



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

Fall 2014 Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare
10:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Extrusion Division Fall 2014 Meeting Minutes
REVISED 11/23/14

Attendance (Board members):

PRESENT 12
PHONE 7
ABSENT 11
Guests 0

Present

Karen Xiao
Keith Larson
Adam Dreiblatt
Steve Schick
Jim Callari
Dan Smith
David Anzini
John Perdikoulis
John Wagner
Kevin Slusarz
Maria Noriega
Monika Gneuss

Phone

Joe Golba
Mark Spalding
Mark Wetzel
Charlie Martin
Chad Brown
Barry Morris
Eldridge Mount

Absent

Olivier Catherine
Jamie Gomez
Paul Andersen
David Bigio
Tom McHouell
Costas Gogos
Mahesh Gupta
Greg Campbell
Jeff Biesenberger
Helmut Schildknecht
Mike Puhalla

Karen Xiao opened the Board meeting section of the day at 8:05 AM (started early because of short Strategic Planning session) 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:

B. Morris asked for a review of the TPC debate section in the Summer meeting minutes. Motions were correct but summary was revised and minutes have been updated.

Motion: J. Wagner motioned to accept the revised Summer 2014 Meeting Minutes as read; Motion seconded by D. Anzini; Motion carried

Reviewed and updated Action Item list – see separate attachment

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

As of October 30, 2014, our total net worth is up slightly from the Summer report:

SML from Austria is a new Platinum sponsor – Dan verifying full sponsor status

Ed Steward initial \$6,000 scholarship fund is in a money market account.

Motion: A. Dreiblatt motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Motion was seconded by K. Larson; Motion carried

Finance Committee Report: G. Campbell: No Report Submitted:

ACTION: Still need to 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.

SML is a new Platinum sponsor.

Current sponsor summary:

- 11 Platinum
- 3 Gold
- 1 Silver

D. Smith to amend report and re-submit

D. Smith updated Sponsorship form, including “Top 10 Reasons to Sponsor ” and sent to C. Martin for distribution to his list

ACTION: Board members need to continue to recruit new sponsors - ongoing

Dan to follow up with Charlie about memo distribution

J. Callari to add links to newsletter for sponsors

Newsletter Report: J. Callari: Report Submitted:

Working on new quarterly schedule - Latest edition went out in September.

Next newsletters in December and early March (ANTEC).

NEED COPY!!!

Maria to send report about recent Pharmaceutical conference in San Diego for newsletter. Possible SPE session at next conference in Orlando in November 2015.

Future newsletters to be done by Jim and his daughter – BOD unanimously approved to pay a nominal fee per issue to Jim's daughter for layout and design of future issues.

ACTION: Jim needs copy by mid-November.

Website Report: O. Catherine: No Report Submitted:

Olivier needed IT to add content to website.

Mark wants issue brought up with National – was supposed to be easier to use and content added without an IT person..

Cloeren got free sponsorship for 2015 to handle, but follow through is necessary.

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

Olivier should bring up content issue with new IT person (Pedro?)at National

Status of New SPE Website Report: O. Catherine / J. Gomez No Report:

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

Next Generation Advisory Board Efforts: K. Xiao for J. Gomez: Written Report:

Sergio Sanchez is the chair.

Planning “The Plastics Race” at NPE / ANTEC coordinated with SPI – plastics race within the exhibit halls?

Presentation developed and visiting Student Chapters to generate interest and sponsorship.

Concern by Dan Smith and Joe Golba about the Race detracting from the sessions – compromise reached seems to be reasonable.

Wikipedia Report: J. Wagner: Report Submitted:

J. Wagner says it’s a slow process – HTML code - J. Perdikoulis. has one of his Engineers (VJ) helping.

Taking a lot of time and requires special skills – need help! It’s a full time job and we don’t have enough part time hands to get it done right now.

Need help from J. Gomez and the Young Professionals group.

ACTION: J. Gomez to get Young professional volunteers to help John with Wiki.

Councilor’s Report: M. Wetzel: Verbal Report:

M. Wetzel said rebate payment will be delayed due to budget constraints.

2015 budget will be modest .

Discussing new “E-member” class - discounted electronic membership with limited access to SPE content – plan early next year.

Need to determine what material to protect from the “E-member”.

By-Laws Report: D. Anzini: Verbal Report and Revised By-Laws Submitted:

Will adjust Officer rotation verbiage.

P. Andersen sent D. Anzini final verbiage for Russell Gould and Ed Steward scholarships.

Scholarship information added and By-Laws modified – 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 (added American-Kuhne as Ed Steward scholarship sponsor).

Motion: D. Smith motioned to modify the By-Laws with the scholarship changes; Motion was seconded by J. Callari; Motion carried

Young Professionals Selection Committee: K. Xiao: Verbal Report:

One application submitted from Davis-Standard and one more coming.

Will be reviewed when all information in hand.

ANTEC 2015: D. Smith: Report Submitted:

26 papers in for review so far. (45 papers in 2013)

21 rooms in 2012 – only have 18 rooms in 2015

Need additional sessions (put together eight solid sessions over two days):

- “Frank Nissell” Sheet Extrusion Session?
- Sheet & Film?
- Pipe & Profile
- Direct Extrusion (Twin screw)
- Plastics 101 tutorial already scheduled
- Two or three tutorials?

Need changes to attract new people from other areas to Extrusion sessions:

- Key Note speaker?
- Pay attention to attendees at 2015 and review at Summer meeting
- Decline of papers will continue due to declining industry interest

ANTEC 2015 Awards Reception: O. Catherine: No Report Submitted:

H. Schildknecht, A. Dreiblatt and D. Smith will help and coordinate event with Olivier.

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

2015 MiniTec will be in May 14, 2015 at UMass-Lowell

Details to follow

Bio-plastics would also like to be involved

Plastics Technology magazine will hold an Extrusion Conference in Charlotte, NC in November 2015 – Jim Callari is asking about a co-located MiniTec with it. More discussion to follow. Jim will contact Charlie.

TopCon Report: D. Bigio: Verbal Report:

Next TOPCON will probably be in Milwaukee in March 2016

Topic may be Continuous Compounding.

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

Three extrusion webinars given in September – 33 people attended.

No more scheduled in near term.

List of topics for Spring 2015.

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

Still dormant group waiting on outcome of strategy sessions

Group stays dormant until strategy meetings are complete

Pride / Pinnacle Report: K. Xiao: Verbal Report:

Nothing to report.

Fellows Report: E. Mount: Verbal Report:

No new nominees submitted their paperwork for this year.

ACTIONS: Fill in your paperwork

Send Eldridge new Fellows nominees for next year

Honored Service Report: M. Spaulding: Verbal Report:

Paperwork for P. Andersen has been submitted

Review meeting is November 14th

Send Mark nominations for next year.

Membership Report: K. Slusarz: Verbal Report:

61 new members
Approximately 300 lapsed members
Current membership is 1762

Long Range Member Services Report B. Morris: Verbal Report:

Report at Winter meeting

Student Chapter Report: T. McHouell: No Report Submitted:

University of Wisconsin students (26) toured at Teel Plastics – Steve to send photo and write-up for Newsletter.

Scholarship Committee: P. Andersen No Report Submitted:

Three candidates – bad paperwork or not qualified

- Ed Steward Scholarship (\$2,500)
- Lew Erwin Scholarship (\$5,000 in 2015 only)
- Russ Gould Scholarship (\$2,500)

Publicize Lew Erwin Scholarship increase to \$5,000 and promote!

K. Larson did send scholarship notice to Professor Robert Speirs at Ferris State University and he is promoting the scholarships to the 280 students in the Polymer Processing program.

ACTION: Monika to contact Olivier and promote scholarships on website

Awards Report M. Spaulding: Verbal Report:

M. Spaulding is putting together a new list for nominations

History Report M. Puhalla: No Report Submitted:

New Business

1. Plastics Race at ANTEC / NPE – Extrusion Division will not sponsor
2. M. Wetzel - National may look at divisions for funds – Need plan and return on funds!
3. Send funds to National Student Activities Fund

Motion: J. Golba motioned to donate \$1,500 to Student Activities National Fund; M. Wetzel seconded; motion carried

4. M. Wetzel brought up possible future Industrial- Academic collaboration project (July 17, 2014 document):
 - a. S. Schick said a standard format for program would be helpful
 - b. Be cautious of legal issues
5. Maria brought up Spanish sessions at NPE – possibly promote SPE at one session

Next Meeting:

**January 15, 2015 (Day after Spalding/Campbell Extrusion session)
Polymer Center of Excellence
Charlotte, NC**

Motion: J. Perdikoulis motioned to adjourn the meeting; D. Smith seconded; motion carried

Meeting adjourned 11:07 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Larson