# Polymer Valley News

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 48th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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## **Technical Meeting**

Monday, February 19, 2007 5:30 p.m.

## **Martin University Center**

105 Fir Hill Street

East Side of University of Akron Campus

The Future for Polymer Nanocomposites By Dr. Lloyd A. Goettler The University of Akron

This presentation will review recent progress in the development and the prospects for growth of polymeric materials containing nanoscale inclusions to provide property enhancement. While known for two decades, layered silicate nanocomposites are finally becoming commercialized in significant volumes for applications in automotive body parts (for mechanical performance), food packaging (for permeation barrier) and wire and cable insulation (for flame retardancy). Other specialized application arenas (electronic, optical, biological and medical) and specialized nanoscale components, such as carbon-based nanotubes, graphene platelets and silica networks are also beginning to appear in the marketplace. This technology is projected to continue developing along classical pathways, bringing with it sociological and ethical concerns that must also be addressed.

### Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member	\$25.00
Guests brought by Mem	ber \$15.00
Retiree	\$20.00
Student	\$10.00
New Members	No Charge
Socializing	5:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner	6:15 p.m.
Technical presentation	7:00 p.m.

Email Cameron Fraser on or before Feb. 15 - cfraser@uakron.edu



Next meeting – Mar. 19, 2007

➤ Board meeting – Feb. 5, 2007, 5:15 p.m., Polymer Eng. Center

See page 3 for Dr. Goettler's biography





#### Dear SPE members

SPE is here to help you develop your future, too. Our monthly technical meetings allow those ambitious people to excel in knowledge vs. their peers and to provide their employers with employees that want to help their companies stay in business and succeed in these tough times where jobs are being lost because we are no longer competitive in our fields. Therefore, I encourage all of you to attend our meetings regularly and improve your knowledge to keep you competitive and employed.

02/19/07	Monday	The Future of Nanocomposites	Lloyd Goettler
		2007 SPE ANTEC Plenary Speech	
03/19/07	Monday	Vendor's NightInjection Molding	
04/16/07	Monday	Bio Engineering with Polymers	CWSU Forward Medical
05/21/07	Monday	Awards Night	Akron Area Students

You can also find everything on our web site: http://www.akronspe.org/ Akron SPE board meetings are held at: 5:15 PM at Polymer Engineering and Academic Center Akron University: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2 and May 1.

Hope to see you soon.

John Woodside President. Akron Section 2006-2007









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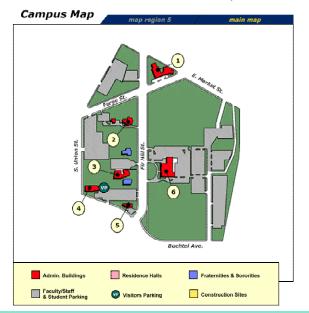
## **Map to Martin University Center**

## 105 Fir Hill Street Akron, Ohio

**Directions:** Exit Ohio 8 at Buchtel Street (between Central Interchange with I-76/ I-77 and the high bridge). Go West one block to Fir Hill and turn North. Parking lot is on the north side of Martin University Center.

If the ramp from 76/77 to Route 8 is still closed, traffic from the West should use the Route 59 detour, exit at Cascade Plaza and come up Mill Street past the APTC to Forge and then Fir Hill.

You may zoom in



## Dr. Lloyd A. Goettler Biography of Speaker

Interim Assistant to the Dean for Distributive Education and head of the Akron Global Polymer Academy

Former Professor of Polymer Engineering and Director of the Institute of Polymer Engineering

College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

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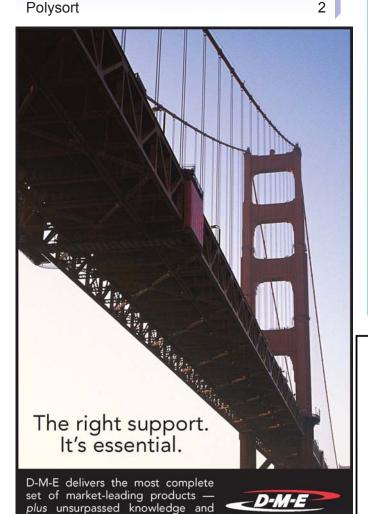
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#### Councilor's Corner

Hello from your Akron SPE councilor! I just returned from the fall meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina.

The main business accomplished was election of the national officers for the upcoming year. President-elect will be William J.J. O'Connell. Paul Anderson won for Senior Vice President. James Griffing won for Vice President, Divisions. Our friend from Pittsburgh, Dick Cameron, won for Chair for the C.O.W. committee.

The highlights of the section meeting were mainly around discussions on regionalization. Three "new" sections were formed from mergers of other sections. We also voted on 15 potential activities for council and sections over topics such as changing the current proxy system, regionalization, rebate changes, etc.

During the main council meeting there were several interesting presentations. The treasurer reported that SPE finished the year in the black but short of budget. The shortfall was mainly due to a lower than anticipated Antec attendance and the advertising revenues from Plastics Engineering were also lower than expected. Vickie Flaris current President-elect and soon to be President gave the operating plan for the upcoming year. Gail Bristol presented a summary of activities of the SPE foundation. I will write a more detailed report for next month's newsletter. Thank you!

J.E. Pfeiffer, Councilor



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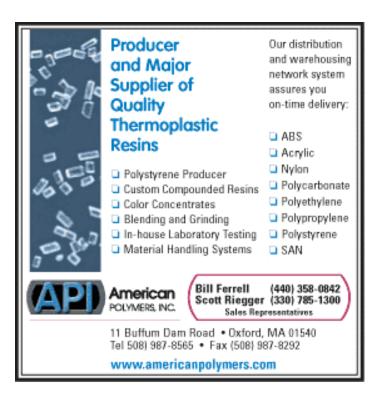
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## Technical Assistance Initiated On Akron SPE Web Site

Do you have a technical question on plastics, polymers, rubbers, etc. Our web site now has a place where you can detail your question and the Akron SPE Board will use their collective knowledge and resources to answer your questions. Check it out at www.akronspe.org. If you post a question we will post it in the following newsletter along with the answer.



## **Akron Section SPE Past Presidents**

46 years of excellence

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1980-1981	Kathleen N. Bechter	2003-2004	Robert Wegelin
1981-1982	Victor E. Giuffrida	2004-2005	Joe Mattingly
		2005-2006	Lloyd Goettler

## **Programs for 2006 / 2007**

Sept. 18	Latest Advances in Engineering Thermoplastics Bob Moran, GE Plastics Martin Center	Jan. 22	Mini-Symposium: Is PVC Dying?  Dan Kickel, PolyOne;  Allan Marshall, Omnova;  Lee Pfaffle, A.Schulman  Guy's Party Center
Oct. 16	Presentation and Tour of Kent		
	State Liquid Crystal Institute	Feb. 19	The Future for Polymer Nanocomposites
	Dr. Philip J. Bos, LCI Associate Dir.		Lloyd Goettler, Akron U
	Kent State Student Union		Martin Center
Oct. 23-24	EPSDIV / Akron SPE	Mar. 19	Molders Night –
	TOPCON: Recent Advances in		Global Competitiveness
	Organic and Polymer Display		Bob Beesley, Design Molded Prod.;
	Technologies		Andy Moock, Alpha Security Prod.;
	Akron University		Jerry Graf, DLH Ind.
	•		Guy's Party Center
Nov. 20	<b>Latest Advances in Twin-Screw</b>		
	Compounding Extruders	Apr. 16	<b>Bio-Engineering with Polymers</b>
	Paul Andersen, Coperion	-	Tony Walder, Noveon Thermedics;
	Guy's Party Center		Larry Johnson, Foster;
			Judit Puskas, Akron U
Dec. 14	Holiday Party (bring significant other)		Martin Center
	Christmas Special - For the Ladies;		
	Deck the Halls; Madrigals	May 21	Awards Night TBA
	Stan Hywet	-	-
	•	May 18	Spring Golf Outing - with Cleveland
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## **Membership Report – December, 2006**

•Akron had 4 new members join in December. Our membership number is at **399**. See list below for new members. We also had two members transfer into our section, and one transfer out, and nine membership renewals

#### **Membership News from National**

•National news, total membership is at 19146. Variance from 2005 is (587).

Membership chair, Joe Mattingly

**New Members** - Say "hello and thanks for joining" if you know the following people.

Gregory Costantino, Delphi Mike Crawford Christopher J Fagouri, Ciba Specialty Chemicals Richard Keeley



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## Minutes of Board Meeting – January 8, 2007

Call to Order: 5:15 PM at Polymer Engineering and Academic Center

**Present:** Dave Schultz, Lloyd Goettler, Kaan Gunes, Reza Sadeghi, Cameron Fraser, Vivian Malpass, Gary Taylor and Joe Pfeiffer

Absent - Josh Wong, Sadhan Jana, Kevin Malpass, Amruth Puttarudraiah, Joe Mattingly, Bob Wegelin, Sylvain Seif, Gary Taylor, Hemant Thakkar, Tony Dean and John Woodside

We welcomed Visitor Carin Helfer to our Board Meeting from AGPA- Akron Global Polymer Academy.

**Minutes:** December minutes were officially approved. Confirmed that no more Action needed to be taken re joint SPE/Rubber Div. Meeting on TPE- Must be no conflict in dates.

**Reminder:** All Committees that have Sequence of Events have been urged to supply John Woodside with that sequence to allow for follow-up currently and smooth transitions in the future.

**Key Action:** Still need to have in place a Program Chair for 2007-08. Viv has made contact with current Board Members.

**President:** Lloyd was acting Chair in absence of John Woodside. Lloyd introduced Carin Helfer to our Board.

**Past President:** Lloyd reported that ACESS has suggested we host their multi-society meeting in April this year. This is excellent and brings an opportunity to have a much wider audience learn about SPE. More details soon.

- 1. ACESS also will soon have instituted, at our request, a broader sharing of each other's schedules for meetings- already set with a page hosted by Kent State.
- 2. Hemant most recently suggested there should be a broader polymer content in Science Fairs- have now discovered two key situations- first many schools middle and high need to learn what polymers are- very surprising and second-timing is critical- need to request April 2007 for 2008.
- 3. Dr George Newkome- Univ of Akron encouraging Polymers within Science content using Ohio funding. Need to see where SPE can help.
- 4. Lloyd reported that ACS- Akron now funnels a large amount of monies for named Scholarship through ACESS. Plan to look into for future.

Need to reconvene and review status of Award Meeting for 2007-08.

Special Presentation-AGPA: Carin provided us with her background including Chemical Engineering – Case and Goodyear Tire Engineering along with recent PhD Univ of Akron – Polymer and post doc work. She has a passion to help schools locally and nationally using latest technology- internet and hands on learning to teach about polymers. The local aim is to satisfy education requirements for K-12 for Summit, Stark and Portage Counties both Public and Private Schools. Currently provide Summer workshops- 2 weeks and soon will provide one Day In- Service. She wondered with the wide range of educational activities of Akron Section how she might help with networking. She currently works with several Science Curriculum Coordinators. The key areas appear to be need for Materials- we asked if we could have a list from Coordinators and could supply a list of Speakers and companies for tours. Lloyd suggested AGPA provide-online educational activities- Powerpoint for local schools- NO travel.

## Minutes of Board Meeting – January 8, 2007 (cont.)

**Treasurer:** Gary provided report to the Board for year 2006.

Secretary: No report.

**Awards:** Hemant not present- looking at alternate hotel to host in May 2007. Need to start working on

details.

**Student Chapter:** Kaan reported for Sylvain Seif - successful Holiday Party with Polymer Science. Requested help from Board companies with Tours for students and help with resumes and interviews for jobs. Suggested that local recruiter be contacted.

**Newsletter:** Joe Pfeiffer needs Newsletter items by Jan 24. Needs Tech articles, ESPDIV Topcon Abstracts and abbreviated papers were suggested for future Newsletters. Joe plans to confirm Blasts to Akron and Vinyl Div. for Jan 22 Meeting and Injection Molding Div for March-Molder's Night.

**Membership:** Joe Mattingly not present. Limited success with card mailer, decided that we will take 400 member list and make phone calls- KEY ACTION to help confirm e-mail addresses - Joe Pfeiffer or Joe Mattingly to provide list.

Councilor's Report: Next meeting late Jan in Charleston, SC.

**EPSDIV TOPCON 2006:** Need feedback from local Committee. Need to confirm Akron Section portion of proceeds.

**TPE TOPCON 2007:** Next meeting Jan 10th hosted by David Schultz for Viv. Key meeting have 16 of 28 papers, need more papers.

**Education Committee:** Hemant up to date on all activities—awaiting Essays Jan 20th. Plans to resubmit original offering from 2006 for Husky 2007.

Education Foundation: No report.

**Advertising:** Need to confirm all Advertisers for 2006-07 year. AGPA has sent monies for advertising with SPE.

**Public Interest / Website:** Tony Dean reports via e-mail Plastic Engineering has all meeting information and that ABJ will run Meeting info Jan 15th . Tony has added Technical Question section to website- none to date. Tony looking into other sources of PR- Plastics News, Polymer Ohio. Plastic Projects-Need to get format changed for Polysort- Kaan to handle with Sylvain.

A. calendar for 2006/07

B. Investigate possible awards for website

**Program:** Vivian Malpass confirmed—Dec 14- Holiday Event at Stan Hywet went well - plan to return in 2007 or 08. Program and Speakers set for remainder of year-Jan 22-Is PVC Dying?- Panel, Feb 19-Nanocomposites- Lloyd Goettler, March 19 –Molder's Night- Panel April 16-Biomedical Applications-Judit Puskas with ACESS. Need to determine key actions- Audience - number attendees, format and table top for SPE plus May 21- Award location TBD.

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## Minutes of Board Meeting – January 8, 2007 (cont.)

Fall Golf: No report.

**Spring Golf:** No report.

House: Cameron Fraser taking e-mail/Fax reservations for 2006/2007 regular meetings. Plan to look at

other locations for Awards- Sheraton or Hilton. ACESS: Note report Past President.

**ACESS:** No report.

20/20 Program: The Past Presidents have taken on the challenge to carry out 20/20 Program. Viv, Lloyd and David had an excellent visit with Americhem. We discussed 20 Reasons to Belong, and have set followup Action Items. Plan to set two other meetings for 1st Quarter-07 with Mentors on current Board.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Viv thanked Board on behalf of IPECs- John Long for prompt action and financial support



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The Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation operates exclusively for the benefit of and to carry out the purposes of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc., which is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics by making educational scholarship grants to deserving students in the field of plastics engineering and related subjects. The Organization is supported primarily by contributions from the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers, the Society's individual members and corporations like yours affiliated with the polymer industry.

Since the inception in 1988, 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 twelve years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided scholarships to over 250 young men and women, totaling in excess of \$200,000 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 1988, we offered those companies who contributed \$30,000 a scholarship in their name. To date we have three named scholarships – *Omnova, Rubbermaid* and *Goodyear*. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please check below:

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Bob Wegelin, Chairman
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