



SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS
The International Plastics Society
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXTRUSION DIVISION, SPE

Summer 2014 Meeting
Thursday - Friday, August 7-8, 2014
Queen's landing
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada
Thursday 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM
Friday
(Strategic Planning session started at 1:00 PM)

Extrusion Division Summer 2014 Meeting Minutes

Amended 11/6/14

Attendance (Board members):

PRESENT 14
PHONE 7
ABSENT 9
Guests 0

Present

Joe Golba
Kevin Slusarz
Monika Gneuss
Chad Brown
Dan Smith
David Anzini
Paul Andersen

John Perdikoulis
Jaime Gomez
Barry Morris
Helmut Schildknecht
John Wagner
Karen Xiao
Tom McHouell

Phone

Adam Dreiblatt
Mark Wetzel
David Bigio
Steve Schick
Mahesh Gupta
Olivier Catherine
Greg Campbell

Absent

Mark Spaulding
Eldridge Mount
Maria Noriega
Charlie Martin
Costas Gogos
Jim Callari
Jeff Biesenberger
Mike Puhalla
Keith Larson

Karen Xiao opened the Board meeting section of the day at 3:00 PM and made opening remarks.

Elections: J. Biesenberger: No Report:

Forward nominee names to Jeff or Karen

Secretary's Report: D. Anzini for K. Larson: Minutes Submitted:

**Motion: B. Morris motioned to accept the Spring 2014 Meeting Minutes as read; Motion seconded by J. Golba
Motion carried**

Reviewed and updated Action Item list – see separate attachment

Treasurer's Report: J. Wagner: Report Submitted:

Not end of fiscal year so not update yet

The Compounding TOPCON at Case Western University in March was very successful and generated a profit (and 43 new members). Extrusion Division and two sections split profit.

Jaime asked if we are getting value for the scholarships awarded in the past? How many graduated? Are they still in plastics? We need to review objectively and determine if we are getting value for the money spent.

Motion: J. Golba motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Motion was seconded by B. Morris; Motion carried

Finance Committee Report: G. Campbell: Report Submitted:

Both the general fund and Lew Erwin funds continue to do well as managed by James at Morgan Stanley.

The funds are currently in conservative investments.

Greg will be leaving the board after ANTEC 2015 – need someone to work with Greg in the transition and take his spot on the Finance Committee.

ACTION: Find someone to take over for Greg and work with him in the transition.

Sponsorship Report: D. Smith: Report Submitted:

Japan Steel Works has joined as a Platinum Sponsor.

No lost sponsors, but some late payments.

ACTION: D. Smith is getting JSW and Coperion logos for Olivier

Board members need to continue to recruit new sponsors - ongoing

D. Smith to update Sponsorship form, including “Top 10 Reasons to Sponsor”. and send to Charlie’s conference list and the general membership

J. Callari to add link to newsletter for potential sponsors

Newsletter Report: K. Xiao: Report Submitted:

Latest edition went out in September.

Next newsletter in December.

NEED COPY!!!

Add J. Callari to Marketing Initiative group

ACTION: Jim needs copy by mid-November.

Website Report: O. Catherine: Report Submitted:

Working on look of new website, as opposed to content

Extrusion Division was first micro site on new SPE website.

Website is not easy to work with – a graphic designer is required – Cloeren personnel helped get the job done.

Need more people involved to determine what goes on the website.

ACTION: D. Anzini to send ANTEC papers to Olivier for website

Motion: B. Morris motioned to give Cloeren free sponsorship this year for their efforts in the conversion, Seconded by J. Gomez; Motion carried.

Status of New SPE Website Report: O. Catherine / J. Gomez:

ACTION: J. Gomez to contact SPE National about non-HTML tools for maintaining the new websites.

Next Generation Advisory Board Efforts: J. Gomez: Verbal Report:

Sergio Sanchez is the chair.
Currently 15 members on the board, formed into four committees.
Planning a big NPE event coordinated with SPI – plastics race within the exhibit halls?

Wikipedia Report: E. Mount: Verbal Report Submitted:

John has access and has hired a consultant to help him navigate through the site.
Converting from version 3 to version 4, and Help files have been accessed.
180 people have asked for access to add content.

ACTION: J. Perdikoulis to help J. Wagner access and navigate the Wiki site.

Councilor's Report: M. Wetzel: Verbal Report submitted:

Gail Bristol retired.
SPE National moved to a new office and added staff.
Finances on track with budget.
Mark will not be able to attend next meeting – anyone want to proxy?

By-Laws Report: D. Anzini: Verbal Report:

P. Andersen to send D. Anzini updated format for Russell Gould scholarship.
P. Andersen also finalizing verbiage for Ed Steward scholarship.

ACTION: P. Andersen to send D. Anzini final verbiage for Russell Gould and Ed Steward scholarships.

BOD Officer Selection Discussion: K. Xiao:

Proposal to change Officer rotation:

Awards Chair becomes a permanent Board position

Motion: P. Andersen motioned to change officer rotation to eliminate TPC-elect; J. Wagner seconded

Discussion:

- Should we have a TPC-elect that shadows the TPC to learn the ropes?
- Question – Why not eliminate the rotation? Would we gain anything?
- M. Wetzel – rotation intended to bring people up through the leadership positions, and it gains a multi-year commitment.
- Should we give it to the sponsor committee? Streamlines where the revenue comes from.
- Paul withdrew the motion

Motion: J. Wagner motioned to table the discussion until tomorrow; D. Anzini seconded; motion passed.

Adjourned at 5:00 PM – Dinner at 6:00 PM

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 AM on Friday, August 8, 2014

BOD Officer Selection Discussion: K. Xiao: (continued from yesterday)

Motion: J. Wagner motioned to change By-Laws 6.5.8.2 and .3 to move the duties of the TPC-elect to the Sponsorship Chair; Seconded by B. Morris

Discussion:

- Basic issue is coordinating awards reception \$\$ and sponsor \$\$
- D. Smith – break out organization of reception from Sponsorship duties to separate function.
- Helmut S. – sponsor requests & collection of logos should stay together – reception to another person

Motion: J. Golba motioned to change By-Laws 6.5.8.2 (Organization of Wine and Cheese reception separated to a permanent position on the Board) and move 6.5.8.3 to the Sponsorship Chair; Seconded by D. Smith

Discussion:

- J. Wagner says– amendment makes sense
- J. Golba withdraws motion
- J. Wagner withdraws motion

Motion: J. Wagner motioned to move By-Law 6.5.8.3 to Sponsorship Chair; D. Smith seconded.

Discussion:

- B. Morris – doesn't solve the Reception organization issue
- Call the Motion

Motion carried

Motion: D. Smith motioned to make By-law 6.5.8.2 a separate duty from TPC-elect and a permanent position; J. Golba seconded.

Discussion:

- John P. – need to have some responsibility for the TPC-Elect

Motion withdrawn by D. Smith

Summary

- Collection of funds for ANTEC Wine and Cheese Reception moves to Sponsorship Chair – 6.5.8.3 to be amended
- Solicitation of sponsors, collection of funds and logos and presentation by the Sponsorship Chair and helpers- H. Schildknecht will help D. Smith collect sponsor funds.
- Officer rotation program is still four years:
 - ANTEC TPC-elect (Olivier Catherine) organizes event
 - ANTEC TPC (Dan Smith) coordinated technical papers and sessions
 - Chair-elect (David Anzini)
 - Chair (Karen Xiao)

Young Professionals Selection Committee: E. Mount & K. Xiao: Verbal Report:

Committee solicited three candidates, but Jane withdrew due to serving on NGAB

P. Andersen talked with Rich but he has not turned in forms yet – requested another board member talk to him – J. Golba will follow up.

Sarah is interested and paperwork has been sent to her.

P. Andersen said committee should send a request out to the board for additional candidates.

ANTEC 2015: D. Anzini: Report Submitted:

ANTEC 2015 schedule will be tight since ANTEC will be co-located with NPE in late March
Paul commented that we should look at attendance in sessions and see if there are any trends in attendance.
Need to bring ushers back into sessions to help with balloting process.
QUESTION – should we support student travel to ANTEC again?
Jaime – need a more comprehensive approach – use NGAB to organize ANTEC events?

ACTION: D. Anzini suggested that J. Golba get Moderator history reports from Barbara Spain.

Motion: J. Golba motioned to sponsor student ushers from nearby schools; M. Gneuss seconded.

Discussion:

- D. Smith asked if it was worth it to collect ballots? Use Paper Review committee members
- Paul – would be good to sponsor, regardless of geography; if we agree we can advertise; should go with four ushers
- Barry – do we sponsor student travel already? Yes at national – do we move that money into sponsoring ushers?
- John W – likes idea of using people from paper review committee
- Paul – need to flesh out idea in Motion a bit more

ACTION: T. McHouell to coordinate with National.

Amended Motion: P. Andersen motioned to authorize solicitation of four ushers with a stipend up to \$1,000 each to attend ANTEC – selection at the discretion of the board; J. Wagner seconded.

Discussion:

- Greg – work with faculty that normally bring students & ask them to recommend best students for the job
- Karen – Tom McHouell is point of contact

Vote - Amended Motion passed:

Discussion:

- P. Andersen – volunteer to coordinate the ushers
- Helmut S. – TPC-Elect should manage them @ ANTEC
- M. Gupta – should we consider students who are giving papers to use as Ushers?

ANTEC 2015 Awards Reception: H. Schildknecht: No Report Submitted:

MiniTec Report: K. Xiao for C. Martin: Verbal Report Submitted:

2015 MiniTec will be in May at UMass-Lowell
Bio-plastics would also like to be involved
UMass has good facilities and the event will be well supported

TopCon Report: D. Bigio: Report Submitted:

Next TOPCON will look at Co-extrusion, possibly sheet and film
Consider Milwaukee as venue in Fall 2015 or Spring 2016
B. Morris – Flexible Packaging would be interested in film and sheet – should we coordinate with them for a joint event?
They do annually in the Fall already.
National is already trying to get better coordination across divisions and avoid conflicts.
John P. – Expand scope to include other co-extrusion like blow molding, pipe, tubing, etc.
J. Gomez – look at all events on the calendar and propose timing.
Will also look at expanded topics.

Webinars Report: E. Mount / M. Spaulding: Verbal Report:

Three extrusion webinars scheduled according to Karen

Working Groups on Educational Programs Report: B. Morris: Verbal Report:

Dormant group waiting on outcome of strategy sessions
Recommend group stays dormant until initiative meetings are complete

Pride / Pinnacle Report: K. Xiao: Verbal Report

Nothing to report.

Fellows Report: E. Mount: Report Submitted:

No new nominees

ACTION: Send Eldridge new Fellows nominees

Honored Service Report: K. Xiao for M. Spaulding: Verbal Report:

Inquiries out to several potential candidates
Send Mark nominations before Fall meeting for discussion

Membership Report: K. Slusarz: Report Submitted:

Eight new members
289 lapsed members
Current membership is 1835
SPE total membership is 13,416
Suggestion made to call new members in person

ACTION: J. Gomez and Helmut S. will call new Extrusion Division members.

Long Range Member Services Report B. Morris: No Report Submitted:

Student Chapter Report: T. McHouell: Report Submitted:

Funding a University of Waterloo student field trip to SABIC– report will follow to publish in Newsletter after trip takes place.
T. McHouell has a list of students from National – will send all of them scholarship and ANTEC usher initiative information.

Scholarship Committee: P. Andersen

Three candidates – bad paperwork or not qualified
Scholarship CommitteeP. Andersen
→ Ed Steward Scholarship Proposal & By-law Change
→ Lew Erwin Scholarship
→ Russ Gould Scholarship

Motion: P. Andersen motioned that the board accept responsibility for the Ed Steward scholarship as presented in the write-up and administer it financially through the SPE foundation; K. Slusarz seconded.

Discussion:

- Foundation handles advertising & administration
- Extrusion Division handles the selection process; win – win for ExtDiv & Foundation
- Ed Steward format similar to Russ Gould scholarship – with exceptions supplied by Kramer/Steward family
- Preference given to graduating high school seniors/first year students
- Requires report on benefits obtained at end of program
- Recipients selected by Scholarship Committee of the Extrusion Division
- Question – how many applicants do we typically have? 3 to 7 per year

Vote – Motion Passed:

Motion: P. Andersen motioned that the board run the Russ Gould scholarship through the SPE foundation; J. Golba seconded.

Vote – Motion Passed:

ACTION: P. Andersen and K. Xiao to send updated scholarship criteria to D. Anzini for By-Laws.

Motion: B. Morris motioned that the board donate \$1,000 to help fund the Ed Steward scholarship; P. Andersen seconded.

Kuhne & Steward family donating initial money to funds - \$1,200 from Steward family \$1,800 from Board; then Kuhne will match \$3,000

Question – M. Wetzel – do we work to make Gould & Steward scholarship funds self-sustaining?

Vote – Motion Passed:

Discussion:

- How to fund the different scholarships?
- Lew Erwin now self-sustaining
- Paul – Greg C., how much can we increase the Lew Erwin scholarship and maintain self-sustaining?
- Mark W. – scholarship committee should come up with a holistic solution for all three awards and maintain the funding

Motion: M. Wetzel motioned to increase the Lew Erwin scholarship to \$5,000 for one year to interest graduate students; D Bigio seconded.

Discussion:

- Lew Erwin aimed at graduates – they need more \$\$
- Also need to look at what amount we can take out of fund annually and maintain the fund viability

Vote – Motion Passed:

Discussion:

- Committee needs to look at holistic approach to the 3 awards with By-Laws taken into account

ACTION: D. Anzini to incorporate Russ Gould and Ed Steward scholarships into By-Laws.

Awards Report K. Xiao for M. Spaulding: Verbal Report Submitted:

M. Spaulding will send out request for nominations

History Report M. Puhalla: No Report Submitted:

New Business

1. J. Gomez - Extrusion Workshop for ANTEC Mumbai 2014

Can ExtDiv support ANTEC Mumbai by offering an extrusion workshop?

Easy to provide content – issue is getting there

Would they be open to a “virtual presentation”? – video conference??

Would they pay to send someone over there?

Pre- recorded session with Moderator live on site?

Held in December 2014

2. M. Wetzel - committee headed by Vickie Flaris – focus on Industrial / Academic collaboration

Document sent to Karen

Looking at involving students with industry to give them a basis of understanding for industry

Would ExtDiv sponsor a collaboration effort?

Mark would like Board’s feedback; are we interested in pursuing this initiative?

Discussion:

- M. Wetzel – Is above a part of our strategic initiatives??
- Paul – perhaps could contribute to Content
- Content creation as G. Campbell had proposed similar to Kahn Academy

P. Andersen – do the strategic initiative breakout teams make sense? Yes - let it fly

Next Meeting:

November 6, 2014 (after the Pack Expo)

Crowne Plaza Chicago O’Hare

Rosemont, IL

847.671.6350

Motion: J. Golba motioned to adjourn the meeting; H. Schildknecht seconded; motion carried

Meeting adjourned 11:22 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Larson / David Anziini