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The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 63rd Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

~ Upcoming Session ~

Monday, April 19, 2021

Hosted by Akron and Cleveland

Tim Ponratham

Berry Global - Consumer Packaging

Why Plastics Today can Provide a Sustainable Solution

This will be an Interactive meeting with breakout groups.

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Tim Ponrathman from Berry Global will discuss the benefits of plastics and why plastics offer a sustainable solution, as well the infrastructure that is needed and being developed to handle the current recycling landscape. This includes a discussion of and awareness of end markets and various consumer packaging applications.

Meeting Information

All attendees - \$10 Presentation - 5:30 p.m.

Reservations must be in by noon on Wednesday, Apr. 14 and can be made clicking the link below or scanning the QR Code.

You will receive a receipt directly from Square and an email with the Zoom link will be sent on April 14.

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Speaker Biography

Tim Ponrathnam is Project Manager & Materials Scientist – Sustainability for the Consumer Packaging Division at Berry Global. As one of the sustainability leaders for the Consumer Packaging Division, Tim is focused on driving programs to increase the use of recycled and sustainably sourced materials in rigid packaging applications



Prior to his current role, Tim worked in a variety of positions in R&D and Project Management at Berry. Tim has a Ph.D. in Plastics Engineering and has been a Student SPE member as well as a young professional member at SPE.





President's Message

Dear Akron SPE Members.

I would like to outline and promote the events that will be held by the Akron SPE and also the Cleveland section – all will be held virtually. Here is the list of upcoming events for both sections:

- •Akron SPE BOD meeting: March 29
- Virtual Events: April 19

The Akron section will co-host a virtual event with the Cleveland section that will be led by Tim Ponrathnam of Berry Global. The event will be very timely and interactive with the focus being "Why plastics can provide a sustainable solution". The first portion will be a slide presentation that will discuss the benefits of plastic as a packaging material and also what infrastructure is being developed as well as what will provide a sustainable source of materials in today's circular economy along with what is and will be needed to help reduce what is being put into landfills and what is becoming trash on land and in our water system. The presentation will be followed by an interactive session where small break out groups will be allowed to comment and share thoughts on the topics that were discussed during his presentation.

We are currently finalizing the May Awards night. More details will be available after the March 29th BOD meeting.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone that has gone above and beyond what they needed to do during these challenging times. We would not be the section that we are without your help and sacrifice.

President, Akron Section

Larry Stanck

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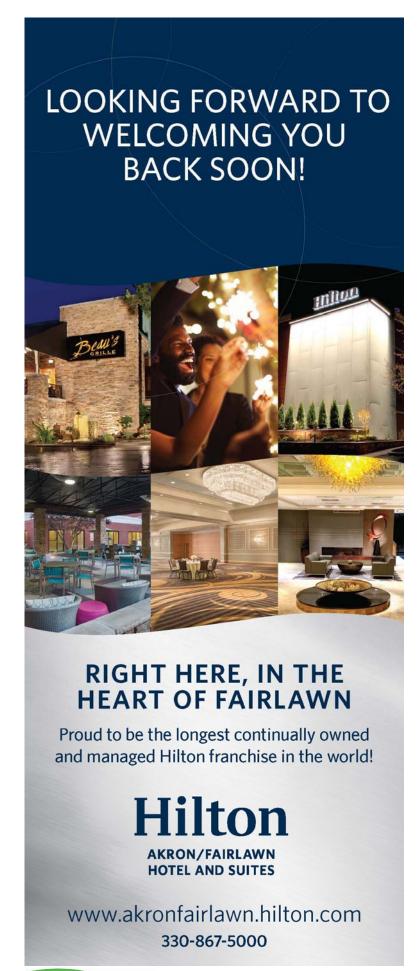
Membership Report - 2021

The Akron Section currently has 178 active members.

Month	<u>Active</u>
Jan	178
Feb	178
Mar	175
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Sep	We are always welcoming new
Oct	members – invite someone to a
Nov	meeting!
Dec	
	Say hello to new members
	Keith Angel, GOJO Ind.
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Please consider becoming a Board Member to help support your Section.

Contact anyone currently on the board if you are interested.

Thank You!

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SPE National

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Awards Night – May 17

Everton Callum joined Goodyear in 2018 as Human Resources Director for the Global Technology organization. Prior to Goodyear, he worked for the French multinational company Schneider Electric - as Global Human Resources Director in their Information Technology Division, supporting a client group comprised of Technology & Innovation, Finance and Marketing. Previously, he worked at Corning, Inc. in Corning, NY in their Science & Technology Division as HR Manager for Global Research and started his



HR career at Microsoft's headquarters in Redmond, WA where he was HR Manager for the SharePoint group within the Microsoft Office Division. Prior to becoming an HR Leader in a corporate environment, he was Unit Director & Senior Lecturer in Human Resources Management at Portmore Community College in his native Jamaica.

Everton holds a Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor of Science in Management Studies from the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. Additionally, he holds the professional designation of Senior Professional in Human Resources from the Society of Human Resources Management.

An avid believer in community engagement and giving back, Everton serves as a mentor to students from Rwanda, South African and the Caribbean in the Global Mentorship Initiative, as well as serves as an Advisory Council member on the Increasing Diversity in Engineering Academics (IDEAs) Council of the College of Engineering and Polymer Science at the University of Akron.



Upcoming MARPG April Lunch & Learn!! We Need Your Help.

We will host another Lunch & Learn at the end of April, and this time <u>we want to hear from you!</u> We are asking our members to share how your company has taken on new challenges during these unprecedented times.

- -Did you start making hand sanitizer to meet the demand?
- -Did you use your technology to make parts for ventilators?
- -Have you adapted your on-site customer service model with a new virtual strategy?

We are looking for 2-3 people to share on this topic for 5-15 minutes. If you'd like to share, <u>please respond to: membership@marpg.org</u> by **April 9** with a brief description of your topic. Members will also have an opportunity to give a 2-minute "what's new" pitch about your company and you can also share a quick comment on how you or your company has adapted during this time, no need to respond.

Information on how to register, date, time and cost will be sent out shortly. Please send any questions or comments to membership@marpg.org.





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Communities are an ideal way to stay connected with your peers to collaborate, share advice, find solutions and build relationships. Participants can interact with other members, subscribe to posts, see who else is online, receive discussion notifications, connect directly to each other via direct messaging and more. All new discussions should be posted in the new location, old discussions will not be brought over. Get in on the discussions or start a conversation –

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For technical polymer questions please use the SPE International forum "Tech Talk"

For local questions please contact the officers at akronspe1@gmail.com

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Board Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2021

Call to Order: Zoom meeting called to order at 5:30 PM - Host David Schultz for Larry Stanek

Present: Larry Stanek, Gary Taylor, David Schultz, Tony Dean, Keith Pelfrey, Joe Mattingly, Sherri Makar Hart, Bob Weiler, Nicole Fraifogl, Bob Wegelin, Joshua Seylar and Dan Jones

Absent: Tom McQuaide, Sahil Gupta, John Fellenstein and Kevin Malpass

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from February meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

President's Remarks

The year as we see it will be Virtual and after hard work from Program Committee we have aligned 3 Virtual meetings jointly with Cleveland- Thank you to Missi Sakach at Educational Service Center Cuyahoga Falls for hosting!! Thank you again for all hard work from Committee of BOD handling ideas, suggestions and set-up for meetings along with Rik Keeley and Susan Montgomery-Cleveland. In addition most IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM- Search for SOCIAL MEDIA HELP!! Joshua Seylar is trying to contact U of Akron student James Garcher in Marketing via Linked IN who as well works in Polymer Science Dept. We anticipate with his help we can make sure SPE and it's activities and meetings are seen and thus bring added attendance to our meetings!!!

Technical Program 2020/21—Larry Stanek, David Schultz

Missi Sakach re ACESS informs she is on to Host and moderate along with Co-Host from Sections for March and April.

Susan Montgomery thanks all for their help and attendance as Cleveland provided meeting for February-Md Plastics- Michael Durina, Solutions for melt delivery consistency and how to monitor melt temperature from the nozzle and what it indicates about the process. All went well as we ventured into Virtual world.

Larry Stanek informed that we are set for March 8th meeting with Jeff Hoffman-Innovation and Entrepreneurship- topic has been developed. Serial entrepreneur Jeff Hoffman will talk about the entrepreneurial landscape post-pandemic, about areas and industries most in need of innovation and entrepreneurship, and what he has learned from his world travels with students and working with young entrepreneurs.

David Schultz, Sherri Hart and Dan Jones confirm we are set for April 19 with Tim Ponrathnam from Berry Global- Consumer Packaging as Speaker a special thanks to Susan Montgomery – Cleveland Section.

BOD determined and Keith Pelfrey, David Schultz and Sherri Hart will develop a Zoom Awards Banquet-confirmed Missi will host tentative date set May 17. May as well have Speaker- Goodyear- working with Joe Mattingly.

BOD will soon be discussing ideas for programs for upcoming 2021-22 year- Virtual or in person.

Completed with Jenny's help preparation of a set of modified fliers to help PR for Zoom meetings for use on ASPE and Cleve- Web and newsletters. Sherri Hart will along with Susan Montgomery get posted on LinkedIN.



Board Meeting Minutes – 3/1 continued

Technical Program 2020/21—Larry Stanek, David Schultz (continued)

Subjects on potential future topics:

- 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 virtual tour of University of Akron discussed and possible presenters

Group discussed benefits of having tours: even virtual tours may be possible high participation, lower cost for attendees, and profitable for section

- 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
- Joe Mattingly brought up Extrusion Mini-Conference, Twin-screw and Continuous mixing plus potential for 3D Printing visit
- Americhem tour- Joe Mattingly to check
- AICHE interest in future joint meeting- Dan Jones to handle with Bartev- E Week

Special note: Mid Atlantic Rubber and Plastics Group is promoting Lunch Learn Seminar series- sent to BOD and for newsletter. Have shared our Virtual programing with MARPG, Ft Wayne Rubber and Plastics and Northeast Rubber and Plastic Groups for extended attendance area.

House—Gary Taylor

No report - all Virtual format on plan for this year.

Membership—Nicole Fraifogl

Membership is still at around 178 members. A number of members lapsed in February and will in March-will review list and Committee Keith Pelfrey, Sherri Hart and David Schultz will make contacts and try to re-align to Akron Section- SPE.

<u>Treasurer—Gary Taylor</u>

Gary reported he is up to date on financials, finalized review of Expenses through February 2021.

Square online worked well for Feb Virtual meeting.

Checks outstanding – Awards- Virtual 2020-Secretary to check with John Fellenstein.

It has been suggested that Akron Section consider again- Zoom account for near future Meeting and BOD meetings.

Councilor—Dan Jones

No report. Bob Weiler confirmed ANTEC is FREE this year for BOD members.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

Reviewed by Dan Jones for John reported that ASPE- Fair took place and due to changes this year, all entries from ASPE can move on to WRD5 that they are in need of additional monies. Dan proposed that we as well this year besides Awards provide an additional \$500.00 to help them with their new process to help even more students move forward- Voted and passed.



Board Meeting Minutes – 3/1 continued

Education Committee—John Fellenstein continued

WRD5 is set for end of March- Dan Jones, Sherri Hart and David Schultz will Judge for SPE with plan to provide Gift cards for 6 Awards typically noted as High School - 2 students and Middle School - 1 student divided up accordingly to Grade level and amounts at Judges discretion.

Judges- Dan Jones, David Schultz and Sherri Hart- will work with John Fellenstein.

Mini Science Olympiad are all set for virtual format this year. John to provide added details.

Student Chapter—Joshua Seylar

Joshua Seylar informs continued U of Akron reorganization with Dept of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering into Engineering school. He informs he has reviewed Advisor role for expanded Student Chapter with Dr. Mark Soucek and has confirmed he will be the Student Advisor.

Josh informed that PESO has available now T-Shirts - contact Joshua Seylar as this helps the newly expanded Student Chapter. T- Shirts available for \$15 for ASPE Member.

Public Interest/Website/Newsletter—Tony Dean

Tony informs that he is up to date.

BOD will hope to review options in future to provide free advertising to companies that we tour. We most recently received a request and have them aligned as a newly developed general Section Sponsor-Excellent thoughts as we align future.

National Awards—Larry Stanek, Keith Pelfrey

Direction set Team moving forward with May 17, 2021- Virtual Zoom based meeting. Missi will host at ESC 60-90 minutes. Team- Keith Pelfrey, Sherri Hart and David Schultz.

Bob Weiler was informed that he received the Honored Service Member Award- A BIG

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob well deserved of this Award after many years of service both Vinyl Division and Akron Section- SPE. Joe Mattingly will now move forward to develop supporting data and support information to Intl for year 2021.

Discussions and development to take place for Virtual meeting.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

Need to develop thoughts with new Virtual format planned.

It has been suggested that we make a list of long term 30 plus years down to 15 years in Akron Section for SPECIAL Recognition.

In addition John Fellenstein will be providing list of new Scholarships for this year.

Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly

Joe reports that modification of Ed Fdn Portfolio has paid off very well again as we hit early March.

Committee set to meet March 11- Zoom.

Bylaws still under review.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

IMPORTANT. Kevin reports he feels that he would now like to align with Membership Committee in tandem to discuss future for ASPE. Separate Zoom to be set up to discuss future objectives. Suggested to develop a brochure re Top 20/10 reason to join SPE- Akron for Awards Banquet and as well include Application potential to join Akron Section.



Board Meeting Minutes – 3/1 continued

2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz

Akron set to host TPE TOPCON for October 2022 - hope onsite vs virtual.

ACESS Update

ACESS BOD is still on Virtual Zoom format plans to join in SPE Virtual set-up for 2021. No or limited societies are planning meetings.

Old Business

None to report.

New Business

Interest in future in hosting a Podcast.

GOOD to Know- I most recently made contact via Linked IN with a CSU student in Marketing- Molly Bregar, who in turn showed interest to help Cleveland Section on Social media side. She has a good friend at Univ of Akron- who as well is Marketing and has interest in polymers- works part time in Polymer Science Dept. We are hoping to align them both in Akron and Cleveland to aid in a new Social Media push! I have recently found out Molly Bregar is Bill Bregar's daughter. Bill recently passed away and was a great friend to Akron Section over the past many years as he attended many meetings and reported on them in Plastics News.

Honor Bill's 31 years at Plastics News\$31

Make a gift to support aspiring journalists in plastics and manufacturing.

Meeting Adjourned 6:10 PM

Next BOD meeting set for April 51- Zoom hosted by David Schultz— Covid-19 issues In future may regroup and determine meeting location on site??



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Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation



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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.

When the Foundation began its fund raising activities in 1983, we offered those companies who contributed a substantial donation, a perpetual annual scholarship in their name. To date we have four named scholarships, Newell/Rubbermaid, Goodyear, Ken Sharp Memorial and Jim Steiner Memorial scholarships. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please print this page, fill out the information and mail it to Joe Mattingly, 4918 Massillon Rd, North Canton, OH 44720.

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Our named scholarship donors are recognized at the annual Awards Night of the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers. We invite you to present your tax deductible donation at our Awards Night held in May each year.

We look forward to your support of this very worthwhile cause by your fine company. Please contact me at (330) 208-6913 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Mattingly, Foundation Chair

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