# Polymer Valley News

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 50th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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## **Awards Night**





2009 Scholarship Winners

# Reminder to our ~ Advertisers and Sponsors ~

This is the last edition of the 2008-2009 SPE Newsletter for the Summer. The 2009-2010 Newsletter season begins in August, 2009. We appreciate your support for our newsletter and welcome your advertisements for the next year.

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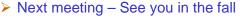
We look forward to working with you in the future!

On May 18, 2009, the Akron Section of the SPE hosted its Annual Awards Night banquet at the Raintree Country Club.



The evening was filled with elegance and inspiration, as future Polymer Engineers mingled and networked with representatives from several areas of polymer industry and academia.

See page 3 for more information and pictures



➤ Board meeting – June 8, 5:30 p.m., Papa Joe's







Hello Everyone,

It has been a privilege to serve as President of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers for our 2008 -2009, 50th anniversary year. I would like to thank all of the members who participated in our events throughout the year, and those of you who could not attend for being part of one of the best sections in the nation. It is our membership and our dedicated board members that have made us the great Section we are throughout the years.

I want to thank the Board for their valiant efforts and dedication this year. The events and activities of the past year all happened due to the dedication and active commitment of members like yourselves who participate as members of the Board of Directors. We are always looking for members who would like to participate in our local section's Board. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please send any one of our board members an email with your nominations.

I want to also thank Mr. David Katz for his long term commitment to our section's Board of Directors and congratulate him on being our 2009-2010 Akron Section President.

I hope to see all of you at our meetings next year!

Sincerely, Joe Mattingly, President 2008-2009

The Akron Section is in need of New Board Members as this year continues.

Please consider becoming a Board Member to help support your Section.

Contact anyone currently on the board (see page 12) if you are interested.

Thank You!





## Awards Night (continued)

The night opened with an exciting presentation from Dr. Stephen Cheng, Dean of the College of Polymer Science and Engineering at the University of Akron, providing a glimpse into the important role that the polymer industry will play in future innovation. Scholarships were awarded to ten Akron-area students to support their education in fields related to plastics engineering, including special merit scholarships in honor of Ken Sharp, Jim Steiner, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and Rubbermaid. In addition to collegiate scholarships, other awards were distributed during the evening as well, including the student-winner of the annual Akron SPE Essay contest, the student-winner of the Western Reserve District Science Fair and special honors from SPE to distinguished engineers in the field of plastics engineering, including the Pinnacle Gold Award, the William Zekan Memorial award and induction of a new member into the Plastics Hall of Honor. The evening was a huge success, and a memorable experience for all those who attended.



President Joe Mattingly (right) accepts Pinnacle Gold Award for Akron Section SPE



Lloyd Goettler (right) is 2009 William C. Zekan Memorial Award Winner



Dr. John D. Gorsuch (deceased) is Plastics Hall of Honor 2009 Inductee. Pictured are wife and sons (left).



Speaker Dr. Stephen Chang, Dean of Akron University's College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Past Scholarship Winner, Eric McClanahan



## **PolymerOhio Internships**

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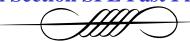


## **Programs for 2008 / 2009**

Sept. 22	From Crude Oil to Polymers ExxonMobil Chemical, S.J. Holmes Tangier	Jan. 26	Ferriot – A Progressive Injection Molder, Ferriot Inc., Tour, Gordon Corky Keeler Guy's Party Centre
Oct. 27	A Schulman—A Global Company		
	A Schulman Technical Center,	Feb. 23	Moldmaking for Today and
	Tour, Joe Ocampo		Tomorrow, Fremont Plastic Molds,
	Royal Buffet		Daryle Damschroder
	J 33		Martin Center
Nov. 24	Polymers at the University of	Mar. 23	<b>Lockheed Martin takes Akron to</b>
	Akron—Past, Present and Future,		New Heights, Lockheed Martin,
	Frank Kelley, Miko Cakmak,		Tour, Clark Reed
	Sue Louscher, Sadhan Jana		Guy's Party Centre
	Martin Center		, , ,
		Apr. 29	50th Anniversary Gala Night
Dec. 15	Holiday Social	•	Firestone CC
	Tangier		
	G .	May 18	<b>Awards Night</b> Raintree CC



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1965-1966	John R. Russell	1990-1991	Geraldine R. Stromquist
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## Minutes of Board Meeting – May 11, 2009

**Call to Order:** 5:30 PM. at AES (First Floor Conference Room).

**Present:** Joe Mattingly, Dave Schultz, Vivian Malpass, Kann Gunes, Reza Sadeghi, Lloyd Goettler, Sadhan Jana, Gary Taylor, Dave Katz and Tony Dean (scribe)

Absent - Kevin Malpass, Alexei Melnikov, Joe Pfeiffer, Michael Gintert and Bob Wegelin

### **President:** Joe Mattingly

- Joe stated that Michael Gintert has resigned from the board citing lack of time for the reason.
- It was suggested that Mark Holtman of Akron Univ. Polymer Engineering Department will be a good board candidate. Lloyd Goettler will talk to Mark about being on the board.
- Joe thought that the Gala Night went very well.

**Past President:** Viv Malpass – No report.

**President-Elect:** Dave Katz - No report.

Treasurer: Gary Taylor

- Gary submitted the Treasurer's Report covering 7/1/2008 to 5/11/2009.
- Income was lower than expenses, resulting in a deficit.
- Lack of newsletter advertising and reduced rebates from SPE Int'l were the reasons given for most of the deficit.
- Gary said that we should be near budget for 2008-2009 because the advance will not be given to TPE TOPCON.

**Councilor:** Joe Pfeiffer – No report.

Secretary: David Schultz.

- Minutes of April 6 meeting reviewed and approved.
- Since Dave Schultz could not be present for the entire meeting, Tony Dean was acting secretary.

#### Awards: Hall of Honor

- Picture of Hall of Honor Awardees were removed from the Polymer Science Building. They were converted to digital format. A digital picture frame has been purchased and the awardee pictures loaded.
- Digital picture frame will be placed on wall in Polymer Science Building in a protective enclosure.
- Dave Katz reports he is working with Sarah Thoroley at PEAC to obtain suitable enclosure and lettering.

**Newsletter:** Dave Katz - May newsletter has been published.

**Membership:** Reza Sadeghi – Reported that there were 346 members as of April 1, 2009. There are two new members and one has transferred out.

#### **Program and 50th Anniversary:** Joe Mattingly/Vivian Malpass

- Everything went very well with 60 attending.
- Firestone Country Club was a good venue many compliments.
- Highlights of the evening were Gail Bristol's talk and awarding certificates to past presidents.



## Minutes of Board Meeting – May 11 (cont.)

#### Awards Night: Joe Mattingly for Michael Gintert

- Scholarship recipients have been notified.
- John D. Gorsuch will be induced posthumously into Hall of Honor. His son will accept award for him.
- Lloyd Goettler will get Zekan Award.
- Essay awardee is John Boykin II.
- Kaan Gunes will check with Alexei Melnikov regarding Science Fair Winners. The winners need to be invited by May 18. Bob Wegelin needs to be informed.

#### Student Chapter: Sadhan Jana/Kaan Gunes for Alexei Melnikov

- Polymer Awareness. Michael Gintert will participate in a panel on June 15. Lloyd Goettler and Joe Pfeiffer will participate as judges of a Poster Session on June 18.
- Sadhan Jana promised to revitalize PESO.
- Election for a new PESO president will be May 15.
- Kaan Gunes requested monies to support students making presentations at ANTEC. After some discussion the following motion was made: money is to be given immediately for supporting the students at ANTEC. An accounting will be given after ANTEC on how the monies were spent. Any excess money would be returned or maybe further funding would be provided if warranted.
- The above motion was passed unanimously with Sadhan Jana abstaining.
- Gary Taylor wrote the check immediately and gave it to Sadhan Jana.

**Education Committee:** BOARD – No report.

**Education Foundation:** Bob Wegelin. No report.

### Public Interest / Website: Tony Dean

- Reported that website has been updated with the latest announcements and photographs.
- The Awards Night announcement was in the May 11 edition of the Akron Beacon Journal.
- The board felt that the Akron SPE Website was outdated and difficult to find needed information. The website needs rebuilding.
- A committee consisting of Joe Mattingly, Dave Katz and Tony Dean will look into rebuilding the website.
- Tony Dean reported that the missing SPE files have been found at the Akron Univ. Polymer Engineering Center. They will be transferred to the Mark Hotlman's office and he will act as custodian.
- Tony Dean will take an inventory of the files.

**Advertising:** Dave Katz - No report.

**Fall Golf:** No report. **House:** No report. **ACESS:** No report.

**Polymer Ohio:** No report. **Communications:** No report.

**Old Business:** D&O Insurance for Akron SPE Section. Lloyd Goettler asked if there was anything new regarding D&O Insurance. Joe Mattingly said that SPE Int'l felt the insurance wasn't necessary. SPI Int'l still owes Joe information.



## Minutes of Board Meeting – May 11 (cont.)

**New Business:** Section Renewal – Lloyd Goettler

- Lloyd started a discussion of where the Akron Section is going. He stated that:
- (1) Akron SPE is a very active section that is not operating by the by-laws; example, elections.
- (2) Membership and participation is falling.
- (3) Akron SPE is not attracting new board members.
- Lloyd suggested new techniques for meetings; Internet, Group Networks and more local groups such as ACESS, ACS Rubber Group, ASC and the Akron Physics Club.
- Lloyd proposed a paradigm change in a new direction to revitalize the section slowly over the next year or two. The section would continue running as usual in the transition period.
- Lloyd suggested new areas of interest and research at Akron University such as Biomedical, Medical Plastics, Energy, Nanomaterials, etc.
- Lloyd made the following motion "Form a New Directions Committee to revitalize the section, increase participation and enhance membership". The above motion was unanimously passed by the board.
- Members of The New Directions Committee are Lloyd Goettler (chairman), Vivian Malpass, Sadhan Jana and Reza Sadeghi.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Closing Comments:** The next meeting of the Akron SPE Board of Directors will be Monday, June 8, 2009 at Papa Joe's starting at 5:30 p.m.





## **Membership Report**

Akron had 3 new members join in April. Our membership number is at **347.** 

We had 2 transfers in and 1 out of our section.

Membership chair, Reza Sadeghi

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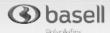
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Since the inception in 1988, the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation has grown to its current position through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of the local business community. Over the twelve years that the 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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[ ]	Other		

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
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