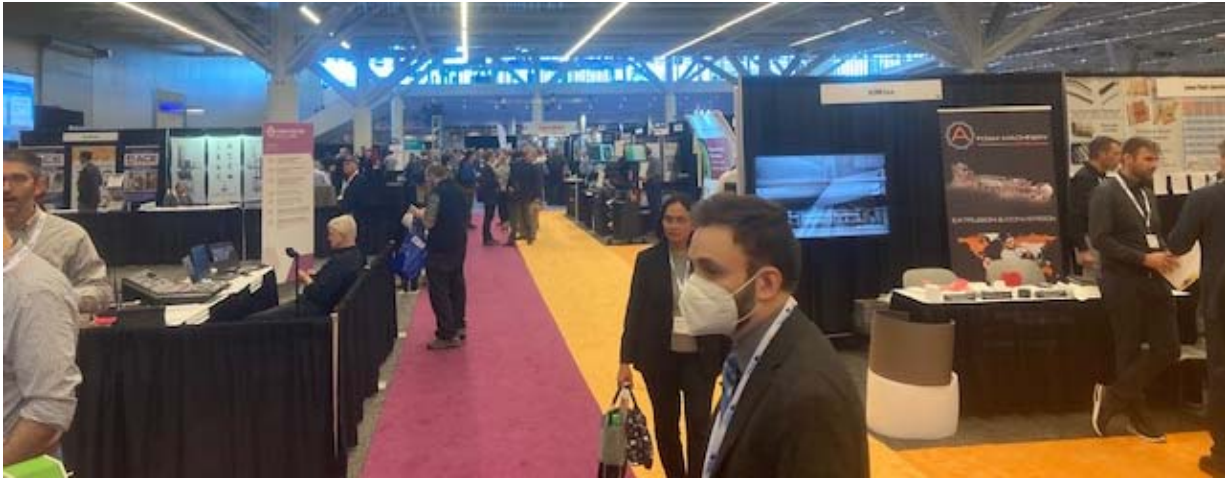


# Polymer Valley News



The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers  
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~ Next Session ~

**January 10, 2023**  
**Details to be provided**

**No December Meeting**

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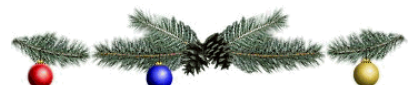
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- Jan. 10      **ACCESS – Polymer Consortium Update**  
 Brian Anderson, VP Research  
 Greater Akron Chamber  
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- Jan. TBD    **MHolland**  
*-- Virtual –Cleveland \**



# President's Message

Hello fellow SPE members,

The Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers staffed a booth at the 2022 Plastics World Expo on November 9-10 in Cleveland along with the Cleveland section, for the second time in several years. We enjoyed meeting and greeting our fellow members while also recruiting new members to SPE. The Expo was well attended and many suppliers and vendors in the plastics industry were also there.



We also held our monthly technical meeting at the Galaxy restaurant on the 21<sup>st</sup> with our guest speaker Dan Gisser from the Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) who gave a great talk on how federal research grants from many federal agencies work, including the Department of Defense. For December we will be enjoying the Holiday season without any SPE meetings or events, but in January we will have our Joint technical meeting with ACCESS, see the details in our newsletter.

Thanks for your interest in our Section and our technical events. Our members are welcome to participate in all of our activities throughout the year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year!

Best regards,

*Joe Mattingly*

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The Akron Section currently has 159 members.  
 Lapsed - 13, Active – 159  
 2 new members

<u>Month</u>	<u>Active</u>
Jan	187
Feb	187
Mar	--
Apr	--
May	165
Jun	--
Jul	159
Aug	--
Sep	--
Oct	--
Nov	--
Dec	--

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

# Programs for 2022/23

- Sep. 20-22 **15<sup>th</sup> TopCon**  
 -- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron \**
- Oct. 13 **Sustainability Rocks, Part 2**  
 Helping Molders Tune In to the  
 Circular Economy – 8am to 6pm  
 -- *Corp. College East - Cleveland \**
- Nov. 9-10 **Compounding Conference**  
 -- *Huntington Center - Cleveland \**
- Nov. 21 **DODE, Dan Gisser**  
 Galaxy Restaurant -- *Akron \**
- Dec. -- **No meeting**  
 -- *Akron \**
- Jan. 10 **ACCESS – Polymer Consortium  
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- Feb. TBD **International Recycling**  
 -- *Virtual – Akron \**
- Feb. 24 **Sustainability, Madison Group**  
 -- *Virtual - Cleveland \**
- Mar. 20 **Magnet Headquarters - Tour**  
 -- *Akron \**
- Apr. 10 **University of Akron Poster  
 Presentations**  
**Student Led by PESO**  
 -- *Cleveland \**
- May 22 **Akron Section Awards Night**  
*Raintree Country Club -- Akron \**

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# Board Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2022

**Call to Order:** In person at PEAC-Univ of Akron. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

**Present:** Joe Mattingly, David Schultz, Dan Jones, John Fellenstein, Robert Weiler, RJ Viereckl and Keith Pelfrey

**Teams:** Sherri Makar Hart and Bob Wegelin

**Absent:** Nicole Fraifogl, Tony Dean, Sahil Gupta, Anna Akkus, Kevin Malpass, Critt Olemacher, Larry Stanek and Stephen Riley

New BOD are welcome as we move forward. We are planning to attend Compounding Conference -Cleveland- Nov 2022 and will be actively searching for new BOD members as well as review of current Intl supplied membership list for candidates.

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

Secretary will reach out to current BOD re attendance interest.

## Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from October were reviewed and approved.

Need-VP/ Program Chair , and House for up-coming year for ASPE

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

Thanks All for your help and participation 2022 , as we turned the corner in a transition year! A SPECIAL Thanks goes to Susan Montgomery- Cleveland Section as they continue to aid in the Program greatly !!

Nov 9-10 Compounding Conf with Cleve- joint- PlastiVan literature avail to help promote- need help from ASPE BOD/members- David Schultz, Dan Jones, Joe Mattingly to help.

Nov 21- Dan Gisser- Small Business Innovation Grants- Galaxy- 5:30 PM

Dec – No BOD or meeting planned

Cleve informs plans to align Programs for this next year to have a couple of Virtual meetings Jan and Feb and an in person event.

Akron- Joint meeting with ACCESS set up by ACS- Akron- Jan 10 at 530 PM at LOCATION TBD Akron- Speaker from Greater Akron Chamber- Brian Anderson, VP Research- Polymer Cluster up-date

Cleve-Jan- M Holland- Virtual- date TBD

Cleve -Feb- International Recycling from Erie PA- Virtual date TBD

Cleve- March 20 500 PM- Magnet Tour- New home Former Margaret Ireland Elementary School- Hough Cleveland Akron-April Poster session oriented meeting led by Student Chapter/PESO-date TBD

May- Awards Night- Raintree planned May 22

Keynote suggestions- Univ of Akron- Professor- new research interest Polymers- CO2, Sustainability Marketing, Jumpstart, Kraus Maffei

Need ideas for next year 2023-4 for Akron- Program suggestions for 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

IDEAS

Artemis- up-date

Jumpstart

Lanzetech- recent Earth Shot Award- US

Polymer Cluster- update set for Jan 2023

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

Biomimicry- Pat II- U of Akron

Economy, Supply Chain and Logistics

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Sustainability Marketing

Kraus Maffei

Notpla-Seaweed based packaging- EU

Goodyear Tour- Tech Center- Joe Mattingly

Fossil Fuel

Sustainability

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# Board Meeting Minutes – 11/7 continued

## **Treasurer—Bob Weiler**

Bob submitted report informs we are good standing. He informed monies have been sent from TPE TOPCON 2022. 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](mailto:akronspe1@gmail.com)). We are now planning to implement new logistics with ACCESS- new website and determine capabilities Bob Weiler to contact Jaime- web designer for ACCESS. Need to review Budget for 2023 and align new potential Sponsors for Meeting and attendance at Awards for future. Bob informs he will continue to handle Treasurer position.

## **House—Bob Weiler**

Bob has informed he would handle House for April and May 2023 but would like to have a replacement handle for next year. We would need help aligning locations and transactions- could be easier with new Paypal. Bob informs he is set with Nov meeting Galaxy and can help if needed April U of Akron centric meeting.

## **Technology Updates—Kathy Perevosnik - prior to leaving**

Kathy created [akronspeboard@gmail.com](mailto: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 : 171 October  
Plans in place to review- lapsed and align re-engagement, as well to review list for new ASPE BOD members  
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.

## **Councilor—Dan Jones**

Informed recent meeting will review minutes and inform of any updates.  
Planned next meeting Nov 15- Dan to sign in  
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—RJ Vieredel**

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 ASPE could provide so we may align in budget plus planned activities. RJ informed he had the Member drive and did align several new students. Dan Jones will check in with Intl- and make sure they are listed on Membership list- re Section payment or not. We as well need list of students that have interest to attend ANTEC 2023- Denver. Motion made and voted agreed to provide specific funding to U of Students to attend ANTEC 2023. RJ to develop list of students that have interest and their plans and provide to ASPE BOD. RJ as well will work to develop a Poster oriented student led meeting for April 2023 at the U of Akron.

## **Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean**

We reviewed current cost structure in place determined need to review for SPE year 2023.  
We now have 7 paid advertisers.  
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- Sherri In process of review of scenario additions for banner.  
Tony has developed protocol on passing of ASPE members

# Board Meeting Minutes – 11/7 continued

## **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**

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

## **Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey**

List has been developed of new Lifetime Service Members- in process of aligning details including Bio and photos by Sponsor to be provided to Keith Pelfrey. Need to as well have to have ASPE BOD determine candidates for Hall of Honor and Zekan.

We have a developed a list for Lifetime Service Members to include- Lloyd Goettler, Tony Dean and Jerry Whitnabe- various ASPE BOD members will provide support data for each Keith Pelfrey , and David Schultz .LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD 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. Need to update Power Point with new Lifetime Service Members- Bob Wegelin

## **Education Committee—John Fellenstein**

John reports all has been handled for scholarships and that he is now in process of aligning up-coming Science Olympiad.

John reports we as well may have a new class of potential scholarship applications U of Akron has new BS Polymer Science and Engineering degree.

March 11- Univ of Akron- Science Olympiad

March 18- Western Reserve Science Fair to be held with other Section- Virtual this next year.

No word to date APS -Science Fair

## **Education Foundation—David Schultz/Joe Mattingly**

Joe reported after recent review the funds are slowly recovering. The modifications we recently made along with added diversification has been a tremendous help. The end of year Taxes and license set.

## **Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass**

No report.

## **2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz**

We completed wrap up meeting and have received funds after hosting a successful TPE TOPCON for September 20-22, 2022 at Hilton thanks to all the help of our Committee plus ASPE BOD- extra Task Force and John Fellenstein- PlastiVan and Students for Poster session!! A special Thanks to Professor Weinan Xu- Student Chapter Advisor. Plans on line with TPE TIG to set up Akron for TPE TOPCON 2024.

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.

# Board Meeting Minutes – 11/7 continued

## 2023 VINYLTEC—Bob Weiler

Vinyltec is set for October 10-12 at Hilton Hotel.

I will need help on the Committee to aid in helping the Vinyl Division.

I plan re-group with Committee for starting work in December or early January.

## ACCESS Update

Website is completed - we are inputting Programs for societies.

ACCESS planning 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.

## New Business

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

Discussed detail on Regional alignment with Intl SPE- Bob Weiler has provided a Matrix for review in January.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM. Next BOD meeting January 9, 2023 at PEAC and Virtual -Teams hosted by Joe.



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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 David Schultz, 610 Berkshire Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256.

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Sincerely,  
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