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Gerald "Gary" W. Taylor

December 20, 1950 ~ October 2, 2021 (age 70)

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Welcome to our 2021-2022 Season. Visit our website -(<http://www.speleveland.org>) to view our current events, meet your Board Members and learn about our educational activities and upcoming events.

We especially want to bring this event to your attention:

November 3-4

AMI's Compounding World Expo

Huntington Convention Center, Downtown Cleveland

Come join SPE exhibiting at AMI's Compounding World Expo, located in downtown Cleveland at the Huntington Convention Center. This expo takes place November 3- 4, 2021 alongside 3 other co-located expos: Plastics Extrusion World Expo, Plastics Recycling World Expo and Polymer Testing World as well as five conference theaters. Altogether, visitors will have access to 200+ exhibitors and 100+ speakers.

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President's Message

Dear Akron Section Members,

We are sad to have lost one of our most active and valuable section members this past month, Gary Taylor. He was a long time Akron SPE Board member and friend and colleague. He was an Honored Service Member to SPE and served as Treasurer and as our House chair for many years. His dedication to our section and the SPE community will be greatly missed.



Our section's events continue for November and include the Akron and Cleveland section jointly sponsoring and SPE exhibitors table at the November 3 & 4: Compounding World Expo, Huntington Conference Center, Cleveland, OH. The SPE Cleveland and Akron Sections will have a tabletop. PLEASE stop by and network with us!

We are working on more exciting events for 2022...and while I hope that these will be in-person, we are also planning for a virtual presence.

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In Memoriam



Gerald "Gary" W. Taylor

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Obituary & Services

Gerald "Gary" W. Taylor, age 70, passed away October 2, 2021 from conditions of IPF. He was surrounded by his wife and children during his last days.

Gerald was born in Ravenna, Ohio to the late Wayne and Mary (nee: Habraken) Taylor. He was raised in Kent, Ohio and lived in Wadsworth, Ohio the past 30 years. He also served in the Army National Guard.

Gerald worked most of his life in the rubber and plastic industries and dedication over 30 years of employment with Myers Industries as an Engineer and Plant Manager before retiring in 2014. He also gave over 30 years of volunteering and dedication in the Society of Plastics Engineers organization, the Akron Section, holding many offices and roles.

His family was his biggest love, and every gathering and memory was moments he cherished. His love of family and friends was like no other. He was a loyal and loving man, and more courageous than he ever gave himself credit for. He was a role model and mentor, a friend and a gentle giant, a person who lived a humble and happy life.

His favorite hobbies were golfing, fishing, motorcycling (especially with his brothers), and was known for one of the best lawns in his neighborhood.

In addition to his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence Taylor and his granddaughter, Quinn Elise Pfeiffer.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Cathy (nee: Basinger) Taylor; daughters, Meghan (Steve) Pfeiffer, Chrissy Cikity; sons, Robert (Tara) Marr, and Christopher (Allison) Taylor, Thirteen grandchildren, Seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Gregory (Virginia) Taylor, Douglas (Holly) Taylor; sister MaryKay Domino; and sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 21301 S Tamiami Trail Ste 320 PMB 226, Estero, FL 33928 or St. John's Health Foundation, 625 East Broadway Jackson, WY 83001

The Akron SPE Section is happy to post local job openings in the plastics industry for 90 days for any member.

Please contact a board member if you are interested in posting.

The Akron Section is in need of New Board Members.

Please consider becoming a Board Member to help support your Section.


Contact anyone currently on the board if you are interested.

Thank You!

Board Meeting Dates:

- November 1, 2021
- December 6, 2021
- January 3, 2022
- February 7, 2022
- March 7, 2022
- April 4, 2022
- May 2, 2022

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Programs for 2021 / 2022

Oct. 21 **Team NEO – Jay Foran, Sr. VP**
Additive Manufacturing Cluster
-- *Virtual - Cleveland **

Nov. 3-4 **AMI's Compounding World Expo**
Huntington Convention Center
Cleveland and Akron Sections will
have a tabletop. PLEASE stop by
and network with us!
-- *Cleveland **

Dec. 13 **ENTEC**
Jim Johnson, Director, Commercial
Plastics Technology

*Meetings are joint with Cleveland
Section with host section denoted by **

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2022...and hope these will be in-person**

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The Akron Section currently has 171 active members.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Active</u>
Jan	178
Feb	178
Mar	175
Apr	171
May	176
Jun	175
Jul	174
Aug	172
Sep	171
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	

We are always welcoming new members – invite someone to a meeting!

New Members
Chris Mackey, Polymer Cost




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Board Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2021

Call to Order: In person at University of Akron!! Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Present: Joe Mattingly, Steve Riley, Joshua Seylar and John Fellenstein

Zoom connected: Tony Dean (acting secretary), Sherri Makar Hart and Keith Pelfrey

Absent: Sahil Gupta, Kevin Malpass, Larry Stanek, David Schultz, Bob Wegelin, Nicole Fraifogl, Dan Jones and Bob Weiler

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Joe Mattingly said that the Minutes from the August 30, 2021 could not be approved because there was not a quorum present.

President's Remarks

Joe announced the very sad news that Gary Taylor had passed away. A moment of silence was held in Gary's honor. News of Gary's passing had been kept quiet out of consideration and respect for the family. They can make the announcement.

Various ideas to acknowledge Gary's service to the section were discussed including a named scholarship.

Gary's wife will help with us getting access to the bank accounts and finances in due time. Need to get a new treasurer and house chairman ASAP.

Technical Program 2020/21—Joe Mattingly

- Have made contact with Rik Keeley and Susan Montgomery of the Cleveland Section for their programming ideas for year 2021-22.

- BOD has been requested to review thoughts for upcoming 2021-22 year- planned in person by the Fall. We anticipate we could provide programming every other month. In addition to in person we could now easily offer a virtual option.

The following firm and potential future topics based on in person meetings vs virtual have been set up or under consideration:

- October - Cleve Additive Manufacturing with Team NEO Speakers. Date set for October 21. This will be a virtual event using Microsoft Team. Announcement has been sent out to Akron Section members via Newsletter and e-mail. Need to advertise on Akron SPE Website and SPE Int'l Website.

- November 3 and 4 Compounding Conf. We will share a tabletop with Cleveland Section. Joe made a motion, as Chair of the event from ASPE along with Larry Stanek-Co-Chair and Sherri Hart that we provide funding to cover our share of the costs. In lieu of Gary Taylor not being available, the Cleveland Section will cover our part of the funding until we can get our finances straightened out. Need help manning the booth. Joe has requested, via e-mail, that the board approve the exhibit fee by e-mail.

- December- ENTEK planned Webinar set for Dec 13- title TBD- Larry Stanek to provide details

- January 2021 – SPE/ACS joint meeting with ACCESS set for Jan 20 at ESC Cuy Falls and virtual

- February 2021 – Professional Coach Cleveland Date TBD

- March 2021 – Cybercuity Goodyear Date TBD

- April Akron Lab Tours Univ of Akron polymers and engineering. John Fellenstein has contacted Dr. Dhinojwala and he has agreed. Date TBD

- May Awards Night 2021 Potential subject Bio additives Keynote. The Key subjects to cover include: Sustainability, Cyber technology- Goodyear, Tim Dimoff potential speakers, Smart tires- Goodyear, "Green" based meeting. Date TBD.

Board Meeting Minutes – 10/4 continued

House

No report.

Membership—Kevin Malpass (via email)

- Active members that have renewed: 171
- Lapsed members that need to renew: 17
- New members from January 1, 2021: 15

Kevin will be contacting lapsed members.

Nicole reported that SPE can do a better job of membership lapses.

Treasurer

No report.

Councilor—Dan Jones

No report.

Student Chapter—Joshua Seylar

Josh informed that he will be transitioning out as he graduates Spring 2022. Steve Riley who attended meeting tonight is new PESO contact with ASPE. The rest of the BOD will meet soon and discuss activities. They are looking for possible tours - will have a Membership drive and would consider as we had discussed earlier helping develop a Tour at U of A- Polymer Science and Engineering.

Josh will be meeting with the new Student Chapter Advisor on October 5 and will advise us on name and contact information. There will also be an annual membership drive this October 7.

Public Interest/Website—Tony Dean

- Tony reported a new advertiser, TSRC Specialty Materials
- We now have 10 paid advertisers.
- Will continue efforts with potential sponsors including free advertising for companies that offer tours.
- We most recently received a request and have them aligned as a newly developed general Section Sponsor - Excellent thoughts as we align future.

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

Sherri requests for Jenny any news items and as well to be able to develop a calendar of meetings- along with a letter to all Members of ASPE.

National Awards—Keith Pelfrey

Bob Weiler our most recent Honored Service Member - we should try to determine if we have others in ASPE to develop an application for this award. Joe Mattingly believes he will move forward at end of his President's term to develop supporting data and support information to Intl for year 2022-3.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

Keith suggested a special award for Gary Taylor.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

John said that he would be going down to Atlanta, Georgia with the Plastivan and talking to students at local schools. The Blow Molding division is sponsoring this effort.

Board Meeting Minutes – 10/4 continued

Education Foundation—David Schultz/Joe Mattingly

Joe reported that fund continues to do well.
All the outstanding scholarship checks have been cashed.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

Kevin has would like to hear from section members on their top ideas for ‘Growth – Membership, BOD, Meetings’.

2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz

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

ACCESS Update

Joint meeting in January 2021 set details to be sent soon.

Old Business

None to report.

New Business

None to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 PM

Next BOD meeting Nov 1 At PEAC and Virtual Zoom



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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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