



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

Friday, May 15, 2009

Delta Hotel, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
8:00 AM – 11:08 AM

Extrusion Division Minutes

Present:

John Christiano	John Wagner	Paul Andersen	Charlie Martin
Michelle Curenton	Mike Puhalla	Dan Cykana	Steve Derezinski
John Perdikoulis			

Visitor:

Wendell Whipple – Davis Standard

Via Telephone:

Dave Anzini	David Bigio	Joe Golba	Mark Spalding
Steve Schick	Mahesh Gupta	William Karzes	Jeff Myers
Russ Gould	Greg Campbell	Barry Morris	Keith Larson

Absent: Gary Oliver, Jeff Biesenberger, Eldridge Mount, Mark Wetzell, Tim Womer

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 am by John Christiano

Opening Remarks: J. Christiano:

- The MiniTech in Toronto was well attended; a good event

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

- Discussion – Going forward, Chairman/Secretary/Webmaster responsible for web site version of Minutes
Action Item: D. Anzini to add the above duty for the Web Site Minutes to the ByLaws
Motion: G. Campbell, to accept the Minutes as presented; Motion seconded by S. Derezinski; Motion Carried

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

- Our combined net worth is rebounding with the general economy. The Extrusion Division remains solvent and able to meet its obligations
- Ongoing issues – No Newsletter expenses; no Sponsor income
 - Sponsors for Awards have paid
- Discussion – Do we move \$5,000.00 from General Fund to Lew Erwin Fund as we have in the past?
Motion: J. Wagner, to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to Lew Erwin Fund; Motion seconded; Motion Passes 13 to 6
Motion: D. Cykana, to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted; Motion seconded; Motion Carried
Action Item: G. Campbell to poll everyone on their vision for Lew Erwin going forward

Finance Committee: G. Campbell: Report Submitted:

- The Market is starting to straighten out with our accounts outperforming the Market Average
- The Society is being impacted by the economy as we all are; outlook is that there will be no future Rebate income
- Suggestion – stimulate more interest at the University level by funding a competition

Councilor's Report: G. Campbell: Report Submitted:

- Next Council meeting will be held in Chicago
- The Society needs more involvement from Gen X & Y – question is How?
- Efforts continue to reorganize the Council; currently there is duplicate representation
- No activity requiring the Hardship Fund
- P. Andersen – membership is still dropping, but the rate of decline has slowed

Elections: J. Myers: Verbal Report:

- Results from electronic voting came in late:
 - Polls opened 4/27/09; closed 5/13/09
 - 2193 out of 2213 e-mails were delivered
- Election results:
 1. Paul Andersen
 2. Steve Derezinski
 3. Gary Oliver
 4. Karen Xiao
 5. Michelle Curenton
 6. John Perdikoulis
 7. Steve Schick
 8. Mike Puhalla – 2 year term
 9. Helmut Schildknecht – 1 year term

Action Items: J. Christiano / J. Myers to perform a post-election review of the process

Newsletter Report: J. Christiano for G. Oliver: Verbal Report:

- Costs for a printed Newsletter at ANTEC would be too high to implement
- An electronic Newsletter is in the works for ANTEC – goal is early June completion

Action Items: ALL – send copy

New Projects – Extrusion Solutions Wiki: M. Curenton: Verbal Report:

- Wiki has had 6500 hits over the last 30 days
- Best Papers are complete on Wiki, but all are not in HTML
- Consultants Corner 95% done
- SPE has talked about a press release for the Wiki; decision to publicize this ourselves

**Action Items: M. Spalding to send 1977 – 1995 Best Papers to Michelle
Michelle to work on an e-mail blast publicizing the Wiki**

Web Site Report: S. Derezinski: Report Submitted:

- The number of hits on the site has plateaued
- Most popular items – Paper of the Month; Newsletters
- Extrusion Division Business Meeting will be advertised on site prior to ANTEC

Action Items: ALL – send new copy to add to the Web Site

2009 ANTEC: M. Wetzel: Report Submitted:

- Session matrix draft has been submitted

Action Item: M. Spalding to send updated session matrix to J. Christiano

Awards: J. Christiano for G. Oliver: Verbal Report:

- All preparations are complete for ANTEC

Lew Erwin Scholarship: P. Andersen: Verbal Report:

- Received applications from Akron; U North Texas; UMass Amherst; UMass Lowell; U Wisconsin
- Winner – Laurie Holmes, (Tim Osswald advisor)
 - Laurie is a mother of 3 working on her PhD
- Mahesh to act as Paul's backup if he cannot make the presentation

Action Item: P. Andersen to talk to G. Oliver about a small plaque for Laurie

Wine and Cheese Reception: B. Morris: Report Submitted:

- Reception will be at 5:00pm on Monday night of ANTEC, in the same room as the Fellows Forum
- Nine sponsors at the reduced rate of \$250 have signed up
 - Sponsor slides will be needed by 6/1/09

- PPI is co-sponsoring the reception; all Fellows of the Society have been invited
 - To date, 38 Fellows have confirmed that they will attend the reception

By-Laws: D. Anzini: Verbal Report:

- Summer Meeting is time for review of ByLaws and any proposed changes
Action Item: Discussion this Summer reviewing the electronic Election Process

Seminars: D. Cykana: Verbal Report:

- Seminar attendance is still down

International: D. Cykana: Verbal Report:

- No report

Pride / Pinnacle: C.Martin: Verbal Report:

- J. Christiano – Charlie did a nice job attaining Gold status for Extrusion Division
 - Good communication contributed to this result

Education(MiniTech): C. Martin: Verbal Report:

- MiniTech in Toronto May 14th results:
 - 35 registered; 55 in attendance
 - 13 presentations
- Contact at Ontario Section has been very helpful
- Next Up – Penn College, Williamsport, PA, has contacted us about a MiniTech. Need to think about this prior to a commitment one way or the other

Action Item: C. Martin to talk to Kirk Cantor from Penn College while at NPE

Fellows: E.Mount: Report Submitted:

- Evan Mitsioulus approved for Fellow
- Eldridge to work on several nominees who still need to finish their paperwork

Honored Service: Dan Cykana: Verbal Report:

- Jim Nangeroni paperwork is in process

Membership: M. Wetzel: No Report:

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

- No Activity

Student Chapter: M. Gupta: Report Submitted:

- A check of \$500 from the Student Chapter Activity fund was sent to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for arranging a seminar series for graduate students
 - A report has been requested from RPI
- In August, a letter and a flier will be sent to about 60 universities soliciting proposals for the Student Chapter Activity Fund and Lew Erwin Memorial Scholarship
 - Fliers will also be distributed at ANTEC

History: No Report

Tech Focus Groups: D. Bigio: Verbal Report:

- J. Christiano – Focus groups need to be revisited; need some new ideas.
 - Discuss during Summer Meeting

New Business: All:

Motion: J. Wagner – make a \$1000.00 contribution to National for student travel to ANTEC; Motion seconded; Motion Carried

Action Item: M. Gupta to get student contact information for those students presenting during Extrusion Division sessions

- J. Myers Question – Has anyone had issues registering for ANTEC?
 - If you had problems, contact Leslie Kyle

Action Item: D. Anzini to send out membership roster to BOD for review and update

- D. Cykana has asked that the Action Items in the Minutes be carried forward for review if they are not completed
 - Suggested that the Chairman review the Action Items

Next Meeting: C. Martin begins his term as Chair:

Place: Mystic Hilton, Mystic, CT

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2009

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned – 11:08 am EDT

Respectfully Submitted

David Anzini