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~ Next Session ~

Tuesday – Thursday
October 10-12, 2023

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Meeting Information

A late October session is being finalized and will be posted when ready.

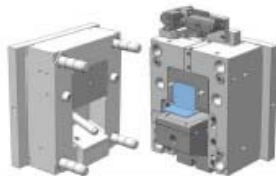
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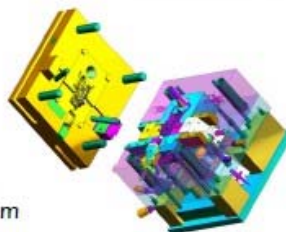
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President's Message

Akron Section members and affiliates,



The new year is off to a great start. Last Monday (September 11), about twenty professionals showed up for the presentation by Greg Kozera of Shale Crescent USA, “Global Economic Factors Now Favor U.S. Plastic Product Manufacturing over China-Based Operations.” For thirty years, I have been saying that Northeast Ohio is the best-kept secret in America (summers on the lakeshore, a great place to raise a family, inexpensive cost of living, etc.). Greg informed us that our area is not just a superlative place to live; it is also a superlative location for plastics manufacturing. Low-cost energy and plastic feedstock (natural gas) coincide with our location central to the eastern United States and Canada and our historic plastic manufacturing skills and knowledge base. The future is ours. Now we need to let the world know. (Send me a request if you would like a copy of the slides from the September 11 presentation).

The Akron SPE has no evening technical meeting scheduled for October because many of our members will be active in the Vinyltec meetings, October 10-12 at the Akron Fairlawn Hilton Hotel. I hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Dan Jones

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Board Meeting Dates

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

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Programs for 2023/24

- Sep. 11 **Global Economic Factors Now Favor US Plastic Product Mfg over China-Based Operations**
Greg Kozera, Shale Crescent USA
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron* *
- Oct. 10-12 **Vinyltec**
Positioning Vinyl for Tomorrow
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron* *
- Nov. 15-16 **Compounding Conference**
-- *Huntington Convention Center - Cleveland* *
- Dec. TBA **Social Event TBA**
-- *Akron* *
- Jan. 10 **ACCESS – Recycling**
Carla McBain
R. Shea Brewery -- Akron *
- Feb. TBA **Tours – being planned**
-- *TBA - Cleveland* *
- Mar. 12 **ACCESS-Stem event**
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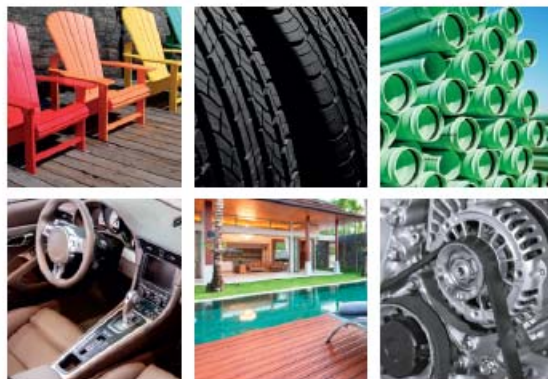


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Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2023

Call to Order: In person at PEAC. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

Present: Dan Jones, Joe Mattingly David Schultz, Larry Stanek, Sherri Makar Hart, Critt Olemacher, Dakota Spencer, John Fellenstein, RJ Viereckl and Arsalaan Pathan

Absent: Bob Weiler, Kevin Malpass, Sahil Gupta, Fred Carter and Tony Dean

Meeting hosted by President Dan Jones

We welcomed Dakota Spencer to BOD and new student PESO representative Arsalaan Pathan

Sherri Hart will be new Councilor

New Treasurer- planned Fred Carter- review and transition in process Sept

Bob Wegelin has informed he will no longer be on BOD- Thank you for all your help and support over the years!!

David Schultz will contact Sahil Gupta

June 13 minutes approved as written. No discussion.

Technical Program 2023/24—David Schultz / Larry Stanek

Program is set with Cleve with exception of a Nov Monday night meeting- Joe suggested a Tour- Americhem- Dave to contact Ryan King- informed possibly 2024.

Larry, Dan and Dave looking into other options for Akron/Cleve- Nov meeting- Lighter than Air Research or Networking meeting with Job Coaches for the mid to later career technical.

September 11, 2023 technical meeting will be held jointly with the Cleveland Section. Venue will be the Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn.

October- Akron- Vinyltec Oct 10-12 Cleve- possibly- 3D Natives – Dave to confirm.

November- Joint Cleve/PlastiVan- Compounding Conf- Nov 15 and 16- Cleve confirmed pricing appears increase to be shared – voted and approved, John F- to confirm PlastiVan interest- yes.

December- Social event- Akron BOD interested -Dave to check with Cleve as to interest and location.

January- Joint meeting ACESS- R Shea's or Bounce- EV Battery – Recycling- Carla McBain- ACESS lead with ACS- Akron.

Feb-April- Cleve Tours and travel in planning stages.

March 12- ACESS- STEM event U of Akron.

House—Larry Stanek

Larry has transitioned along with Dakota Spencer with Bob Weiler.

Larry informs name badges set.

Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn very good to work with. Set for Sept, Oct- Vinyltec.

Membership—Kevin Malpass

Per Sherri, member number now at 169, Sherri to provide summer and early Fall list for BOD members that dropped/expired to make calls and find out details plus will ask for in person follow up.

May consider dropping \$10 fee to align with ASPE?

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

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.

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Councilor—Sherri Makar Hart

No report.

Student Chapter—RJ Vieredel / Arsalaan Pathan

Need to confirm current student Chapter Advisor

Arsalaan introduced himself his interests and tentative plans for year

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

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. No price increase for ads this year.

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. Tony will try again.

No pocket calendar will be issued in the 2023-2024 year.

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

Fall newsletter has been sent out.

Website / Social Media—Sherri Makar Hart

Jenny and Sherri have kept sites up to date. Sherri continues to update FB and Linked In.

Awards—Keith Pelfrey

No report.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

No report.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

Informed checks have been mailed out for Fall.

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.

Meeting of new ED Fdn BOD to be set.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

BOD discussed we need to align added Co-Chair to Committee to align ideas for growth.

2023 VINYLTEC—David Schultz

Next committee meeting is Sept 13, 2023.

Program with Keynotes are now set- entire Program on line.

Sponsors are set for all but Platinum and Primer to date.

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ACCESS Update—David Schultz

Per Joe Mattingly - PayPal available for events. Have added Dietary restrictions plus Company.
Joe to inform of strange response when paid via PayPal online.

Old Business

Dan Jones will be president for 2023-2024 year.

Sherri Hart new councilor.

Bob Weiler will remain as Treasurer thorough October 2023.

Fred Carter taking over treasurer.

Joe reviewed location of ASPE Equipment.

Laptop- Dan Jones will provide to new Treasurer.

Projector- new- Keith Pelfrey, old Joe.

Screen – old U of Akron, new John Fellenstein will get a new one purchased approval from U of Akron.

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.

Joe informs he has made new contacts at Goodyear and will align with ASPE and ACCESS for STEM events and Scholarshops

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will take place October 2. Dan Jones will advise parking details.



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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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