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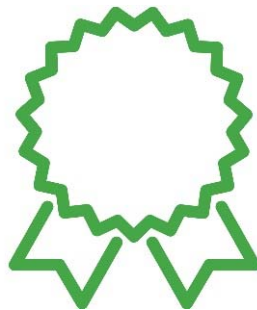
The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 66th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

~ Upcoming Session ~

Akron Awards Night

Monday, May 20, 2024

Raintree Golf and Event Center
4350 Mayfair Road
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Please join us for the last meeting of the season as we present various awards and scholarships.



Meeting Information

All Guests	\$35
Honoree or Scholarship Winner plus one guest	No charge

Gathering	5:00 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	7:00 p.m.

Please submit reservations by May 17.

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Speaker Information

**Brian Anderson, Vice President,
Polymer Industry Cluster at the Greater Akron Chamber**

A Transformational Economy through Polymer Industry Innovation



Abstract: This talk delves into the inception and impact of the Polymer Industry Cluster initiative, aimed at harnessing the robust assets and capabilities within the northeast Ohio's polymer industry to propel innovation and steer the economy towards unprecedented growth. Through a collaborative effort spanning industry, higher education, government, and non-profit sectors, a series of development projects have been designed to ignite substantial and enduring economic expansion. The discussion explores how strategic partnerships, thoughtful planning, and collaboration have led to the designation of the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area as the Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub of the United States. The Polymer Industry Cluster is working to leverage funding opportunities such as the Ohio Innovation Hub and EDA Tech Hubs programs, potentially injecting over \$100 million into the economy to fuel transformative growth. Attendees will gain insights into the blueprint for catalyzing innovation, driving growth, and positioning the region at the forefront of the polymer industry's evolution.

Brian leads the Polymer Industry Cluster Initiative of NE Ohio, as well as the data and regional economic analysis functions of the organization. Prior to the Chamber, Brian worked at a wearable technology start-up and a regional bank. He decided to make a move because he wanted to contribute to an organization that he felt could improve the region and the lives of its residents. Brian received his bachelor's degree in mathematics at Emmanuel College in Boston where he was also a three-sport collegiate athlete. From there, he attended The University of Akron for his MBA, and University of Texas – San Antonio for his master's degree in finance. Brian and his wife Casey like to travel, cook, and are dedicated fans and season ticket holders of the University of Akron men's soccer team.

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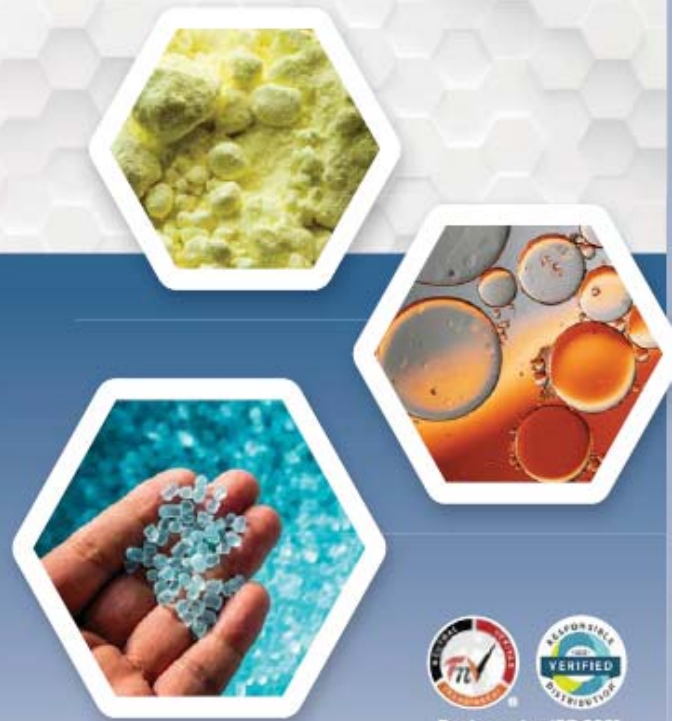
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Aug 28, 2023	Jan 8, 2024
Sept None	Feb 5
Oct 2	March 4
Nov 6	April 1
Dec 4	May 6

Membership Report

The Akron Section currently has 161 members.

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

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- Sep. 11 **Global Economic Factors Now Favor US Plastic Product Mfg over China-Based Operations**
Greg Kozera, Shale Cresent USA
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron* *

- Oct. **Vinyltec**
10-12 Positioning Vinyl for Tomorrow
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron* *

- Nov. **Compounding Conference**
15-16 -- *Huntington Convention Center - Cleveland* *

- Dec. No gathering – Happy Holidays!

- Jan. 23 **ACCESS – EV Battery Recycling**
Jing Lyon, BRITE Energy Innovators
R.Shea Brewery -- Akron *

- Feb. 13 **Sustainability - Webinar**
Conor Carlin
-- *Virtual - Cleveland* *

- Mar. 11 **Vinyl Perspectives on the Anti-Plastics Movement**
Domenic DeCaria, The Vinyl Institute
Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub -- Cleveland *

- Mar. 12 **ACCESS-Stem event**
University of Akron -- Akron *

- Mar. 13 **ACCESS / ACS / Akron Section Solving EV Application Challenges: Innovations in Coatings and Adhesive Materials**
Dr. Emmanuel Pitia
Brighten Brewing -- Akron *

- May 20 **Akron Section Awards Night**
Brian Anderson, Vice President, Polymer Industry Cluster at the Greater Akron Chamber
Raintree -- Akron *



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Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2024

Call to Order: In person at Cuyahoga Falls- Chamber Room. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

Present: Dan Jones, David Schultz, Fred Carter, Joe Mattingly, Sherri Makar Hart, Keith Pelfrey, John Fellenstein and Critt Ohlemache

Online: Arsalaan Pathan (Amanda and Tony- tried to join- issues with Teams)

Absent: Kevin Malpass, Sahil Gupta, Larry Stanek, Tony Dean, Amanda Peak, Michelle Martin and Dakota Spencer

Guest: Olivia Pilon- Sr District Executive- Great Trails Council- Explorer Program- Polymers at Barberton HS- invited by Fred Carter

Meeting hosted by President Dan Jones.

Sherri Hart is new Councilor.

Special welcome to new Board members- Amanda Peak from Peak Analytics and Michelle Martin- Radici Plastics. We look forward to your help and support as we work to expand our section and reach community and industry!

Dan Jones has agreed to be President for year 2024-25

Program to handled by David Schultz/Larry Stanek and Keith Pelfrey

March 6 minutes approved as written.

Guest- Olivia Pilon provided a brief update on Explorers as aligned with Boy Scouts and reviewed a first year program on Polymers that has been developed at Barberton HS with a number of partners and support companies. The first two years has been supported by Conexus in Akron- thoughts re Education Fdn. to help support future years. The program involves mentor companies and individuals such as Bridgestone, ARDL etc. The support involves insurance as well as support for students. They report it is the first type of class in the nation and is being reviewed as a template in other areas. They inform they are targeting a Hands-on approach in learning with students and their teachers. This is a year long class with up to 4-5 times for partners and mentors to visit. It has been well received by education locally in Barberton and surveys are being reviewed from first year currently. We will review thoughts of how SPE can help.

Technical Program 2023/24—David Schultz / Larry Stanek

April 23- Moxitec – Mavis Winkles- Cleve

May- 20- Awards Banquet- Raintree

June 3- wrap up target Papa Joes

NPE- Orlando, Fla- May 6-9

Need to develop a list and targets for Program Committee to address for next year's program

Lighter Than Air Research- Tour

Philanthropy based meeting of interest?

Great Trail Council – presentation

CFO Focus- review

Alterra Energy/Vadxx new facility tour- Andy Oster contact

Ravago tour

Radici Plastics- Tour

Americhem Tour- Ryan King

Looking into Networking meeting with Job Coaches

Joint meeting with Sections- Ohio and Pa areas

Ideas/ suggestions??



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House—Larry Stanek / Dakota Spencer

Larry informed set for Hilton- Oct Conf- TPE TOPCON 2024

Raintree – Awards Banquet May 20 set to confirmed menu and costing.

Equipment set- Dan Jones will bring- projector and laptop, Raintree – screen, PA system.

Membership—Kevin Malpass

Sherri Hart reports member number now at 161. She has resent list past 2-3 years of members that did NOT renew for Task Group review and to decide how to proceed re contact dropped/expired to make calls and find out details plus will ask for in person follow up.

Sherri to determine best way to capture students with Akron SPE.

Need to develop a Social media based marketing campaign- Tony and Sherri, Amanda plus Jenny- out reach and keep and grow membership.

Thoughts Video, Resources, Networking out to FB, Linked IN, website and newsletter.

Dan will send out to BOD e-mail asking for details why re joined SPE??

SPE Communities, Literature , Papers meetings Conferences etc

Treasurer—Fred Carter

Treasurer's report updated to end of March. Finances in good shape.

We have \$1400 to Education Fdn in name of Dr. Viv Malpass

Need to review and consider a Scholarship in Viv Malpas name!!

Student Chapter—Arsalaan Pathan

Current student Chapter Advisor is Prof Weinan Xu.

PESO had students attend recent ACS Conf- Arsalaan took 3rd place Poster

Arsalaan to provide PR for Jenny.

Job Fair- U of Akron- April 12- 11AM -3 PM

Students will be presenting Ohio Rubber Group- April 16

Plans being developed for Summer PESO party- TBD

ASPE- BOD asked for added involvement ideas added mentorship and suggestions.

Councilor—Sherri Makar Hart

Council meeting set for BOD members/ Councilors- May .

Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean

Akron Page of SPE Int'l Website updated with latest meeting announcements and newsletters.

Six ads for 2023-2024 year placed so far.

Tony Dean to contact Sandra Pejic of Thermo Fisher Scientific, align with Plan A-TPE TOPCON 2024- will be cost or Plan B- Univ of Akron- summer program Dave to confirm good with Cleve.

New advertiser for this year Molded Marketing

Tony continues to make sure Intl ASPE site is up to date.

Tony has new contact for added PR with ABJ

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

March newsletter has been sent out.

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Website / Social Media—Sherri Makar Hart

Need updates for Social media- Linked In and FB.

PESO has provided many U of Akron links.

Amanda has suggested as well use of hashtags to add to PR.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

Need new applicants for Scholarships checking Undergraduate class- U of Akron, Explorer and Goodyear for candidates

Essay contest papers being reviewed will pick one HS winner.

John aligning Scholarship students to attend Awards plus align NEW Robert Wegelin Legacy Scholarship.

STEM Day-Goodyear- April 27 at FRS HS- John to attend

Need to continue to explore ways to get Scholarship PR out to schools- SPE or society tab on ACESS website?

Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly

Joe reports that Funds are still doing well.

Good balance currently with gains.

Awards—Keith Pelfrey

Keith reports- that BOD has aligned awardees for this year.

Hall of Honor- Harry Covington- Ferry Industries sponsored by Larry Stanek.

Zekan- Bob Weiler.

Lifetime Awards- David Schultz- Rubber World- Technical Editor.

Joe Mattingly- Goodyear will receive 2025- travel.

KEY activity for end of 2023-24 Year.

Keynote speaker- Brian Anderson- Greater Akron Chamber- Polymer Cluster and Tech Hub update.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass / Sherri Hart / Amanda Peak

BOD discussed we need to align added Co-Chair to Committee to align ideas for growth. New marketing campaign aligned in Membership Committee can be a great start.

TOPCON 2024—David Schultz

TPE Committee into sixth meeting April.

A Website is up and Live.

Papers set at 18-20 received.

Need Sponsors and Exhibitors.

Need ASPE BOD input if any TPE contacts.

ACESS Update—David Schultz

Presidents and Advisors meeting set for April 17.

What do we need from ACESS to help ASPE?

Old Business

John will remain at AGPA- til June 30.

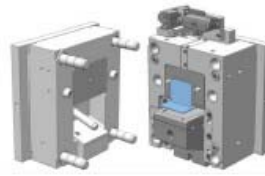
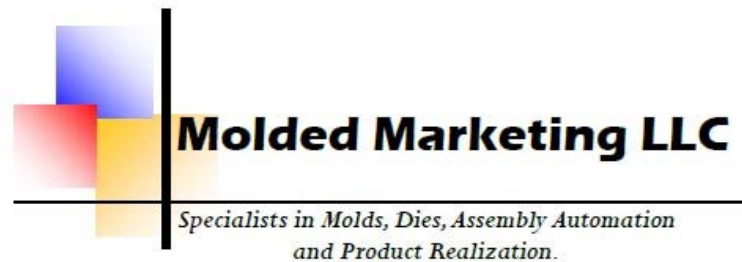
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New Business

Joe informs he has made new contacts at Goodyear and will align with ASPE and ACESS for STEM events and Scholarships.

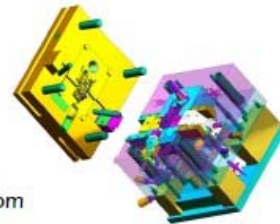
GAC- Greater Akron Chamber reports that they received a Tech Hub grant and includes Cleve centric plastics process training need company support.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will take place May 6,, 2024. Wrap up will be June 3 at Papa Joes.



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Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation



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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 nearly forty years that the foundation has been in existence, it 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.

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

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