



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

**Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**Salon 1, Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX  
1:02 PM – 3:34 PM**

**Extrusion Division Minutes**

**Present:**

Dave Anzini	Charlie Martin	Gary Oliver	Karen Xiao
Barry Morris	Paul Andersen	John Wagner	John Perdikoulis
Helmut Schildknecht	Steve Schick	Mark Spalding	Steve Derezinski
Guest: Gail Bristol			

**Via Telephone:**

Greg Campbell	David Bigio	Jeff Biesenberger	Mike Puhalla
Mahesh Gupta	Tom McHouell	John Christiano	Eldridge Mount
Dan Cykana	Joe Golba	Michelle Curenton	

**Absent:** Russ Gould, Mark Wetzel, Jeff Myers, Bill Karszes, Tim Womer, Keith Larson

**Meeting Called to Order at 1:02 pm by Charlie Martin**

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

**Motion: To accept the Minutes as presented; Motion seconded; Motion Carried**

**TOPCON: D. Bigio: Report Submitted:**

- SPE has approved a Compounding TOPCON for November 11 – 12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday/Thursday) in Fall 2010
  - Location would be the Polymer Center for Excellence, Charlotte
- Logistics
  - PCE will take care of the site and facilities
    - NOTE – no block of hotel rooms has been reserved
  - Extrusion Division will provide the Program
  - SPE(Lesly Kyle) will provide the advertising
- E. Mount; J. Golba; K. Larson are organizing the program
  - Conference agenda will include multiple compounding topics
- There will only be eight table tops available at this venue; need to re-think pricing
- C. Martin – Question – with all the activities scheduled for October 2010 should we consider other dates?

**Action Item: D. Bigio to check with Lesly Kyle regarding the dates for this event**

**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
- The MiniTech resulted in a profit of approximately \$2900
- The check for \$500 disbursed to North Texas University has not been cashed

**Action Item: J. Wagner to verify check is still outstanding; M. Gupta to follow up with N. Texas U.**

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

- The Market continues to oscillate with no sign of a change any time soon
- Suggest that it would be prudent to curtail expenditures until the economy clears up
- SPE is still in discussion on Rebate potential

**Sponsorship Report: S. Schick: Report Submitted:**

- E-mail blast on sponsorship has gone out; would like to follow up with a second
- New template for sponsorship – format has been well received
  - Platinum / Gold / Silver / Bronze levels
  - Integrated into 3 venues – Newsletter / Web Site / Wiki
- Action Item: S. Schick to send copy of banners as put together for sponsors to Board**
- Thanks to all involved for the significant effort to revamp Sponsorship

**Newsletter: G. Oliver: Verbal Report:**

- The Newsletter is ready to go – just need the banner ads formatted
  - Need 15 banners for the next newsletter
- Action Item: S. Schick to send to Gary by mid-March**
- G. Campbell – can something be put into the Newsletter regarding SPE Member-Get-A-Member program?  
**Action Item: J. Wagner to send pictures to Gary for the TOPCON**
- Discussion – H. Schildknecht – should we add a feature to the Newsletter where a question is submitted and we solicit answers?
  - Perhaps this feature would be better on the Web Site

**Extrusion Wiki: M. Curenton: Verbal Report :**

- No progress since last report
- Links to sponsors will be finished shortly
- .pdf of papers with searchable abstracts in process
- Action Item: M. Spalding to send Best Papers that are missing to Michelle; she will let Mark know what is missing**
- Action Item: S. Schick to send current ads to Michelle**

**Web Site Report: S. Derezinski: Report Submitted:**

- The site continues to function well
- ByLaws page has been added
- The Meeting Minutes page has been updated
- Paper of the Month feature continues to be popular
- Action Item: S. Derezinski to add Question of the Month to the web site**

**Awards: G. Oliver: Report Submitted:**

- Four Awards voted on
  - Question – should we consider amending ByLaws to reflect Award criteria as they exist today?
- Voting conducted; J. Wagner conducted the count
- Results:

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Recipient</u></b>	<b><u>Contact Person</u></b>
Achievement	Jim Frankland	M. Puhalla
Bruce Maddoock	Joe Dooley	M. Spalding
Heinz Hermann	Martin Ulrich	P. Andersen
Heinz List	Marino Xanthos	H. Schildknecht

**Lew Erwin Scholarship: P. Andersen: Verbal Report:**

- Applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Have at least five applications in the queue
- M. Spalding and M. Gupta to work with P. Andersen to determine scholarship recipient
  - Goal is to meet during the first week in March

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

- Budget is finally coming into line, with a small surplus at SPE at the end of 2009

- Six Fellows candidates are up for consideration; no results have been announced yet
- The Student Project proposal has been well received – no response to the request at this time
- Work on change to the Council’s structure is progressing slowly
- On 2/19 the first Virtual Council Meeting was held. It was well received as a cost saving measure. The meeting cost \$7,000 vs. \$20,000 plus travel expenses for a standard meeting

**Seminars: D. Cykana: Report Submitted:**

- Seminar interest is still tracking with the economy
- Twelve seminars will be offered at ANTEC; four will be on Extrusion topics
- Looking for new and unique topics for seminars
  - Send suggestions to D. Cykana / Lesly Kyle
  - Question – would M. Spalding consider a Troubleshooting Seminar?

**International(Strategic Growth): D. Cykana: Verbal Report:**

- Donna Davis has been tied up with ANTEC which has slowed progress with the Strategic Growth Group
  - Expect to jump start the process at ANTEC

**2010 ANTEC: B. Morris: Verbal Report:**

- ANTEC registration is now open
- Conference sessions take place May 17 – 19 2010
- Extrusion will have 54 papers organized into 9 sessions
  - Two sessions will be on Hot Melt Extrusion
    - NJIT assisted on these sessions
  - Thanks to all paper reviewers
- M. Curenton to take care of Ballots for ANTEC
- Question – do we want/need certificates for paper presenters?
  - C. Martin can get certificates printed, but he will need an accurate list my May 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Board Meeting that is traditionally held during ANTEC will take place on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Orlando
  - Plan to meet 1 pm to 5 pm, meeting room TBD

**Wine and Cheese Reception: M. Curenton: Verbal Report:**

- Michelle has spoken to Lesly Kyle – room assignments are not complete at this time
- Need to send out a promo to solicit sponsors for the reception

**Action Item: S. Schick to send out promo blast Wine and Cheese sponsors**

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

- Extrusion Division got the Gold Award this year
- Next year B. Morris will be responsible for Pride/Pinnacle

**Education: C. Martin: Verbal Report:**

- Due to the TOPCON this Fall, we are looking at our next MiniTech taking place in 2011
  - P. Andersen suggested the Winter 2011 Board Meeting timeframe
- C. Martin – start thinking about potential venues similar to Penn College for the next MiniTech

**Fellows: E. Mount: Report Submitted:**

- One candidate is up for review this year – Steve Orroth
  - Do not know results of vote at Council yet
- Several new candidates with completed paperwork will be presented next year

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

- 2010 results were not available at this time
- Looking ahead to 2011 nominate Dan Cykana and possibly Greg Campbell for award

**Membership: C. Martin for M. Wetzel: Verbal Report:**

- P. Andersen – we need to work on the Member-Get-A-Member program to build membership back up

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

- Send any updates to Barry

**Student Chapter: M. Gupta: Report Submitted:**

- Sixty Five letters were sent out with no requests for funding received
- No requests have been received for travel funds to attend ANTEC
- Mahesh requested that the Board consider funding the student group at Michigan Tech for a trip

**Motion: G. Oliver, to fund Michigan Tech request for \$500 to fund a trip; S. Schick second; Motion Carried**  
**Action Item – B. Morris to send information on student travel at ANTEC**

**History: M. Puhalla: Verbal Report:**

- Updates will be presented at ANTEC

**Elections: C. Martin for J. Myers: Verbal Report:**

- Ballots need to be sent out shortly
- Any further nominations must be sent to Jeff Myers ASAP

**Action Item – C. Martin to review Elections with J. Myers**

**New Business: All:**

- G. Oliver – asks that another Board member take over duties as the Awards Chair
  - H. Schildknecht would consider stepping into the job
  - J. Golba interested in co-Chairing

**Action Item – Decision on Awards Chairmanship to be made at next Board Meeting during ANTEC**

**Next Meeting:**

**Place:** ANTEC, Orlando, Florida

**Date:** Sunday, May 16, 2010

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Motion: J. Wagner, to adjourn meeting; M. Spalding second; Motion Carried**

**Meeting Adjourned – 3:34 pm CST**

Respectfully Submitted

**David Anzini**