



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

Friday, October 23, 2009

Penn College of Technology, Williamsport, PA
8:36 AM – 12:05 PM

Extrusion Division Minutes

Present:

Dave Anzini	Charlie Martin	Mike Puhalla	Keith Larson
Steve Derezinski	John Wagner	Michelle Curenton	Karen Xiao
Joe Golba	Tim Womer	Barry Morris	Eldridge Mount
Helmut Schildknecht	David Bigio		

Via Telephone:

Mark Spalding	Jeff Myers	Jeff Biesenberger	Bill Karszes
Mahesh Gupta			

Absent: Gary Oliver, Russ Gould, John Perdikoulis, Dan Cykana, Paul Andersen, Steve Schick, Mark Wetzel, John Christiano, Greg Campbell, Tom McHouell

Meeting Called to Order at 8:36 am by Charlie Martin

Opening Remarks: C. Martin:

- Welcome to one of our new members, Karen Xiao. Karen introduced herself to the Board

Secretary's Report: D. Anzini, Minutes Submitted:

- Web version of Minutes posted to web site by S. Derezinski
- Question – Should we review Action Items from the previous meeting? - tabled

Motion: B. Morris, to accept the Minutes as presented; Motion seconded by D. Bigio; Motion Carried

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

- Our combined net worth continues to rebound with the general economy. The Extrusion Division remains solvent and able to meet its obligations
- Ongoing issues
 - No Newsletter printing expenses now that it is electronic
 - No Rebate income
- Most of the sponsor income from the recent Minitech is in – we will have a surplus from this Minitech
- Surplus from the ANTEC 09 awards reception was placed into Lew Erwin Fund

Motion: E. Mount, to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted; Motion seconded by M. Puhalla; Motion Carried

Motion: J. Wagner, to amend ByLaws section 9.1.1.1; D. Bigio seconded. Current wording:

“Budget Item - The Board will use a Budget line item of \$2000.00 for the Lew Erwin Scholarship Fund to achieve or maintain a level of \$50,000.00 in the[Lew Erwin] fund”

Proposed wording of 9.1.1.1 in Motion:

“Budget Item - The Board will use a Budget line item of \$5000.00 for the Lew Erwin Scholarship Fund to achieve or maintain a level of \$150,000.00 in the[Lew Erwin] fund”

Discussion of Motion:

- Question – what is the proper procedure to amend the ByLaws in this case?
 - Review of ByLaws Section 11
- B. Morris – The money in the Lew Erwin fund is earmarked for scholarships only; if we wanted to do different things with the money, shouldn't there be a different fund?
- E. Mount – Not many students join SPE after leaving their Student Chapters in the universities. Should we look at other places to use the money, such as the factories?
- Motion as stated is specific to the scholarship discussion
- E. Mount – Would like to see more information on student pull through
- T. Womer – SPE Foundation offers scholarships; maybe we should work with them to supply other grants
- D. Bigio – Call / restate the Motion

Motion: E. Mount, to amend the original Motion, changing the \$150,000 to \$100,000; M. Curenton second

Vote on Amendment: Sixteen(16) Yea; Three(3) Nay; Amendment to Motion accepted

Ruling by the Chair: This change to the ByLaws is not considered significant; therefore, the vote will be binding at this meeting, and it will NOT require being revisited at the next scheduled BOD Meeting.

Amended Motion:

“Budget Item - The Board will use a Budget line item of \$5000.00 for the Lew Erwin Scholarship Fund to achieve or maintain a level of \$100,000.00 in the[Lew Erwin] fund”

Vote on Amended Motion: Sixteen(16) Yea; Three(3) Nay; Amended Motion carried

Action Item: D. Anzini to amend ByLaws to reflect change to 9.1.1.1 as approved by the Board

- Question remains – What can we do for the rest of the Industry?

TOPCON: D. Bigio: Report Submitted:

- Currently in conversation with Charlotte Section for a TOPCON in Fall 2010
 - Target site would be the Polymer Center for Excellence
 - Estimated budget given; assumes 90 attendees @ \$425; a 2 day event
- Need conference topics – ideas:
 - In-line concept
 - Bio-Based / Nano materials
 - Single vs. Twin Screw fundamentals
- Volunteers for TOPCON – E. Mount; J. Golba; K. Larson
- C. Martin – suggest we view this as a Mini-TOPCON; a conservative, low risk venture since PCE would be the host venue

Motion: D. Bigio moves that the BOD support a Fall 2010 TOPCON with the Polymer Center for Excellence; E. Mount second; Motion Carried

Councilor's Report: M. Spalding for G. Campbell: No Report

- Report on 10/22-24/09 meeting at Winter Meeting

Finance Committee: M. Spalding for G. Campbell: Report Submitted:

- Advise that no expenditures be considered until the economy clears up

Newsletter: C. Martin for G. Oliver:

- Have preliminary copy for next newsletter
- M. Spalding – send copy to Gary
 - Need Best Paper copy

Extrusion Wiki: M. Curenton: Verbal Report :

- Still adding content
- Best Papers are taking some time to get into Wiki; should be done by next BOD Meeting
 - Abstracts have been added with a link to the paper
 - Site is searchable on the Abstracts
- Question – Can we include ALL papers on the Wiki, identifying their source?
- Discussion – ALL papers may not fly; will need permission form SPE
 - Suggestion – put up abstracts with hook to SPE site for members to access full papers
- Also looking at putting technical content from MiniTechs and TOPCONS on the Wiki
- Can we put ExtDiv History on Wiki – Yes
- Comment – Wiki is free form, so any content we want to add can go on the Wiki – *with discretion*
- B. Morris – method of contribution – send to M. Curenton, who will review prior to addition to the Wiki
 - M. Curenton will need help to review and police the submissions
- Can we allow others to post content?

- C. Martin – Open up the Wiki and review what gets posted – start with SPE members only

Web Site Report: S. Derezhinski: Report Submitted:

- 90,000 requests per quarter seems to be holding steady
 - We should push these statistics with our sponsors
- Added announcement for new interest group
- Question – Should we have a link to the Extrusion Division ByLaws?
- Discussion – ByLaws are a public document; no issue to publish
 - Decision – go ahead and post ByLaws
- C. Martin comment – we have made our first Industry Press Releases, dealing with Awards and the Wiki. This is a first for the Extrusion Division. Sixty members of the press received the information and we have already gotten some feedback

Lew Erwin Scholarship: P. Andersen: No Report:

- No further discussion at this time

By-Laws: D. Anzini: Verbal Report:

Action Item: D. Anzini to amend By-Laws and distribute approved revisions to the Board

2010 ANTEC: B. Morris: Report Submitted:

- 54 abstracts have been submitted, although abstracts are optional
- November 13 – Paper Deadline
 - Full list of papers will be distributed after the 13th
- Contact Barry if you want to be a paper or a Moderator
- Paper review is 12/4; to take place either electronically or in Wilmington, DE
- There will be a joint session with Flexible Packaging Division
- Also doing commercial papers again this year

Wine and Cheese Reception: No Report:

Pride / Pinnacle: C. Martin for M. Wetzel: Verbal Report:

- Sent last year's report / tips to M. Wetzel
- Have until end of 2009 to get all information in to SPE

MiniTech: C. Martin: Verbal Report:

- We had 50+ paid attendees; 8-10 sponsors; 10-20 students at Penn College of Technology event
- The venue was good and we kept costs contained
- Nice interaction with the students
- Penn College also kindly provided Extrusion Division with the meeting room and catering for the BOD Meeting
- T. Womer – we are welcome to come back!

Fellows: E. Mount: Report Submitted:

- Last year had one candidate accepted; one rejected for Fellows
 - Rejected candidate needs to be re-submitted
- New nominee – Steve Orroth
 - Sponsor statements will need to be edited

Motion: E. Mount, that the BOD sponsor Steve Orroth as a Fellows candidate; T. Womer second; Motion Carried

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

- Check the draft submitted and send any corrections to Barry

History: M. Puhalla: Report Submitted:

- Check the draft submitted and send any corrections to Mike

Student Chapter: M. Gupta: Report Submitted:

- Three proposals for \$500 funding have been received
 - U. of North Texas
 - Texas A&M
 - U. of Akron
- Suggestion that U. of North Texas submit a list of parts needed; Mahesh can determine if it is a worthy request

Motion: M. Gupta, to fund the three university proposals at \$500 each; J. Golba second; Motion Carried

Action Item – M. Gupta to send information for check dispersal to J. Wagner

- B. Morris to send M. Gupta a list of student authored paper submissions for ANTEC to Mahesh so that he can contact them for Student Fund application
- C. Martin – please keep K. Cantor and T. Westin in the information loop

Elections: J. Myers: Verbal Report:

- Ten members will be up for re-election in 2010:
 - J. Golba (will run)
 - J. Biesenberger (check status)
 - R. Gould (check status)
 - B. Karszes (will run)
 - K. Larson (will run)
 - E. Mount (will run)
 - M. Gupta (will run)
 - J. Christiano (will run)
 - B. Morris (in rotation)
 - H. Schildknecht (will run)
- All candidates – need biography by January 2010
- Ballots will be put together in February 2010
- An e-mail blast soliciting candidates will go out with Tricia McKnight's assistance

New Business: All:

- M. Curenton – is a member of the Next Generation Advisory Board
 - How do we get younger members into SPE?
- Suggestions
 - Look at referral service or fee discount
 - Gift card for a referral
 - SPE trinkets as giveaways
 - Books as rewards

Next Meeting:

Place: Salon 1, Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned – 12:05 pm EDT

Respectfully Submitted

David Anzini