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Long term fundamental shifts changed the playing field. What it means to Ohio processors.

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Gathering 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 7:00 p.m.

Reservations by Sept. 8.
Click here to RSVP and/or pre-pay
Include your company affiliation/dietary restrictions.
Greg Kozera is the Director of Marketing for Shale Crescent USA, helping communities to create jobs. Shale Crescent USA is a regional nonprofit economic development marketing and research organization. He is also the President and CEO of Learned Leadership LLC. Greg has worked in the energy industry for over 40 years. He was also an adjunct professor at Pierpont Technical and Community College teaching a leadership course he developed.

Mr. Kozera is a past President of the Virginia Oil and Gas Association, a member and Past President of the Ohio Chapter of the National Speakers Association and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Greg attended West Virginia University for his Engineering BS and after a break of 20 years, he earned his MS in Environmental Engineering from Marshall University. He is a registered professional engineer and has authored four books and numerous technical papers and articles. He is also a regular newspaper and magazine columnist, radio personality as well as a professional speaker. Greg has also been a guest on over 300 radio programs across the United States and Canada including nationally syndicated shows.

Greg is a high school boys’ soccer coach whose team has won 7 West Virginia Boys State Soccer Championships. In 2012, they were ranked 11th in the United States among ALL high schools by CBS sports. He understands the power and importance of TEAM and LEADERSHIP.
Hello local SPE members,

In Northeast Ohio, we believe in recycling and actively practice it!

I was the Akron Section President in 2013-14. Like many other members of the board, I am serving a second term; many of the past presidents have recycled twice or more. Thank you, Joe, for serving a fourth term in 2022-23.

In September, we start off our program this year with a presentation on how US manufacturing is being recycled: “Global Economic Factors Now Favor U.S. Plastic Product Manufacturing over China-Based Operations”. Vinyltec also returns to Akron this October. We have a tentative program for the year, thanks to the efforts of our members, the Cleveland Section and ACESS (details and link on page 6).

This past year, we successfully made a return from COVID to a full and active program. But recovery is not enough. We now need your participation and input to develop a vision for the future: new ideas, new leadership, new communication and outreach to a new generation of professionals. Recycling is sometimes thought of as reusing “old” materials. As it applies to me, I reject the adjective “old”! Please participate with the board and me in building the future of the Akron Section this year.

Best regards,

Dan Jones
President, Akron Section
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Call to Order: In person at Papa Joe Iacomini’s Restaurant. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

Present: Joe Mattingly, Bob Weiler, Larry Stanek, Dan Jones, Sherri Makar Hart, John Fellenstein, RJ Viereckl and Tony Dean (scribe)
Absent: David Schultz, Kevin Malpass, Bob Wegelin, Sahil Gupta and Nicole Fraifogl

Meeting hosted by President Joe Mattingly.
Tony Dean was acting secretary.
Sherri Hart will be new Councilor.
Nicole Fraifogl has informed she will no longer be on BOD- Thank you for all your help and support over the years!!
May 1 minutes approved as written. No discussion.

Technical Program 2022/23—Joe Mattingly / Keith Pelfrey
- Awards Night held on May 22, 2023 at Raintree Golf and Event Center went well. Had 65 attendees and the food was very good. Event cost the Akron Section $300. Dr. Eagan’s talk was a little topo technical for most of the audience. Keith Pelfrey did a nice job as MC. Raintree Golf and Event Center should be the preferred venue for Awards Night in the future.
- September 11, 2023 technical meeting will be held jointly with the Cleveland Section. Venue will be the Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn.

House—Bob Weiler
- Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn very good to work with.
- Larry Stanek and Dakota Spencer will be taking over House duties.

Membership—Kevin Malpass
Sherri for Kevin – No reports.

Treasurer—Bob Weiler
Treasurer’s report submitted to board prior to meeting. Finances in good shape.
- One area of concern – TPE TOPCON profits much lower than anticipated. Probably due to K-Show and Covid.
- VINYLTEC 2023 should do much better per Bob Weiler.

Councilor—Dan Jones
No report.

Student Chapter—RJ Viereckl
- RJ not continuing on as student chapter liaison.
- No student chapter advisor.
- RJ to advise.
- RJ thought that processing session at CWRU was very good.

Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean
- Akron Page of SPE Int’l Website updated with latest meeting announcements and newsletters.
- Five ads for 2023-2024 year placed so far.
- No price increase for ads this year.
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**Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean**  
*continued*  
- Tony Dean contacted Sandra Pejic of Thermo Fisher Scientific, who was at the Poster Session on April 10 about advertising with Akron SPE and Sponsoring/Exhibiting VINYLTEC 2023. Have not heard back. Tony will try again.  
- No pocket calendar will be issued in the 2023-2024 year.

**Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart**  
Summer newsletter has been sent out.

**Website / Social Media—Sherri Makar Hart**  
Jenny and Sherri have kept sites up to date.

**Awards—Keith Pelfrey**  
No report.

**Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey**  
No report.

**Education Committee—John Fellenstein**  
- $8,000 in scholarships given out.  
- No essay contests submitted. Application form on website was updated.  
- Possibility of more scholarships to qualified students. No one has applied.

**Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly**  
Fund doing well even with up and down market. Joe Mattingly will still be chairman. No changes needed.

**Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass**  
No report.

**2023 VINYLTEC—David Schultz**  
Per Tony Dean - Next committee meeting is July 10, 2023. Should have program by then.

**ACCESS Update—David Schultz**  
Per Joe Mattingly - PayPal available for events. Need to eliminate “free” choice on application. Need to fix problems event payments.

**Old Business**  
- Dan Jones will be president for 2023-2024 year.  
- Dan Jones will remain as councilor for time being  
- Bob Weiler will remain as Treasurer thorough October 2023.  
- Still need long term treasurer and councilor.  
- Need to submit Volunteer Roster by June 15, 2023. Tony Dean will do.

**New Business**  
Sherri Makar Hart inquired about funding for robotics program. Joe Mattingly says there has to be plastics or polymer content. Sherri to investigate further.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Next meeting will take place August 28. Dan Jones will advise.
Akron Section Past Presidents

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1990-1991  Geraldine R. Stromquist  2022-2023  Joseph Mattingly

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