



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

**Winter 2015 Meeting**  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
Polymers Center of Excellence  
Charlotte, NC  
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Extrusion Division Winter 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance (Board members):**

**PRESENT 11**  
**PHONE 10**  
**ABSENT 7**  
**Guests 0**

**Present**

Karen Xiao  
Joe Golba  
Monika Gneuss  
Tom McHouell  
Jeff Biesenberger  
Kevin Slusarz  
Dan Smith  
David Anzini  
Greg Campbell  
John Wagner  
Mark Spalding

**Phone**

Keith Larson  
Chad Brown  
Mark Wetzel  
Jaime Gomez  
David Bigio  
John Perdikoulis  
Barry Morris  
Paul Andersen  
Mahesh Gupta  
Eldridge Mount

**Absent**

Olivier Catherine  
Charlie Martin  
Adam Dreiblatt  
Jim Callari  
Steve Schick  
Maria Noriega  
Costas Gogos

Karen Xiao opened the regular section of the Board meeting at 9:20AM.

**Elections: J. Biesenberger: Report Submitted:**

Six board members up for re-election in 2015:

Adam Dreiblatt	Costas Gogas	Jim Callari
John Perdikoulis	Mark Wetzel	Paul Andersen

Olivier Catherine in rotation so not up for election.  
Mike Puhalla not running again.  
There are eight available positions.

The following people have expressed an interest in serving on the Board:

Surendra Sugar	Macro Engineering
Narasimharao (Rao) Dontula	W.L. Gore
Alan Farkas	Milacron
Paul Martin	List
Chitai Carey Yang	Mead Westvaco
Al Hodge	Davis-Standard
Patrick Lee	University of Vermont
Amdekar	Celanese
Mark Tate	Gala

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

Revised Fall minutes were sent out November 23<sup>rd</sup> with updated financial info.

**Motion: J. Golba motioned to accept the revised Fall 2014 Meeting Minutes as read; Motion seconded by D. Smith; Motion carried**

Reviewed and updated Action Item list – see separate attachment.

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

As of January 12, 2015, our total net worth is up slightly from the Fall report:

All accounts growing steadily.

NDC paid their 2013 invoice.

Sending out 2015 Sponsorship invoices shortly.

Maintain separate accounts for each scholarship.

**Motion: D. Anzini motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Motion was seconded by J. Golba; Motion carried**

**Finance Committee Report: G. Campbell: Report Submitted:**

As of December 31, 2014 the general fund is up from last report.

Greg and M. Wetzel are working together on the Finance Committee in 2015 and Mark will take over in 2016 when Greg "retires".

**Sponsorship Report: D. Smith: Report Submitted:**

No major activity since last meeting.

Davis-Standard and NDC paid their invoices.

Current sponsor summary:

10 Platinum

1 Gold

1 Silver

EM Mount Technologies has withdrawn as a sponsor.

Sponsorship has been flat since 2013.

**ACTION: Board members need to continue to recruit new sponsors - ongoing.. Dan to follow up with Charlie about memo distribution**

**Newsletter Report: J. Callari: Report Submitted:**

Next newsletter in early March (ANTEC) prior to ANTEC.  
Needs ANTEC matrix for newsletter.  
NEED COPY!!!

**ACTION: Jim needs session matrix for March (ANTEC) edition and copy for Summer edition.**

**Website Report: O. Catherine: No Report Submitted:**

Discussion about new website software and user-friendliness:  
National says website software is easy to use, but needs to be used on a regular basis.  
Need four people to back up Olivier to keep website current.  
Possible training in Orlando by Pedro.  
First priority is making website functional within National SPE guidelines.  
Second priority is classy layout!

**ACTION: K. Xiao to discuss with Olivier.  
Possible training / demo by Pedro at Spring meeting in Orlando.**

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

See above

**Next Generation Advisory Board Efforts: J. Gomez: Written Report:**

“The Plastics Race” at NPE / ANTEC coordinated with SPI – plastics race within the exhibit halls.  
Other activities are also planned during the show.  
Jaime needs questions and answers for The Plastics Race.

**ACTION: Send questions and answers to J. Gomez.**

**Wikipedia Report: J. Wagner: Verbal Report:**

J. Wagner says new part time consultant, Michelle Peiler?, is making progress working program and website.  
Site should be functional by late February. Also documenting process along the way.  
Will end up with four levels of users with varying access privileges.  
Ninety people waiting in the wings to help with content.  
Physical location of actual website to be determined.  
M. Wetzal asked:  
- We be able to manage it in the future.  
- We protect some content for members to increase member value. Open content has less value.  
J. Gomez discussed why it should remain open – requires less resources – hard to maintain content.  
Mark says Wiki monitors site and contact and will edit, even if based on erroneous info – tend to refer to text books only.  
J. Gomez talked to National (Pedro and Tom) and they are looking into assistance from them and the Young Professionals.  
Need to get working again and discuss further in the future.  
Possible demo of new Wiki by Michelle at March meeting in Orlando.  
K. Xiao will help John from the user testing process.

**ACTION: John W. needs two content managers and four helpers**

- Mgr - Kevin Slusarz
- Mgr -
- Helpers
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**ACTION: Mark W. / Jaime G. - Need to figure out control of Wiki under blanket of SPE.**

Video content group will be headed up by D. Bigio, G. Campbell

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

Nothing to report – meeting at ANTEC.

Discussing new “E-member” class - discounted electronic membership with limited access to SPE content – Need to determine what material to protect from the “E-member”.

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

Scholarship information added and By-Laws modified – 9.1.3 and 9.1.4.  
Sponsorship Chair added.

**Motion: G. Campbell motioned to modify the By-Laws; Motion was seconded by J. Biesenberger; Motion carried**

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

One application submitted from Davis-Standard.

Have two others in the works (one from Chad Brown).

Will be reviewed when all information from three candidates is in hand.

Eldridge is helping with, but not running, the committee.

**ANTEC 2015: D. Smith: Verbal Report Submitted:**

28 papers plus tutorials.

Twin screw – six sessions

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

Formed a working group to develop ideas to increase ANTEC participation:

M. Spalding, D. Smith, J. Golba, D. Anzini and G. Campbell

**ACTION: Create working group to increase ANTEC participation.**

**ACTION: Greg and Jaime to discuss future of ANTEC and possible activities with PPS – future in jeopardy without it. Maybe follow model from other groups, i.e. AMIC AL, as suggested by Eldridge.**

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

Dan to follow up to make sure Helmut S., Adam D. and Olivier C. have it planned.

**ACTION: Dan to confirm plans with Helmut and others.**

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

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

Details to follow

Speaker requests by the end of January.

Bio-plastics would also like to be involved

**TopCon Report: D. Bigio: Verbal Report:**

Next TOPCON will be in Milwaukee in March 2016.  
Topic may be Continuous Compounding.  
David coordinating with local contact.

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

None scheduled in near term.  
List of topics for Spring 2015.  
Schedule after ANTEC?  
Mark and Eldridge to review papers for topics.

**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: D. Anzini: Verbal Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Fellows Report: E. Mount: Verbal Report:**

No new nominees submitted their paperwork for this 2014.

Six 2015 nominees need to complete their paperwork:

Paul Andersen	John Christiano
Gary Oliver	John Perdikoulias
Joe Golba	Dan Cykana

New nominations:

Kirk Cantor  
Karen Xiao

**Motion: E. Mount motioned to add Kirk Cantor and Karen Xiao to nomination list; Motion was seconded by J. Perdikoulias; Motion carried**

**ACTIONS: Fill in your paperwork  
Send Eldridge new Fellows nominees for next year**

**Honored Service Report: M. Spaulding: Verbal Report:**

Send Mark nominations for next year (2016).

**Membership Report: K. Slusarz: Verbal Report:**

Current membership is 1717  
38 new members in fourth quarter  
258 lapsed members in 2014

**Long Range Member Services Report B. Morris: Report Submitted:**

Updated list of services provided:

1. Technical programming
2. Publication and communication
3. Awards and Recognition
4. Scholarships
5. Education
6. Social and networking

Review as part of strategic planning action items.

**Student Chapter Report: T. McHouell: Verbal Report:**

Tom H. has list of Student Chapters to use for activities.  
Applications on SPE website.

**Scholarship Committee: P. Andersen: Verbal Report:**

Scholarship info supposed to be on national website soon (Jean).

Applications due March 31, 2015

→ Lew Erwin Scholarship (Increased to \$5,000 in 2015 *only*)

Starting next year (2016?):

- Ed Steward Scholarship (\$2,500)
- Russ Gould Scholarship (\$2,500)

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

Paul will review and report back if we start the Ed Steward and Russ Gould scholarships in 2015 or 2016.

**ACTION: Olivier to promote scholarships on website**

**Awards Report M. Spaulding: Verbal Report:**

Distinguished Achievement:

Gary Oliver  
Jeff Myers  
Dan Cykana  
Tim Womer

Heinz Hermann:

Dan Tynan  
Ron Saxton  
Mark Wetzell  
Joe Golba

NOTE: Paul Andersen requested his name be removed from this list since he is on the board and his employer sponsors the award.

Heinz List:

Leon Jansen  
Costas Tzoganakis  
Lawrence R. Schmidt

**History Report M. Puhalla: No Report Submitted:**

Mark Puhalla is not running for re-election.

Need a new chair – Monika Gneuss volunteered – Thank you!

**New Business**

NJIT Memorial series March 11., 2015 - post on website if possible.

Rick Knittel passed away – Robert Barr notified us – Mention contributions during ANTEDC awards presentation – M. Spalding to include slide in presentation

**Next Meeting:**

**March 22, 2015 (ANTEC)  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, FL  
9:00 – 3:00 PM**

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

Meeting adjourned 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Keith Larson**