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President's Message

Dear Akron SPE Members,

Greetings, welcome to the 2021-2022 Akron SPE Year!

This is now my third time as the President of the Akron Section of SPE. As you can imagine, SPE activities and meetings have changed since the Pandemic began in 2020. I hope we can get to back to some sense of normalcy with our meetings and activities starting in the fall of 2021.

I want to invite our members to participate in our SPE events, whether its attending a meeting or wanting to join our board or to help guide the section activities, we are always looking for our members to become involved.

We will have a strong Akron University Student Chapter program; we will continue to provide scholarships to deserving students through our Education Foundation; we will continue to support worthwhile educational activities such as the Science Fair; we will continue to involve local school students in special plastics projects and participation in the SPE Essay Contest. These are some of the activities that we will be striving for this year.

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President, Akron Section

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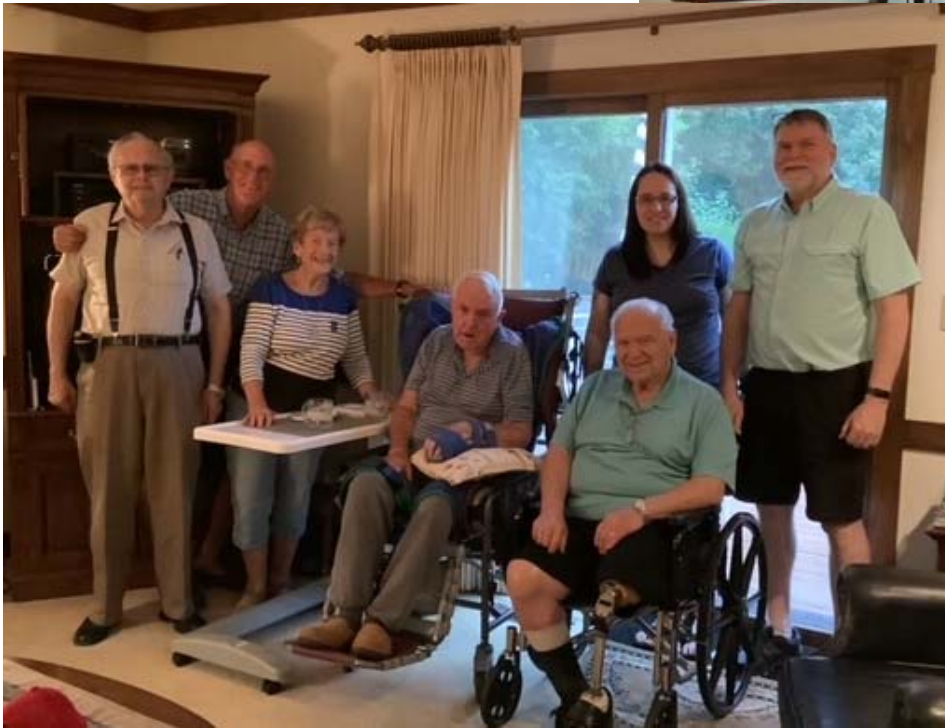
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The Akron Section currently has 172 active members.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Active</u>
Jan	178
Feb	178
Mar	175
Apr	171
May	176
Jun	175
Jul	174
Aug	172
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We are always welcoming new members – invite someone to a meeting!

New Members

Hakan Aras, Student

Hamza Chattha, Student

Irlaine Machado

Thomas Maier, Monolith Materials




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Board Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2021

Call to Order: In person at Papa Joes!! Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Present: Larry Stanek, Gary Taylor, David Schultz, Tony Dean, Keith Pelfrey, Bob Wegelin, Bob Weiler, Joe Mattingly, Kevin Malpass, Dan Jones and John Fellenstein

Absent: Tom McQuaide, Sahil Gupta, Sherri Makar Hart, Nicole Fraifogl and Joshua Seylar

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from May meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

President's Remarks

The year after all the zoom meetings and Virtual meetings with Cleveland is now coming to a close. Thank you for all the hard work from Program Committee and the whole BOD. We developed and ran three Virtual meetings jointly with Cleveland- Thank you again to Missi Sakach at Educational Service Center Cuyahoga Falls for hosting!! Missi was invited to the Wrap up meeting but could not attend. We are now looking forward to meeting in person and developing ideas, suggestions for the upcoming year. We hope as well to be able to work with Rik Keeley and Susan Montgomery-Cleveland again.

In addition most IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM- Search for SOCIAL MEDIA HELP!!- Joshua Seylar has tried via social media to make contact with U of Akron student James Garcher in Marketing via Linked IN who as well works in Polymer Science Dept. We anticipate with his help we can make sure SPE and its' activities and meetings are seen and thus bring added attendance to our meetings!!! We now have a presence on Linked In - thank you to Sherri Hart.

Technical Program 2020/21—Larry Stanek, Joe Mattingly

Thoughts for upcoming programs:

- Thanks goes to Keith Pelfrey and Sherri Hart who developed a Zoom Awards Banquet for May 17 hosted by new ASPE Zoom. The speaker was Everton Callum from Goodyear. He spoke to 'What HR Managers are looking for in hiring Engineers and other positions directly out of College". Everton did an excellent job and totally hit all major points for job searchers in the technology arena.

- We think that going forward it will be important to be flexible on all in person meetings and develop added logistics to help support Akron/Cleve Sections. We also can have a wider audience and perhaps attract new BOD members from different demographics. This as well may open up an opportunity to interact to a greater level.

- We need to make sure to make contact with Rik Keeley and Susan Montgomery for their programing ideas for year 2021-22.

- BOD has been requested to review thoughts and plans for meeting for next year upcoming 2021-22 year- hopefully in person by the Fall. We anticipate we could provide programming every other month. In addition to in person we could now easily offer a virtual option.

Subjects for potential future topics based on in person meetings vs Virtual - still to be considered

- Sustainability
- Cyber technology- Goodyear, Tim Dimoff potential speakers
- Smart tires- Goodyear
- "Green" based meeting

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/7 continued

Technical Program 2020/21—Larry Stanek, Joe Mattingly *(continued)*

Kevin suggests a virtual meeting for early year What SPE has to offer- Value

- Keith Pelfrey noted U of A Professor doing work on bio-based films
 - Joe Mattingly will follow-up on options for touring Goodyear, Innovation Center
 - Nicole Fraifogl suggested 3-D printing options
 - Taking a virtual tour of University of Akron discussed and possible presenters
- Group discussed benefits of having tours: even virtual tours may be possible high participation, lower cost for attendees, and profitable for section
- Advances in Technology and Engineering, try to engage Student Chapter/ PESO, NPIC and local area companies- will discuss opportunities with Cleveland
 - Dave Schultz recommended Bio-Med 3-D printing tour
 - Hands-on – Engineering oriented meeting, involves students to greater extent and 3D Printing
 - Nicole noted a medical potential talk with Cleveland based 3D Heals
 - Joe Mattingly brought up Extrusion Mini-Conference, Twin-screw and Continuous mixing plus potential for 3D Printing visit
 - Americhem tour- Joe Mattingly to check
 - AIChE interest in future joint meeting- Dan Jones to handle with Bartev- E Week

House—Gary Taylor

No report.

Membership—Nicole Fraifogl

Membership is still at around 175 members, a number of members lapsed in March (new list sent)- reviewed and Committee Keith Pelfrey, Sherri Hart and David Schultz will make contacts and try to re-align to Akron Section- SPE. Contacts have been made with low level of response- plan to circle back with Sept in person and Virtual meeting.

Treasurer—Gary Taylor

Gary reported he is up-to-date on financials, finalized review of Expenses through May 2021. Square online worked well for Feb/March/April Virtual meetings. May meeting was free.

Councilor—Dan Jones

Bob Weiler reminded that there is a new class of Section- Regional Interest Group. It was developed to a modified version of current Sections with less reporting and specific Intl. requirements. We anticipate that may help various areas in Ohio- Sandusky, Columbus and Cincinnati..

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

I met with Dr. James Eagan last week. He is working on a project with one of the student design teams, see below.

Zips Precious Plastic

“Engineers for a Sustainable World”

Using open source plans for plastics recycling machinery found at <https://preciousplastic.com/>

The student project paper can be found here:

https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2405&context=honors_research_projects

Dr. James Eagan at UA is working with the group. He is looking to develop curriculum materials focused on plastics recycling in conjunction with the Zips Precious Plastic design team.

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/7 continued

Education Committee—John Fellenstein *(continued)*

One challenge is that this group is made of students, and they keep graduating.

He is interested in collaborating with local professionals to move the project forward, and I offered to bring this up to the BOD. Would any board members be interested in helping to organize recycling outreach activities at UA? Any input from the board would be appreciated, thanks.

Student Chapter—Joshua Seylar

Josh informed that PESO still has available T Shirts - contact Joshua Seylar as this helps the newly expanded Student Chapter. T- Shirts available for \$15 for ASPE Members.

Public Interest/Website/Newsletter—Tony Dean

BOD will hope to review options in future to provide free advertising to companies that we tour.

- Have contacted current section sponsors (plus 1 new) about newsletter ads for 2021-2022 year.
- So far 5 have committed.

- Will continue efforts with other potential sponsors including free advertising for companies that offer tours.

We most recently received a request and have them aligned as a newly developed general Section Sponsor- Excellent thoughts as we align future.

National Awards—Larry Stanek, Keith Pelfrey

Bob Weiler was informed that he received the Honored Service Member Award- A BIG

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob well deserved of this Award after many years of service both Vinyl Division and Akron Section- SPE. Virtual on line presentation planned by Intl.SPE for June 29 at 3PM. Joe Mattingly will now move forward to develop supporting data and support information to Intl for year 2021.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

It has been suggested that we make a list of long term 30 plus years down to 15 years in Akron Section for SPECIAL Recognition.

In addition John Fellenstein will be providing list of new Scholarships for this year.

Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly

Joe reported that all continues with re-group of the portfolio to go very well as market continues to grow.

May however consider some changes for late year in 2022.

Bylaws still under review.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

IMPORTANT. Kevin reports he feels that he would now like to align with Membership Committee in tandem to discuss future for ASPE. Separate Zoom to be set up to discuss future objectives.

Suggested now with ASPE Zoom account to develop an outreach for early next year. We may be able to utilize older detail Top 20/20 brochure from past with a rework to include Top 10 reasons to join SPE- Akron for Awards Banquet and as well include Application potential to join Akron Section.

In addition we also talked about contacting National to see what help and/or advice that we can get regarding how to offer and how to handle the possibility of running a virtual event for attendees that cannot make it to a live event. We have contacted Kathy Schact to see what info/recommendations she may have on the subject and I will pass it along when I receive it.

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/7 continued

2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz

Akron set to host TPE TOPCON for October 2022 - hope onsite vs virtual.

Contact- TPE SIG- Brad Guiliani- Otis Elevator.

In addition it has been suggested to confirm timing for Akron to help and host Vinyltec in the future.

ACCESS Update

ACCESS BOD is still on Virtual Zoom format plans to join in SPE Virtual set-up for 2021 and into 2022. The November Banquet is being discussed currently. In addition ACCESS is moving forward on developed plans in early 2020 projects with Soap Box Derby as well as NEO Bio Med in Rootstown. None to limited societies are yet planning meetings. Picnic planned for mid- August in person!!

Old Business

None to report.

New Business

New BOD has been aligned for new year. Joe Mattingly will be President and thus David Schultz will take-over as Education Foundation- Chair.

Joe reports that Everton Callum- Goodyear may attend an upcoming BOD meeting.

Interest in future in hosting a Podcast.

GOOD to Know- I most recently made contact via Linked IN with a CSU student in Marketing- Molly Bregar, who in turn showed interest to help Cleveland Section on Social media side. She has a good friend at Univ of Akron- who as well is Marketing and has interest in polymers- works part time in Polymer Science Dept. We are hoping to align them both in Akron and Cleveland to aid in a new Social Media push! I have recently found out Molly Bregar is Bill Bregar's daughter. Bill recently passed away and was a great friend to Akron Section over the past many years as he attended many meetings and reported on them in Plastics News.

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Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM

Next BOD meeting late August – TBD - IN PERSON



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Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation



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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, 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 1983, 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 thirty years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided scholarships to over 275 young men and women totaling in excess of \$385,000 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 1983, we offered those companies who contributed a substantial donation, a perpetual annual scholarship in their name. To date we have four named scholarships, Newell/Rubbermaid, Goodyear, Ken Sharp Memorial and Jim Steiner Memorial scholarships. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please print this page, fill out the information and mail it to Joe Mattingly, 4918 Massillon Rd, North Canton, OH 44720.

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We look forward to your support of this very worthwhile cause by your fine company. Please contact me at (330) 208-6913 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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