due to TPE TOPCON occurring in Sept and ask Cleveland to run Oct meeting.

# Board Meeting Minutes – 8/3-4 continued

## **Technical Program 2020/21—continued**

Carry-over ideas that still need to be discussed or omitted:

- Advances in Technology and Engineering, try to engage Student Chapter/ PESO, NPIC and local area companies- will discuss opportunities with Cleveland.
- Dave Schultz recommended Bio-Med 3-D printing tour.
- Hands-on – Engineering oriented meeting, involves students to greater extent and 3D Printing.
- Nicole noted a medical potential talk with Cleveland based 3D Heals.
- Jeff Hoffman was as well mentioned as potential speaker Innovation and World travel.
- Joe Mattingly brought up Extrusion Mini-Conference, Twin-screw and Continuous mixing plus potential for 3D Printing visit.

## **Membership—Nicole Fraifogl**

No report.

## **Treasurer—Gary Taylor**

Gary provided latest report latest copy Bank statements- low volume of activity recently.  
The rebate from SPE National continues to decline.

## **Councilor—Kevin Malpass/Dan Jones**

Kevin informs he will get with Dan Jones and make sure he is up-to-date on latest Council issues for Intl. SPE.

Dan informed that Council and Intl SPE has a Zoom set for Aug 21- Leadership and that we need to have any Fellow applications in by Oct 1.

## **Student Chapter—Joshua Seylar**

Joshua Seylar reported that they recently met and gathered new contacts for Akron SPE- he will, however, still be our main liaison.

Here is the current list of students on the council of the SPE student chapter at Akron:

President - Pratik Gotad - pg78@zips.uakron.edu

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Event Coordinator - Udayan Dabke - ujd2@zips.uakron.edu

The faculty advisor is Dr. Mark Soucek - msoucek@uakron.edu - 330-972-2583

I would also like to make everyone aware that the student chapter was awarded two SPE scholarships.

We were awarded the SPE Foundation Irv Poston Detroit Section Scholarship, as well as the SPE Foundation Automotive and Composites Division ACCE Scholarship

## **Public Interest/Website/Newsletter—Tony Dean**

Tony sent a report that he is up-to-date.

Tony has filed Officers and Committees for upcoming year with Intl.

Tony reports advertising amount is up this year.

Tony continues to provide short articles for West Side Leader and other papers when meetings are scheduled.

# Board Meeting Minutes – 8/3-4 continued

## National Awards—Larry Stanek, Keith Pelfrey

Discussed resubmitting nomination of Bob Weiler for Honored Service Member for next year.

## Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

No report- undecided as to what will happen in the future- May 2021.

## Education Committee—John Fellenstein

Renewal of scholarships: Committee has required confirmation from students that major continues focus on plastics. John informed checks soon to be sent for Fall 2020.

John also informed that through PlastiVan -Intl SPE that they have had to make major changes as no in person visits but have developed some new Virtual modules and that they have a filming session set for September and plan some live streaming The BOD was very excited to hear of the project.

Science Fairs:

Dan Joes reports that they plan for future to use same Virtual model as developed for this past year and that OAS is meeting soon to discuss other modifications for Ohio- Science Community as it pertains to Fairs.

## Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly

The Committee recently met virtually in July and it was determined that with our newly managed account that has done well based on current times that we would not make any changes to our portfolio.

Scholarships – Target set for \$11k and reassessed criteria to closer match bylaws

Bylaws still under review.

## Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

Kevin informed he still has great interest to continue as we try to identify new avenues to grow Akron Section SPE.

## 2020 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz/Gary Taylor

TPE TOPCON 2020 is set and ready to go virtual. We now need Sponsors and attendees- date September 15 and 16

TPE SIG under guidance of Bill Blasius has developed a very strong program with 3 Keynotes and 19 Papers for 2 full day sessions

Next TOPCON Committee meeting set for 5:30 PM, Sept 1- Zoom

Contacts: Co-chairs David Schultz, Bill Blasius (Rogers Corporation) and Homaira Nassem (Alpha Gary).

Tony Dean- Intl Office contact.

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# Board Meeting Minutes – 8/3-4 continued

## **ACCESS Update**

ACCESS is still alive and well and we are in the process of developing plans for helping Societies re COVID-19 issues.

## **Old Business**

None to report.

## **New Business**

ACCESS has recently requested aid with Teacher Grants- Larry Stanek and Gary Taylor to handle as BOD determined that we should provide at least one Teacher Grant as in the past.

## **Notes / Follow Up Needed:**

Status of new named SPE Akron section scholarship.

Joe recommended BOD meetings provide call-in/remote access for members who cannot attend in-person. Free online meeting services such as ZOOM.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15 PM – Next BOD Meeting set for August 31 Zoom 5:30 p.m.

John Fellenstein has offered Lecture Hall at PEAC for future meetings- in person at U of Akron.



  
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Newsletter

# Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation



1-20

The Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation operates exclusively for the benefit of and to carry out the purposes of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers, which is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics by making educational scholarship grants to deserving students in the field of plastics engineering and related subjects. The Organization is supported primarily by contributions from the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers, the Society's individual members and corporations like yours affiliated with the polymer industry.

Since the inception in 1983, the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation has grown to its current position through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of the local business community. Over the thirty years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided scholarships to over 275 young men and women totaling in excess of \$385,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry.

Our goal is to continue to grow the assets of the Foundation in order to increase the number of scholarships awarded, as well as the size of the awards, and to do so in perpetuity. In doing this, we hope to be able to contribute to the supply of well-trained individuals to support the growth of the polymer industry in the Northeast Ohio area today and well into the future.

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Sincerely,

*Joe Mattingly, Foundation Chair*

*Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers, Educational Foundation*



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	Double	One column, 2 to 4" high	\$150
	Triple	One column, 4 to 6" high	\$200
	Half Page	One column, 10" high	\$250
	Half Page	Page width (7.5"), 5" high	\$250
	Full Page	7.5" wide by 10" high	\$350
X	Hotlink to company website	N/A	No Charge

**The cost on a per issue basis will be calculated by dividing the "Year" price by 10**

#### Contact Person

#### Billing Information:

Company:

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Address:

Phone #:

Fax #:

Email address:

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