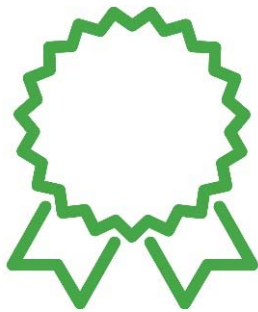


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President's Message

Hello fellow SPE enthusiasts,

The Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers held our 2022 award banquet at Raintree Golf and Event Center on May 16th. The section gave out \$11,000 in scholarships for 2022/2023, presented our first ever Medal of Honor lifetime achievement awards to three of our long-time members, and our Zekan award. In addition, there was an outstanding technical presentation by Dr. Bob Woloszynek - Chief Engineer, Global Material Development at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. on "Goodyear Soybean Oil Technology": Performance and Sustainability Driving Demand for Bio-based Products.



I'm also going to remain as the Akron Section President for 2022/2023, and Kathy Perevosnik will join me as Vice President and Program Chair. I want to thank all of the Akron Section Board members and volunteers for making this year's events and presentations so educational and entertaining for our members.

While we have closed down the 2022 technical meetings, we're also diligently preparing for the 2023 season. We are currently preparing for a TPE Topcon in the fall and we're looking forward to another great string of technical meetings for our membership.

I hope to see you next year as our meetings for next season start in September. Have a great summer!

President, Akron Section

Joe Mattingly

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TPE TOPCON 2022 – “TPEs Unmasked”

Whether they are the soft covering on your pen or on the dashboard of your car, medical tubing and IV bags, building products, sportswear, appliances or used in 3-D printing, a broad class of materials known as Thermoplastic Elastomers or TPEs have found numerous applications in everyday life. Projections are that their use will continue to grow.

The term “Thermoplastic Elastomers” applies to a large family of plastic materials that behave like conventional vulcanized rubber compounds yet can be processed like thermoplastics by means of melt processes such as extrusion, injection molding or blow molding.

The Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers, along with the TPE Technical Interest Group of the SPE, will be hosting a conference this fall that highlights these unique polymeric materials. This conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Akron, Ohio on September 20-22, 2022. The theme of the 15th Thermoplastic Elastomers Conference is “TPEs Unmasked”.

A full day primer on TPE basics, taught by industry experts, will take place on September 20 as a prequel to the main conference.

This conference will focus on linking the needs of today with the technology of the future. Focused segments on TPE include:

- Current trends in Markets and Technology
- Material innovation and New Application Development
- Process innovation (Compounding, Extrusion, Molding, 3D Printing)
- Healthcare and Medical
- Automotive and Transportation
- Sustainability

There will be two exciting keynote addresses.

Dr. Robert Savinell, distinguished professor and internationally recognized scholar from Case Western, will be sharing his experience in the highly relevant area of energy storage and Dr. Krishna Venkataswamy, a long-time industry professional who is currently the President and CEO of Innovation Development Insights, will share his insights on the history and future of TPEs.

There will be exhibitor booths and two evening networking socials.

For further information and opportunities for sponsorships and exhibitors, go to <https://www.4spe.org/tpetopcon22>



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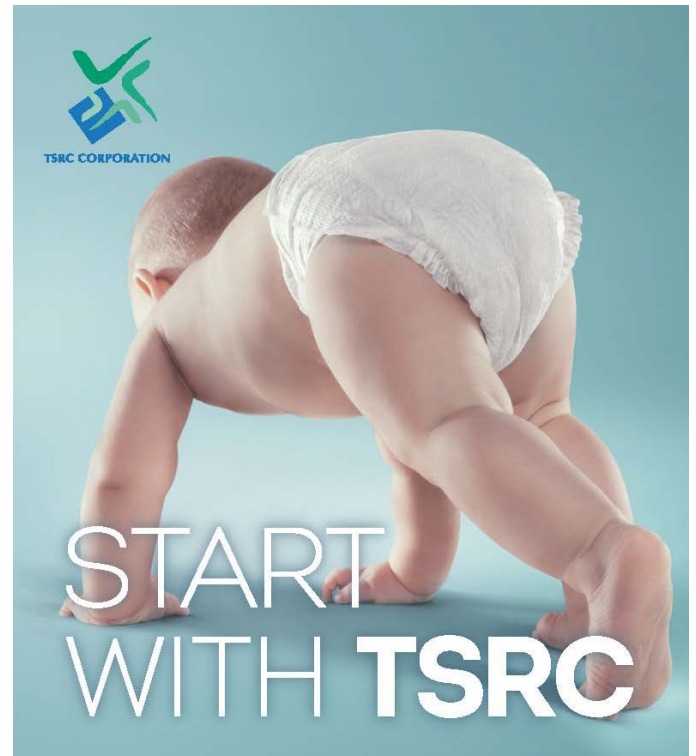
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- Oct. 21 **Team NEO – Jay Foran, Sr. VP**
Additive Manufacturing Cluster
-- *Virtual - Cleveland **
- Nov. 3-4 **AMI's Compounding World Expo**
Huntington Convention Center
Cleveland and Akron Sections will have a tabletop. PLEASE stop by and network with us!
-- *Cleveland **
- Dec. 13 **ENTEC**
Jim Johnson, Director, Commercial Plastics Technology
Webinar
-- *Virtual - Akron **
- Jan. 20 **ACCESS – Technical, Tactile Skin for Robots, Prof Zhenan Bao**
7-9 pm
-- *Educational Service Center, Cuyahoga Falls - Akron **
- Feb. 16 **Virtual Plant Tour – IC3D Recycled Plastics 3D Printed, Michael Cao and Luke Debruin**
-- *Virtual – Akron and Cleveland **
- Feb. 24 **Sustainability Rocks, Part One**
9-11 am
Three Speakers
-- *Virtual - Cleveland **
- Mar. 14 **Cyber Security – Todd Riley, Goodyear**
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron **
- Apr. 11 **Univ. of Akron Laboratory Tour Biomimicry**
Dr. Dhinojwala
-- *U of A - Akron **
- May 11 **Sustainability**
Conor Carlin, SPE
-- *Virtual - Cleveland **
- May 16 **Akron Section Awards Night**
Keynote - Bio Additives
Bob Woloszynek, Goodyear
-- *Raintree Country Club – Akron **

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(including 7 new members in 2022)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Active</u>
Jan	187
Feb	187
Mar	--
Apr	--
May	165
Jun	
Jul	
Aug	
Sep	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	

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

New Members

- Wade Carroll, Student
- Kirk Gray, Landmark Plastic Corp.
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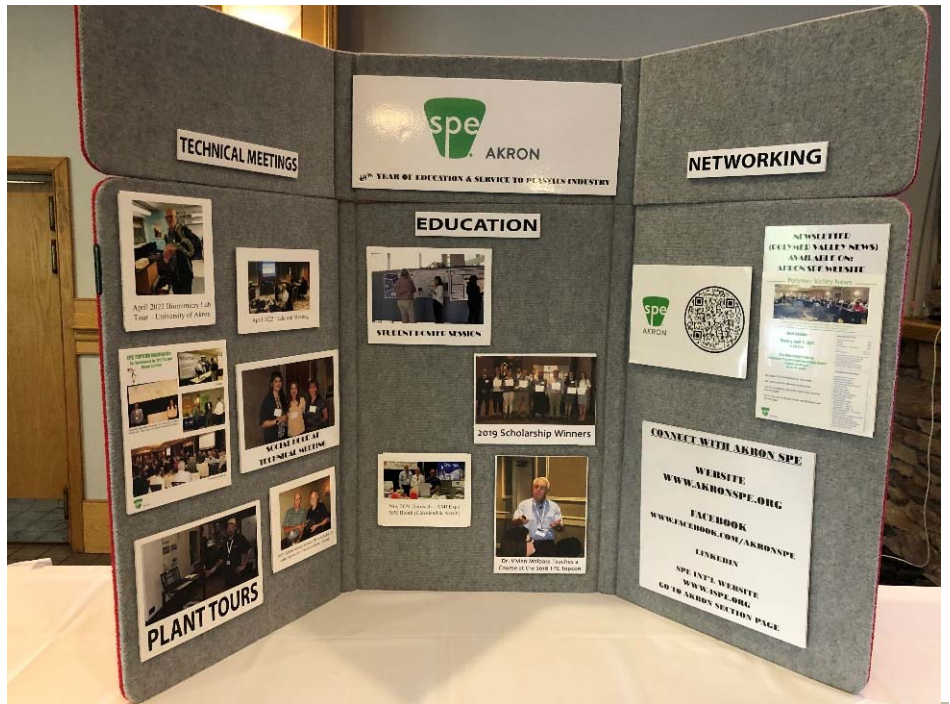
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William C. Zekan Memorial Award

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Requirements for the Zekan Memorial Award

- Longevity of service in the plastics industry
- Service to the Local Section
- Service and personal sacrifice of time
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- Continuity of service
- Innovative effort and ideas
- National recognition for the Section



Medal of Honor Lifetime Service Award

Honors past and present members of the Akron Section of SPE who have distinguished themselves by service to the Akron SPE that is above and beyond all expectations. This service is recognized by a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors.

Requirements for the Medal of Honor Lifetime Service Award

- 20+ Years of Continuous Service to the Local Section
- Recognized by the Board as a Pillar of the Section for Quiet Service over and above that required of position held
- Willingness to step in and Lead or Assist with any committee that furthers our Section and National Goal
- Served as Mentor and Leader for the Board of Directors



Vivian E. Malpass

Joined SPE in the late 1960s



Gerald W. Taylor

Joined SPE Akron Section in 1991



Robert C. Wegelin

Joined SPE Akron Section in 1979



Medal of Honor Lifetime Service Award



Scholarship Winners - 2022

SPE Special Merit Winners

Kaila Oberhaus
The Ohio State University



Isaiah Ulrich
Stark State College



Ben Kasper
The University of Akron



The Education Foundation of the Akron Section was established in 1983 and has provided over 300 scholarships to young men and women totaling in excess of \$441,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry. The foundation has grown through endowments, donations and fundraising efforts. We awarded seven scholarships totaling \$11,000 for the 2022-2023 school year. Scholarship winners attend The University of Akron, The Ohio State University and Stark State College.

Scholarship Winners - 2022



Goodyear Corporation Scholarship Winner - *David Prexta*
The Ohio State University

Newell/Rubbermaid Corporation Scholarship Winner – *Erin Christian*
The Ohio State University



Jim Steiner Memorial Scholarship – *Ian Malpass*
The Ohio State University

Kenneth L. Sharp Memorial Scholarship – *Christian Jenkins*
The University of Akron





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Board Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM

Present: Joe Mattingly, John Fellenstein, Bob Weiler, Steve Reilly, Kathy Perevosnik
Via Teams: Keith Pelfrey, Dan Jones, Sherri Hart, Bob Wegelin

Absent: David Schultz, Nicole Fraifogl, Kevin Malpass, Bob Wegelin, Joshua Seylor and Sahil Gupta

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from April 4 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Technical Program 2021/22—Larry Stanek / David Schultz

Awards Night, May 16. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bob Woloszynek of Goodyear Tire and Rubber. Awards presentation prepared with all student and winner information. Brochure ready to be printed. Waiting to confirm attendance by Lifetime Achievement honorees Viv and the family of Gary Taylor. In the future, consider adding the Science Fair winners to the dinner (consider when budgeting for the awards).

House—Bob Weiler

May 16 - Raintree Golf and Event Center, Uniontown. Pasta bar buffet with 2 forms of pasta, meatballs and chicken strips with gratuity included. We will also have a sheet cake for dessert. Bartender for adult beverages - if the weather is good and there are golfers at the course, the bar in the clubhouse will be open and we can use that and not pay the bartender. This will be a last-minute decision. Meeting cost will be \$30 for SPE members, \$25 for Emeritus and \$10 for students. Meeting meal commitment is due by Friday, May 6.

June 6 - BOD wrap up dinner. Papa Joe's is no longer available on Mondays. Discussed Galaxy in Wadsworth as an alternate. Need some place with an available room for 20 people.

Membership—Kevin Malpass

Kevin has reported at 165 - 7 new members.

Treasurer—Bob Weiler

Huntington Bank account, good standing. Dover Chemical paid for their PV Newsletter AD.

Councilor—Dan Jones

CCOW meeting is May 11.

Student Chapter—Stephen Riley

Steve discussed the request from PESO president Moni Mahesh Ghosh for SPE Akron to consider funding travel for any future polymer science/polymer engineering winners of the local 3-minute thesis competition to the conference for the next level of competition. Board agreed to discuss as an annual review when the situation arises.

Board requested PESO provide a potential list of funding requests to the Board in the fall (including ANTEC, banquet, the 3-minute thesis) so they can be on the budget.

Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean

Ads have been solicited for next year.

Kathy will work on the display board for the Awards Night. Include newer photos from more recent events, verify logos, etc. Also need clamps for Banner for Awards Night.

Sherri is helping Tony with the vertical display by contacting HQ to see if marketing display is available with photos to use versus just words.

Plastics Engineering magazine (April 2022) had a nice write up about the passing of Bob Hill on page 44.

Board Meeting Minutes – 5/2 continued

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

May newsletter has been published.

Website / Social Media—Nicole Fraifogl

May meeting notice will be posted on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

See Technical Program – Awards set for 2022.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

No essays were submitted this year. Try to leverage ACCESS and our school contacts for 2023.

Jenny is doing the certificates for the Scholarship awards. Awardees for 2022-2023 will get their full amounts regardless of graduation date.

Education Foundation—David Schultz/Joe Mattingly

Foundation will have a meeting in July to discuss progress and review any needed changes due to state of market.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

No report.

2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz

Tony reported the TPE Topcon website has been launched. Sponsors and papers are being sought by Akron SPE and the TIG.

2022 VINYLTEC—Bob Weiler

May 10 is the meeting to discuss if Akron has been selected as the location. Bob Weiler will work to get dates and hotel arrangements.

ACCESS Update

Exciting developments with new website – PayPal via web opportunities for all member society meetings, group calendar.

November 3 Hands-on Event – Akron will need to provide an activity. John F will help, ACCESS reps will coordinate with him and then Board will arrange volunteers.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Program Ideas for 2022-2023 Season

September – TPE Topcon

October 10 – Dan Gisser (former Cleveland SPE member) – DARPA Grant opportunity for Ohio companies. Sherri Hart is contacting him about availability.

November 14 – Surendra Chawla (former Goodyear) – Polymer Cluster activities.

Need to communicate with Cleveland on their plans for the fall.

Meeting Adjourned.

Board Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2022

Call to Order: In person at Galaxy- Wadsworth. Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM

Present: Joe Mattingly, David Schultz, Kathy Perevosnik, Dan Jones, Keith Pelfrey, Robert Weiler, Kevin Malpass and Stephen Riley

Absent: Sherri Makar Hart, Bob Wegelin, Nicole Fraifogl, Tony Dean, Sahil Gupta, Anna Akkus, John Fellenstein, Larry Stanek and Joshua Seylar

Joe welcomed ALL and thanked everyone for their help and support as we carry out many changes and make the transition for ASPE.

New BOD are welcome as we move forward.

Crit Ohlemacher-Smithers has joined the BOD- Thank you for help support and IDEAS!!

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from May 2 meeting were reviewed and approved. Thank you Kathy for handling Minutes in my absence.

A BIG Congratulations to Joshua Seylar on his Graduation with his Doctorate from Univ of Akron- Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering!! Good luck in the future and please be sure to stay in touch. It has been great working with you over the past several years and your colleagues!!

Technical Program 2022/23—Kathy Perevosnik / Larry Stanek / David Schultz / Sherri Hart

Thanks All for your help and participation 2021/22 as we turned the corner in a transition year! A SPECIAL Thanks goes to Susan Montgomery- Cleveland Section as they aided the Program greatly !!

- Akron-only May 16 meeting Awards Night at Raintree Country Club. Speaker Bob Woloszynek Title: Goodyear Soybean Oil Technology: Performance and Sustainability Driving Demand for Biobased Products. Awards Night went well. Thank you Keith Pelfrey and John Fellenstein for all the dedicated help.

- Need ideas for next year for Akron- Program- Kathy Perevosnik- VP/Program Chair and Committee -David Schultz, Larry Stanek and Sherri Hart as Susan Montgomery reports she has plans to be Program Chair again.

- We discussed a host of new ideas for meetings including tours-again

Polymer Cluster- up-date Kathy Perevosnik

DAPRA- Sherri Hart knows a contact

Goodyear Tour- Tech Center- Joe Mattingly

Eaton- Plant tours- Aerospace/E-Vehicles- Kevin Malpass

North Shore Rubber- plant tour?

Biomimicry- Pat II- U of Akron

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We plan to review and develop meetings for Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec plus Jan- Joint with ACCESS- possibly- ACS- Akron, Feb, March, April and May. We will check with Susan Montgomery as to Cleve plans- D Schultz.

House—Bob Weiler / Kathy Perevosnik

Bob has informed he would handle location alignment and negotiations but requested help handling transactions and e-mail- Kathy as VP has agreed to help- determining easiest and best way re new ACCESS website.

Bob informs he is set with Hilton- TPE TOPCON Conf. set for Sept.20-22.

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/6, 2022

Technology up-dates—Kathy Perevosnik

Kathy created akronspeboard@gmail.com and password on the laptop (for Microsoft 365 and the laptop itself). Working with team to create inventory of Board-owned property and current location. Plan to check with Tony Dean- link with Square re Sponsors- Kathy

Membership—Kevin Malpass

Active members : currently June await update

Lapsed members that need to renew:

Kevin thanks ASPE BOD for ideas that will help Akron Section prosper. Kevin has developed a list and will provide action items to grow membership. In addition need to make contact with local companies. BOD has re-engaged with new members and ideas are flowing for changes and modifications.

Treasurer—Bob Weiler

Bob submitted report informs that we are good standing at bank. Paid for recently purchased banners and pull up displays for Akron and Cleve.

Bob reports he has opened a new Square account so we can take credit card payments at our Section meetings (linked to akronspe1@gmail.com). We will be working with ACCESS- new website and determine capabilities.- Joe Mattingly and Bob Weiler.

Need to review Budget for 2023 and align new income potential Sponsors for Meeting and attendance at Awards for future.

Bob informs he will handle Treasurer for next year.

Councilor—Dan Jones

Informed there was a recent Virtual Council Meeting.

Takeaways-review general Award system and recognition in SPE. What it means to have personal and what motivates people the most?

Past key takeaways include profitable year SPE- Intl -virtual events and investments, Plastics Engineering now handled in house, plan to provide Emeritus status for membership for Fellows and Honored Service Members

Student Chapter—Stephen Riley

Stephen reported that he will soon be stepping down, but will still stay engaged through Sept- TPE TOPCON 2022. He believes he knows who our new contact will be from PESO and will align accordingly. We informed we as well would like to have other PESO members attend our BOD and we possibly their meetings. We would like to know what support we ASPE could provide so we may align in budget plus planned activities. We anticipate a possibly student led meeting for 2023.

Advertising—Tony Dean

We reviewed current cost structure in place determined need to review for SPE year 2023.

We now have 12 paid advertisers.

Public Interest—Tony Dean

Membership Booth format under discussion- difficult to keep timely. We are in process of prepping a large pull display- easier to handle and store.

Larger Pull up banner – need to develop- Kathy.

Tony has developed protocol on passing of ASPE members.

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/6, 2022

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

Sherri requests for Jenny any news items as well as meeting information.- next year. Jenny, Kathy and Sherri are all helping to promote events as well- Linked IN.

Website / Social Media—Nicole Fraifogl

No report.

National Awards—Keith Pelfrey

We should try to determine if we have others in ASPE for Honored Service Member- for near future.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

Need to develop list of new Lifetime Service Members as well as Hall of Honor and Zekan for this next year. We are set and aligned. Thank you to the BOD and Dan Jones- Keith Pelfrey honoring current members for their LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD and determined basic criteria to distinguish from Zekan Award. Zekan less than 10 years and very active years and Lifetime noted as approximately 20 years plus dedication.

June 15 we will be presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr Viv Malpass- details to follow and reminder.

Need to update Power Point with new Lifetime Service Members- Bob Wegelin/Kathy Perevosnik.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

No report.

Education Foundation—David Schultz/Joe Mattingly

Joe reported after recent review the funds are holding amidst ups and downs currently in the market. The modifications we recently made along with added diversification has been a tremendous help.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

No report.

2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz

Akron set to host TPE TOPCON for September 20-22, 2022 – planned onsite at this point NO virtual option. Next Committee meeting set for June 22- Zoom and in person at Hilton.

It was determined that since we – ASPE section are handling these types of Conference on a regular basis we need to get added members and diversified support. D Schultz Plan to develop list of roles and advertise for added support- Newsletter.

2022 VINYLTEC—Bob Weiler

Vinyl Div confirmed Akron Section to hosting VinylTec 2023. BOD reviewed and agreed it is a project/Conference we would like to host, Bob informed Vinyl Div and confirmed to ASPE. The date is set Oct 10-12, 2023.

ACCESS Update

Website in process of final development-soon to go live.

ACCESS plans to align Paypal so that societies can utilize the site as well draw a wide variety of possible new attendees.

Old Business

Need to search for and develop new Board Members.

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/6, 2022

New Business

We decided we should align Documentation of files in Polymer Science Building- Kathy to aid in documentation and Tony Dean and John Fellenstein to review files.

Discussed detail on Regional alignment with Intl SPE- Bob Weiler will develop a Matrix for review.

Discussed current property- Projectors, Screen and new Lap top- Need to confirm who will be responsible.- Kathy Setting BOD for next year.

Joe Mattingly informed he would handle President another year and Kathy Perevosnik informed she would be VP- for the remainder of this year and next year handling various duties and aiding in the Program – currently handled by Team- Larry Stanek, Sherri Hart and David Schultz with great help from Susan Montgomery- Cleveland, Secretary- David Schultz, Treasurer- Bob Weiler.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Joe Thanked ALL again for a tremendous year and ALL of our help as we worked through a critical transition Year!! The new Awards were fabulous and well received.

Next BOD meeting August 29, 2022 at PEAC and Virtual -Teams hosted by Joe.

I hope everyone has a GREAT summer!!



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