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November 21, 2022

Galaxy Restaurant and Banquet Center
 201 Park Center Drive
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Meeting Information – Nov. 21

Member and/or guest	\$30
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Social / Networking / Bar	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	Following dinner

Reservations must be in by noon on Fri., Nov. 18 and can be made to Bob Weiler at 330-283-9024 or akronspe1@gmail.com
 Be sure to include your company affiliation and dietary restrictions.

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**Dan Gisser from Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI)
 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants**

See page 2 for speaker biography and presentation abstract.



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President's Message

Hello fellow SPE enthusiasts,

The Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers has completed the 2022 TPE Topcon, and now we're looking forward to being at the AMI's Plastics World Expo on November 9-10 at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio in conjunction with the Cleveland section. You can register for a free ticket online!



Please see our meeting schedule in the newsletter.

I'm hoping to see more of our members at our meeting throughout the year. It's been a very busy October and the weather is changing quickly, so it's time to plan ahead, and plan ahead to be at some joint meetings with the Cleveland section and with the ACCESS group.

I hope to see you join us at our meetings and events this year!

Best regards,

Joe Mattingly

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The Akron Section is in need of New Board Members.

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Thank You!

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Membership Report

The Akron Section currently has 159 members.

Lapsed - 13, Active – 159
 2 new members

<u>Month</u>	<u>Active</u>
Jan	187
Feb	187
Mar	--
Apr	--
May	165
Jun	--
Jul	159
Aug	--
Sep	--
Oct	--
Nov	--
Dec	--


We are always welcoming new members – invite someone to a meeting!

Programs for 2022/23

- Sep. 20-22 **15th TopCon**
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron **
- Oct. 13 **Sustainability Rocks, Part 2**
Helping Molders Tune In to the Circular Economy – 8am to 6pm
-- *Corp. College East - Cleveland **
- Nov. 9-10 **Compounding Conference**
-- *Huntington Center - Cleveland **
- Nov. 21 **DODE, Dan Gisser**
-- *Akron **
- Dec. -- **TBD**
-- *Akron **
- Jan. TBD **ACCESS –**
-- *Akron **
- Jan. TBD **NEO Team**
-- *Virtual –Cleveland **
- Feb. 24 **Sustainability, Madison Group**
-- *Virtual - Cleveland **
- Mar. -- **TBD**
-- *Akron **
- Apr. -- **TBD**
-- *Cleveland **
- May - **Akron Section Awards Night**
-- *Akron **

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Board Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2022

Call to Order: In person at PEAC-Univ of Akron. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

Present: Joe Mattingly, David Schultz, Larry Stanek, Dan Jones, John Fellenstein, Robert Weiler, RJ Viereckl and Stephen Riley

Teams: Sherri Makar Hart, Bob Wegelin and Keith Pelfrey

Absent: Nicole Fraifogl, Tony Dean, Sahil Gupta, Anna Akkus, Kevin Malpass and Critt Olemacher

New BOD are welcome as we move forward.

Crit Ohlemacher- Smithers has joined the BOD- Thank you for help support and IDEAS!!

RJ Viereckl has replaced Stephen Riley as Student Liaison- Thank you for all you did in two plus years to help ASPE- Stephen!!

Kathy Perevosnik has moved to Columbus and changed jobs and resigned from ASPE- Good luck as you move forward.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from August were reviewed and approved. Thank you Stephen for handling Minutes in my absence.

Need-VP/ Program Chair, Treasurer and House for upcoming year for ASPE.

Technical Program 2022/23—Larry Stanek / David Schultz / Sherri Hart

Thanks All for your help and participation 2022 , as we turned the corner in a transition year! A SPECIAL Thanks goes to Susan Montgomery- Cleveland Section as they continue to aid in the Program greatly !!

Cleve-Oct 13- Sustainability Conf.

Nov 9-10 planned Compounding Conf with Cleve- joint- PlastiVan literature avail to help promote- need help from ASPE BOD/members- David Schultz, Dan Jones, Joe Mattingly to help others??

Nov 21- Dan Gisser- Small Business Innovation Grants- Galaxy- 530 PM

Dec ASPE with Cleve Low key gathering early Dec- location ideas to be reviewed potentially Burntwood Tavern/ fka Spanish Tavern

Cleve informs plans to align Programs for this next year to have a couple of Virtual meetings Jan and Feb and an in person event and volunteered ASPE to help with location for March.

Akron- plans for ACESS joint meeting- new Speaker being developed by local ACS- Akron

Cleve-Jan- TEAM NEO- Virtual- date TBD

Cleve -Feb- International Recycling from Erie PA- potential in person- date TBD

Cleve- March- M. Holland- Cleve or Madison Grp- on design from Wisc. -date TBD

Akron-April potential poster oriented meeting led by Student Chapter/PESO-date TBD

May- Awards Night- Raintree planned May 15 or 22

Need ideas for next year 2023-4 for Akron- Program suggestions for Committee -David Schultz, Larry Stanek and Sherri Hart as Susan Montgomery reports she has plans to be Program Chair again.

We discussed a host of new ideas for meetings including tours-again

IDEAS

Polymer Cluster- update

Goodyear Tour- Tech Center- Joe Mattingly

Eaton- Plant tours- Aerospace/E-Vehicles- Kevin Malpass

Biomimicry- Pat II- U of Akron

Fossil Fuel

Economy, Supply Chain and Logistics

Sustainability

Diversity and Equity

Autonomous Vehicles

Lithium/Polymer batteries



Board Meeting Minutes – 10/3 continued

House—Bob Weiler

Bob has informed he would handle location alignment and negotiations but requested help handling transactions. Bob informs he is set with Nov meeting Galaxy and will address Dec and possibly March- with Cleve if needed plus April meeting locations.

Membership—Kevin Malpass

Active members : currently September steady.

Lapsed members that need to renew:

Kevin thanks ASPE BOD for ideas that will help Akron Section prosper. Kevin has developed a list and will provide action items to grow membership. In addition need to make contact with local companies. BOD has re-engaged with new members and ideas are flowing for changes and modifications.

Treasurer—Bob Weiler

Bob submitted report informs that we are in good standing.

Bob reports he has opened a new Square account so we can take credit card payments at our Section meetings (linked to akronspe1@gmail.com). We are now discussing logistics with ACCESS- new website and determine capabilities - Joe Mattingly and Bob Weiler.

Need to review Budget for 2023 and align new income potential Sponsors for Meeting and attendance at Awards for future.

Bob informs he will handle Treasurer through the year 2022.

Technology Updates—Kathy Perevosnik - prior to leaving

Kathy created akronspeboard@gmail.com and password on the laptop (for Microsoft 365 and the laptop itself).

Working with team to create inventory of Board-owned property and current location.

Plan to check with Tony Dean- link with Square re Sponsors- Kathy.

Councilor—Dan Jones

Informed there currently is no planned updates on Council Meeting.

Takeaways-review general Award system and recognition in SPE. What it means to have personal and what motivates people the most?

Past key takeaways include profitable year SPE- Intl -virtual events and investments, Plastics Engineering now handled in house, plan to provide Emeritus status for membership for Fellows and Honored Service Members.

Student Chapter—Stephen Riley / RJ Vieredel

We informed we as well would like to have other PESO members attend our BOD and we possibly their meetings.

We would like to know what support ASPE could provide so we may align in budget plus planned activities. RJ has informed he is planning to align a Member drive and request funds for donuts and coffee- Vote taken and passed funds. Student Chapter plans to have a Winter Banquet. We as well need update re student to attend ANTEC 2023.

We anticipate a possibly student led meeting for April 2023.

Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean

We reviewed current cost structure in place determined need to review for SPE year 2023.

We now have 7 paid advertisers.

Membership Booth format under discussion- difficult to keep timely. We are in process of prepping a large pull display- easier to handle and store. Larger Pull up banner – need to develop- Sherri

Tony has developed protocol on passing of ASPE members.

Board Meeting Minutes – 10/3 continued

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

Sherri requests for Jenny any news items as well as meeting information.- next year Jenny, Kathy and Sherri are all helping to promote events as well- Linked IN.

Website / Social Media—Nicole Fraifogl

No report.

National Awards—Keith Pelfrey

We should try to determine if we have others in ASPE for Honored Service Member- for near future

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

Need to develop list of new Lifetime Service Members as well as Hall of Honor and Zekan for this next year. We have a developed a list for Lifetime Service Members to include- Lloyd Goettler, Tony Dean and Jerry Whitnable- various ASPE BOD members will provide support data for each Bob Wegelin , and David Schultz .LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD determined basic criteria to distinguish from Zekan Award. Zekan less than 10 years and very active years and Lifetime noted as approximately 20 years plus dedication.

David Schultz to contact Lloyd Goettler and Jerry Whitnable

Need to update Power Point with new Lifetime Service Members- Bob Wegelin.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

John reports all has been handled for scholarships and that he is now in process of aligning up-coming Science Fair and Olympiad. John will prepare listing on help and funds for ASPE as in the past Awards and support plus any added help.

March 11- Univ of Akron- Science Olympiad

March 18- Western Reserve Science Fair

No word to date APS -Science Fair

Education Foundation—David Schultz/Joe Mattingly

Joe reported after recent review the funds have reduced due to market fluctuations. The modifications we recently made along with added diversification have been a tremendous help.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

No report.

2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz

Akron hosted a successful TPE TOPCON for September 20-22, 2022 at Hilton thanks to all the help of our Committee plus ASPE BOD- extra Task Force and John Fellenstein- PlastiVan and Students for Poster session!! A special Thanks to Professor Weinan Xu- Student Chapter Advisor.

It was determined that since we – ASPE section are handling these types of Conference on a regular basis we need to get added members and diversified support. D Schultz Plan to develop list of roles and advertise for added support- Newsletter.

2023 VINYLTEC—Bob Weiler

Vinyltec is set for October 10-12 at Hilton Hotel.

I will need help on the Committee to aid in helping the Vinyl Division.

I plan re-group with Committee for starting work in December or early January.

Board Meeting Minutes – 10/3 continued

ACCESS Update

Website is completed - we are inputting Programs for societies.

ACCESS planning to align Paypal so that societies can utilize the site as well draw a wide variety of possible new attendees.

Old Business

Need to search for and develop new Board Members.

New Business

We decided we should align Documentation of files in Polymer Science Building- Tony Dean and John Fellenstein to review files.

Discussed detail on Regional alignment with Intl SPE- Bob Weiler will develop a Matrix for review.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM. Next BOD meeting November 7, 2022 at PEAC and Virtual -Teams hosted by Joe.



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Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation



06-22

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 nearly forty years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided over 300 scholarships to young men and women totaling in excess of \$441,000 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 David Schultz, 610 Berkshire Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256.

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