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### Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member	\$25.00
Guest and Member	\$50.00
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Cash bar	5:15 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	following dinner

Contact Mark Holtman on or before Feb. 15 - 330/972-6008 holtman@uakron.edu

Vegetarian dinner can be accommodated let me know when making reservation



# **Technical Meeting**

# Monday, February 15, 2010 5:15 p.m.

# **Martin University Center**

105 Fir Hill Street East Side of University of Akron Campus

# **Recent Developments in Organic Photovoltaics**

By Prof. Alamgir Karim Dept. of Polymer Engineering, U of Akron

Exploitation of solar energy is being explored both nationally and globally, with economic solar technologies being identified by the National Academy of



Engineering (NAE) as one of the 14 Grand Engineering Challenges of the 21st century. It is anticipated that in the future use of organic or polymeric based photovoltaics (PV) will provide solar technologies that are cheap enough to be widely exploited and therefore provide a significant fraction of future energy production needs.

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**Conference Room** 

Next meeting – Mar. 15 Board meeting – Feb. 1, 2010,

See page 2 for Prof. Karim's biography

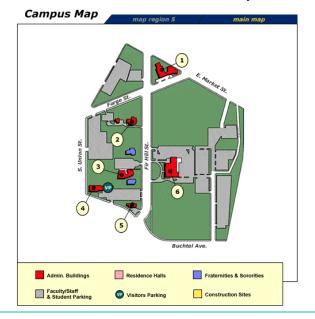


5:30 p.m. Polymer Eng. Center

# 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.



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For organic photovoltaics (OPV) technology to meet these challenges, the efficiencies of OPV materials and devices must be enhanced several fold beyond the current ~5% to make these next generation solar cells competitive with current inorganic photovoltaics or hybrid systems. This presentation will review the rapid growth of research in OPVs - starting from fundamental principles to recent developments in new materials, concepts and current challenges.

# Biography of Speaker Alamgir Karim

Alamgir Karim received his B.S. in Physics from St. Stephens College, Delhi in 1985 and his PhD. in Physics from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois in 1990. He did an internship at IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose and post-doctoral work at the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis in 1991.

He is currently Goodyear Chair and Professor at the Department of Polymer Engineering at University of Akron. His group focuses on processing and characterization of functional block copolymer thin films for flexible electronic applications and polymer blend scaffolds for tissue engineering. He was previously Leader of the nanomaterials Group in the Polymers Division at NIST.

He has published over 170 papers in the area of polymer thin films research and is a Fellow of the American Physical Society

# 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.



# **Membership Report**

Akron had 1 new members join in December. Our membership number is at 295.

We had no transfers in or out of our section.

Membership chair, Reza Sadeghi

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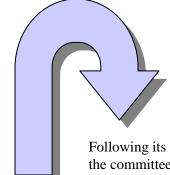
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# New Directions Initiative



An initiative has been undertaken to develop a set of new directions for the SPE Akron Section with the objectives of revitalization and operational efficiency. Elements to be addressed include technical program focus, section functioning, member involvements, intersociety interactions, meeting venues and liaisons with our local educational institutions.

Following its authorization by the Board of Directors at their June 2009 meeting, the committee comprising R. Sadeghi, S. Jana, V. Malpass, K. Malpass, K. Malpass,

K. Cavicchi, M. Holtman and L. Goettler (chair) has met to generate program concepts for the upcoming year around developing technologies of local interest that involve both R&D and commercialization and are of general societal interest. Thrust areas have been identified as energy, biomaterials, medical/health applications of polymers and environmental concerns. Some program subjects being considered are medical plastic applications, e.g. implants, fuel cells, applications of nanofibers, biopolymers, alternate energy sources, water purification e.g. via desalination, photovoltaics, flexible displays, and the general process of technology transfer from lab to marketplace.

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Lloyd Goettler

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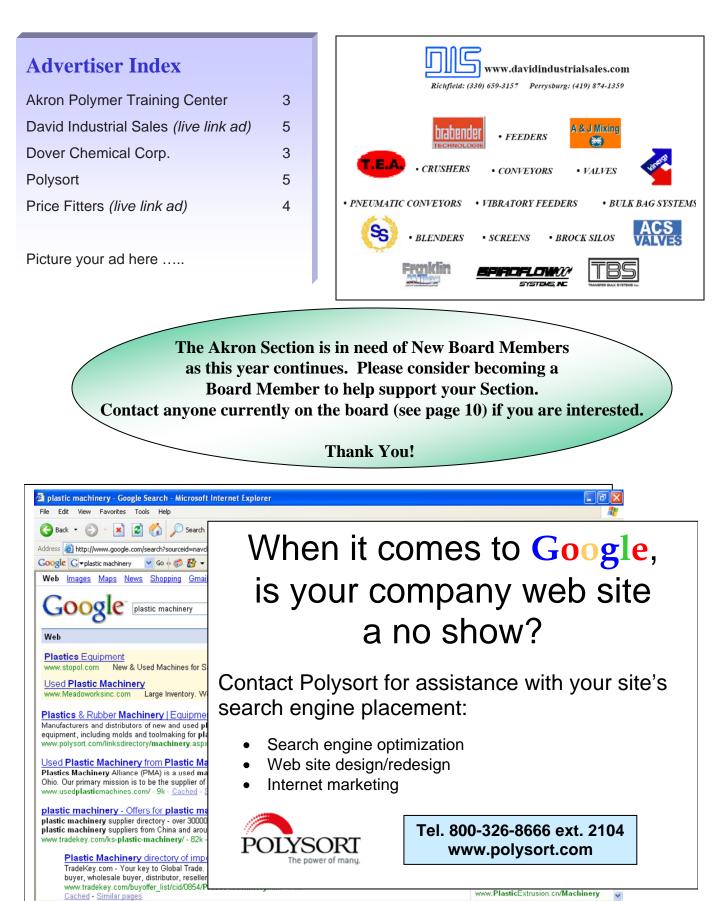
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# **Programs for 2009 / 2010**

Sept. 21	N ew Technology in Polymer Testing Alpha Technologies, H. Pawlowski	Jan. 18	Water Purification via Reverse Osmosis, Siemens Water, R. Stumm <i>Tangier Rest</i> .
	Pizza/Pasta buffet at Alpha	Feb. 15	<b>Recent Developments in</b>
Oct. 19	<b>Biopolymers: PLA Property</b>		Photovoltaics, Polymer Engineering
	Improvement		Dept., U of Akron, Prof. A. Karim
	PolyOne Corp., R. Avakian		Martin Center
	Martin Center	Mar. 15	Role of Polymers in Fuel Cell
Nov. 16	<b>Recent Medical Applications for</b>		Technology, Chemical Engineering
	Plastics, PolyOne Corp., L. Johnson		Dept., U of Akron, Prof. S. Chuang
	PMC Smart Solutions, P. Cashen		Martin Center
	CleveX, Inc., C. Haavista Martin Center	Apr. 19	<b>Technology Commercialization,</b> Bright Idea Shops LLC, A. Robbins
Dec. 14	Holiday Gathering and Presentation		Martin Center
Dec. 14	Alternative Sources of Electric Power	May 10	Awards Night Raintree CC
	Generation, First Energy Corp.,	5	8
	T. McDonnell and D. Plusquellic	2009 meetin	ngs are joint with Cleveland Section, all on
	Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls	Mondays at 5.30 pm unless otherwise stated.	

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1982-1983	James Steiner	2007-2008	Vivian Malpass
1983-1984	Robert G. Hills	2008-2009	Joseph Mattingly
		2009-2010	David A. Katz 🛛 🧑



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Abstract Deadline: January 31, 2010 Completed Paper Deadline: June 1, 2010

# Minutes of Board Meeting – January 4, 2010

Call to Order: 5:30 PM at University of Akron - PEAC.

**Present:** Dave Katz, Vivian Malpass, Lloyd Goettler, Bob Wegelin, Mark Holtman, Joe Mattingly and Tony Dean (scribe)

Absent: Kevin Malpass, Dave Schultz, Chaitanya Pratiwada, Sadhan Jana, Gary Taylor, Kevin Cavicchi and Reza Sadeghi

# Secretary: David Schultz

- Minutes of December 7, 2009 meeting reviewed and approved.
- Since Dave Schultz was not present, Tony Dean was acting secretary.

# President: David Katz

- Dave announced that Lloyd Goettler has accepted the position of President/Chair-elect. Thank you, Lloyd, for stepping in. The Akron Section should now be cleared to receive a potential \$1500 rebate from SPE Int'l. Dave Katz and Gary Taylor will clarify the nature and time period of the rebate.

- Dave has submitted the application for this year's Pinnacle Award.

- Dave has composed a letter asking for sponsorship of this year's Awards Banquet. It will be sent out to the technical executive of local companies. The board suggested that the wording contain different levels of contributions. There would then be three levels of recognition along with a "blank" amount. Dave Katz will rewrite the letter and send it out to local companies.

# President-Elect: Lloyd Goettler

- Lloyd will begin planning program for 2010/2011 year. He will try to get speakers with more name recognition.

Past President: Joe Mattingly - No report.

Director: Lloyd Goettler - No report.

Treasurer: Gary Taylor - No report.

Councilor: Joe Mattingly - No report.

# Hall of Honor: David Katz

- Digital picture frame will be placed on wall in Polymer Science Building in a protective enclosure.

- Dave Katz reports will continue to work with Sarah Thoroley at PEAC to obtain a suitable enclosure and lettering.

# Polymer Ambassador Program: Vivian Malpass

- 4 or 5 polymer ambaaaot (teachers) are coming to ExxonMobil Chemical in Akron on February 13, 2010.

- Vivian Malpass requested a donation to the Polymer Ambassadors from the Education Foundation.

-Bob Wegelin will have a telecon with the Education Foundation Committee and the donation will be voted on.

Newsletter: Tony Dean - January newsletter has been published.

Membership: Reza Sadeghi - no report.



# Minutes of Board Meeting – January 4 (cont.)

# Newsletter Advertising: Tony Dean

- \$1,575 has been sold for the 2009/2010 year.
- Efforts to get new advertisers have failed thus far; still trying.

# Website/Public Interest: Tony Dean

- Tony Dean reported that website has been updated with the latest announcements and photographs.

- The January 18 meeting announcement will be in the January 10 issue of the Akron Beacon Journal (Business Section). The announcement was also placed on the PolymerOhio website.

- A committee consisting of Joe Mattingly, Dave Katz and Tony Dean are looking into rebuilding the website; however, a student has not been found who could do it at a reasonable cost. Polysort would charge \$2,200.

- Dave Katz wants a telecon meeting between the committee to decide whether or not to drop the web renewal effort for the current year. Tony Dean to organize the telecon before next board meeting.

- The remaining schedule for the 2009/2010 year has been published in the November/December issue of Plastics Engineering Magazine and will be published in subsequent issues until June.

- Tony Dean will take an inventory of the SPE files in Mark Holtman's office at the Polymer Engineering Center.

Program: Viv Malpass and Lloyd Goettler - no report.

Student Chapter: Chaitanya Pratiwada - no report.

Education Committee: Kevin Cavicchi - no report.

Education Foundation: Bob Wegelin - no report.

# House: Mark Holtman

- Mark reported that three people are signed up so far for the January 18 meeting.

-Mark may not make the meeting so he will send Bob Wegelin the pertinent information so that Bob can handle House duties.

# **TPE TOPCON:** Viv Malpass

- 14 abstracts received so far. Goal is minimum of 20 papers.
- Vivian and Technical Program Committee are and will continue to contact potential authors personally.

- TOPCON Committee will meet on January 6.

# Old Business: D&O Insurance for Akron SPE Section

-Lloyd Goettler reported that he hit a snag pursuing a D&O insurance quote for the Akron Section through his insurance agent, as requested by the BOD at the 12/07/2009 meeting. In order to proceed with the insurance for the Section only we need to provide documentation that shows that the Education Foundation is a legally separate organization from the Section. Bob Wegelin supplied Lloyd with the necessary documentation at the meeting. Lloyd will pursue the D&O insurance quote for the Section.

# New Business: None

**Closing Comments:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Akron SPE Board of Directions is Feb 1 - PEAC at Univ of Akron - 5:30 p.m.







# **Akron Section Board of Directors**

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Llovd Goettler Retired President/Chair-elect

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# **Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc.**

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Our named scholarship donors are recognized at the annual Awards Night of the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers. We invite you to present your donation at our Awards Night, which will be scheduled in May.

We are looking forward to your support of this very worthwhile cause by your fine company. Please contact me at 330-414-1498 or e-mail at robert.wegelin@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Bob Wegelin, Chairman Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers, Education Foundation Committee



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