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Presentation	7:00 p.m.

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Monday, April 26, 2004

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By Mark Colella, Vice President of Sales & Technology Spirex Corporation

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Mr. Colella's biography May meetings: May 14 at Barberton Brookside and May 24 at Martin Center





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APPY EASTER!

We're still moving. A big **THANKS!** to the 10% of our membership (38) that participated in our last meeting. The other 90% missed a good one. The chocolate factory was an excellent tour. We all learned new information about the use of plastics in the making of Harry London's Chocolates. Our House and Program Committees provided us with a delicious event.

Please tell a board member what will bring you out to a meeting (Free doesn't work). It's YOUR section; may we count on you to be a part of it? Your opinion is valuable.

I've been on my soapbox the last few issues, prodigiously proselytizing the value and virtues of belonging to SPE. My piece has been said, so I'll move on to other things.

Have you ever seen a bumper sticker that says "Nice Stuff Happens"? I haven't either, but there is a niche for one because it does happen. Here's a story about a sales support mission.

What I know now is what every politician and every experienced plastics tech service person knows: how to answer even when you don't know the answer. Before I learned that, and because I hadn't, I went on some truly awful customer calls. A memorable and unforgettable occasion was a technical materials person, a real Southern Belle. She got us coffee, took us on a plant tour and brought us to the conference room. There, however, she introduced us to her boss: The Terminator! Termy and I got along fine. He coiled around me like a python. The dumber he could make me look (and I was approaching a new high in dumbness), the smarter he would look. Lucky for me, I was traveling with a savvy sales rep. He quickly interjected, "What Bob means is...", and proceeded to very competently address the technical issues that I was supposed to. He saved my posterior, saved the sales call, and then thanked me for my technical support in his report to my boss. That was "Nice Stuff".

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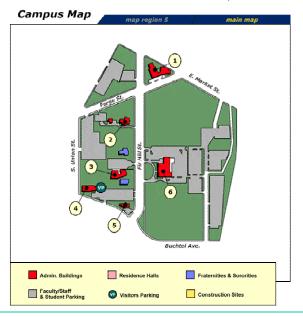
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If the ramp from 76/77 to Route 8 is still closed, traffic from the West should use the Route 59 detour, exit at Cascade Plaza and come up Mill Street past the APTC to Forge and then Fir Hill.

You may zoom in



Thanks!

Just a note to thank all of you who attended the March technical meeting. We did get a total tour package. The similarities between chocolate processing and plastics was stressed repeatedly and highlighted. We also got to see where they use plastics for molds and packaging. We enjoyed numerous samples of their tasty product and afterwards had a nice buffet-styled dinner at the 356th Fighter Group. Thanks to David Katz and to all of the people at Harry London's who coordinated and provided the tour. The attendance was 35, which was short of the desired goal, but I assure you a good time was had by the 35 who did attend. Maybe next time for the rest of you.

J. Pfeiffer, Membership Chair

































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SPE Education Committee and Local Science Fairs:

2004 Akron Public Schools Science and Technology Expo

Akron Section SPE donated prizes for polymer related projects in this year's Expo, held on Feb. 28 at Central-Hower High School. Board members Kathy Perevosnik and Johanna Baena (with help from her fiancé!) judged the appropriate projects. At the Middle School level there were 7 polymer projects, and at the High School level there were 9.

We are pleased to announce this year's winners of the SPE Science Fair prizes (each won \$50):

Middle School: Pat Tregoning, Miller South, with the project "All Paint is the Same??", which looked at how white paint covers a black surface.

High School: Bethany Canankamp, Firestone High School, with the project "What's in a name?", which looked at the tensile strength of various brands of trash bags.

2004 Western Reserve District Science Fair

Akron Section SPE donated prizes for polymer related projects in this year's District Science Fair, held on March 20 at the University of Akron. Board members Kathy Perevosnik and Bob Wegelin judged the appropriate projects. There were 18 projects judged.

We are pleased to announce this year's winners of the SPE Science Fair prizes (each won \$50):

Middle School: Matt Dahar, Solon Middle, with the project "Tensile Strength of Plastics". Matt made his own tensile tester for this project.

High School: Alicia Boykin, Walsh Jesuit, with the project "Can Medical Plastic Waster be Treated, Sterilized and Recycled into New Plastic Byproducts and Other Materials to help Reduce Environmental Waste?", which more than sums up her work!

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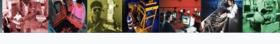
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Biography of Mark R. Colella

Mark Colella is the Vice President of Sales & Technology for Spirex Corporation in Youngstown, Ohio. He also leads the development of injection and extrusion screws, barrels and non-return valves. Mark graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, after which he spent five years with New Castle Industries in

engineering and screw design (1985 to 1989). From 1989 through 1992, Mark was Process Engineering Manager with NRM Corporation, now a division of Davis Standard, in charge of process development and screw design. From 1992 to March 2000, he broadened his career path assuming the role of company president for Forney Inc., a construction materials testing equipment company. During the same period, Mark maintained close contact with the plastics industry as a screw and process design consultant.

He is a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) and the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM).









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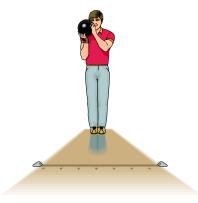
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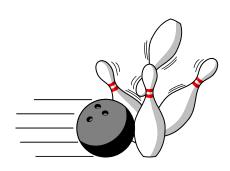


PESO - PSSO Joint Social Activity



BOWLING NIGHT





Please join us for a free night of bowling

Food and beverages will be provided!

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Place: AMF Rivera Lanes

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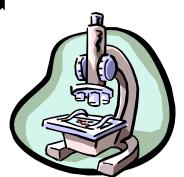
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Minutes of Board Meeting – Mar 8, 2004

Call to Order: 5:30 pm at AES, Akron

Present: Bob Wegelin, David Katz, Bud Seymour, Joe Mattingly, Ron Miller, Johanna Baena, Lloyd

Goettler, Ken Kear

Absent - Dave Schultz, Gary Taylor, Ernie Anderson, Joe Pfeiffer, George Carroll, Kathy Perevosnik, John Woodside, Tony Dean, Jerry Robinson, Kevin Malpass

Quorum: Not established so all items are to be reported only. A vote to approve any items will need to be conducted via email.

Minutes Feb 9, 2004 meeting: (Dave Schultz absent) **Correction:** Joe M. found ACCESS meeting was on Feb 20 not the 28th as originally reported. He was not able attend on that date.

Treasurer: (Gary Taylor is absent could make no report) No notable changes are known by Bob W.

Committees: (Bob W.) A First V.P. and Fall Golf Outing chair are still needed to fill all the board offices.

Student Chapter: (Johanna B.) See the report circulated by Johanna:

- 1. ANTEC:
 - a. 25 student papers will be presented at ANTEC
 - b. 35 students are planning to attend ANTEC
 - c. Financial support is requested to allow them to attend. Board requested a breakdown of approximate need. This was discussed further in the new business section.
 - d. Need to let SPE know by 4/15 on who can attend
 - e. SPE International has a student travel fund which Johanna was encouraged to contact for added support. The university and advisors will also be providing some support for the students.
- 2. Seminar on Career Building is desired by the student chapter. Joe M. will follow up with Americhem to see if they can provide someone to give a talk on the subject.
- 3. Bowling night program will be held the first week in April. Attendance of some section members is requested to show support of the chapter.
- 4. Section files have been transferred to the Polymer Engineering department at Univ of Akron for storage. The Past Presidents' Committee should meet to review these old files and discard unneeded items.

Newsletter: (Bob W. for Joe P.) Items for the April newsletter are needed by Mon. Mar. 22. Advertising responses have 9 paid, 1 given free to Polysort (our website host), and 2 or 3 are still pending payment.

Councilor: (Ken K.) Nothing new to report since last meeting. The next Council meetings will be at ANTEC when two council meetings will be held with the old 2003/4 council and the new 2004/5 Council.

TOPCON: (Bob W. for Viv M.) The dates have been selected for the next TPE TOPCON of Sept. 12-14, 2005 and verbally okayed with SPE. Bob will reserve these dates at the Hilton and a TOPCON proposal will be filed with SPE to reserve the date for our TOPCON on their calendar.

Education Committee: (Bob W. for Kathy P.)

- 1. Kathy emailed that they are preparing an application for the Husky \$5000 award. They will propose a high school industry program which will be prepared over the coming summer.
- 2. Scholarship reviewers are needed for the 7 renewals and 6 new applicants.



Minutes of Board Meeting (continued) - Mar. 8, 2004

Foundation: (Bob W. for Kevin M.) Portfolio is up this year and in the 400K range.

House: (Dave K.) Last meeting went very well with a lot of positive comments about the quality of the menu items. 54 attended the meeting and tour. The next meeting is all arranged for a tour or Harry London's Chocolates and dinner at the 356th Fighter Squadron.

Program: (Joe M.) The Auction meeting has been switched to a technical presentation. The presentation will be on twin screws from Spirex. Information on the revised program will be posted on the website. The meeting will be held at the Martin Center, Univ. Akron.

Spring Golf: (Bud S.) They are currently working on generating sponsors. At the event they will put a sign up sheet out for the Fall Golf Committee. The Firelands and Cleveland sections are being invited to attend the outing.

Bud will check on Sept dates for holding the Fall Golf.

The committee will consider having a Silent Auction in conjunction with the Spring Golf outing. Ron Miller, as a former Auction meeting chair, has all the contacts and organization to add this to the Golf outing. The committee will decide on if and how to add the auction.

Awards: (Bob W. for Joe P.) Joe has this organized. Speaker ideas need to be worked out. One possibility is to have Donna Davis, SPE President as the speaker.

Auction: see discussion above.

Old Business:

- 1. **ACCESS:** Applied for membership to Rick Buchanan. We will just attend their business meeting and bring a \$50 fee. 2 people need to be directors on their committee. Bob Wegelin and Joe Mattingly volunteered to represent SPE at ACCESS. The nest meeting of ACCESS is Wed. 4/7/04.
- 2. **TOPCON:** see discussion earlier.
- 3. **Firelands Section Merger:** Joe M and Bob W. met with Dennis Mead, Firelands to discuss a merger. A list of advantages and disadvantages were determined (see handout). The Firelands section has 120 members, but almost no one willing to be active on their board, so they have no program. The Firelands board passed a motion to pursue a merger with the Akron Section. Feedback from Tom Dilutri is that a proposal for the merger needs to be forwarded to Sections Committee Chair from both Section Presidents. The proposal should discuss where the section will meet, new name and how created. Poll on website with 91% want section by electronic vote.

Joe and Bob both favor pursuing a potential merger. Bob will set up a committee and Joe will lead the subcommittee. The subcommittee will prepare a recommendation.

New Business:

1. **Walt Branner, Milwaukee section president** sent a petition sign up sheet for those who are in favor of a motion to modify the SPE constitution so that all councilor's votes on dues, rebates, etc. are recorded. The sign was passed around and some discussion made.

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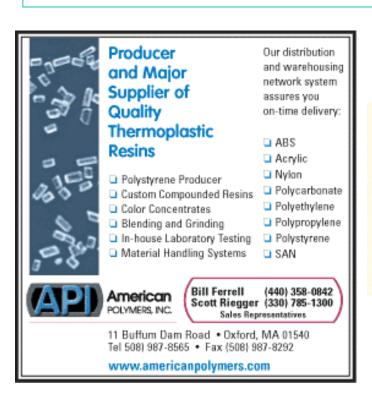
2. **Student ANTEC Travel:** The student chapter needs for student travel to ANTEC. Total costs were estimated to be \$300 to \$350 per student. Overall the university is looking for about \$7,000 total to see that all the students can attend. Lloyd G. says he would like to see about \$2,000 from the Section to support the students. Johanna B. will present some more specifics at the next meeting for the board to come up with support needed to send the student chapter attendees to ANTEC.

Next Board Meeting: Tues. April 13, 2004 5:15 p.m. at AES in room 700.

Action Items:

- 1. Vote on all actions items by email.
- 2. Approve minutes of 2/9/04 with correction noted.
- 3. Joe M. follow up on speaker for student chapter Career Building seminar.
- 4. Section members support student chapter Bowling Night.
- 5. Old files cleaned out by Past Presidents' Committee.
- 6. TOPCON proposal filed to reserve 9/12-14/05 with SPE by Viv M.
- 7. Hilton Hotel reservation for TOPCON by Bob W.
- 8. Scholarship reviewers needed for Education Committee for applications.
- 9. Post Program change for twin screw technical meeting on website.
- 10. Auction addition to the Spring Golf outing considered and organized by Spring Golf committee with Ron M. providing auction organization input.
- 11. Attend ACCESS committee meetings Bob W. and Joe M. SPE representatives.
- 12. Check for \$50 to ACCESS for SPE membership.
- 13. Firelands / Akron Sections merger subcommittee to consider potential merger Joe M. chair.

Respectfully submitted, K. Kear, Temporary secretary







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Sincerely, Kevin Malpass, Chairman Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers, Education Foundation