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The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
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~ Next Session ~

Monday, September 11, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Hilton Inn

3180 West Market Street

Akron, Ohio 44333

Global Economic Factors Now Favor U.S. Plastic Product Manufacturing over China- Based Operations

Long term fundamental shifts changed the playing field. What it means to Ohio processors.

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Meeting Information

Member and/or guest	\$30
Retired	\$25
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Gathering	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	7:00 p.m.

Reservations by Sept. 8.
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Speaker Biography

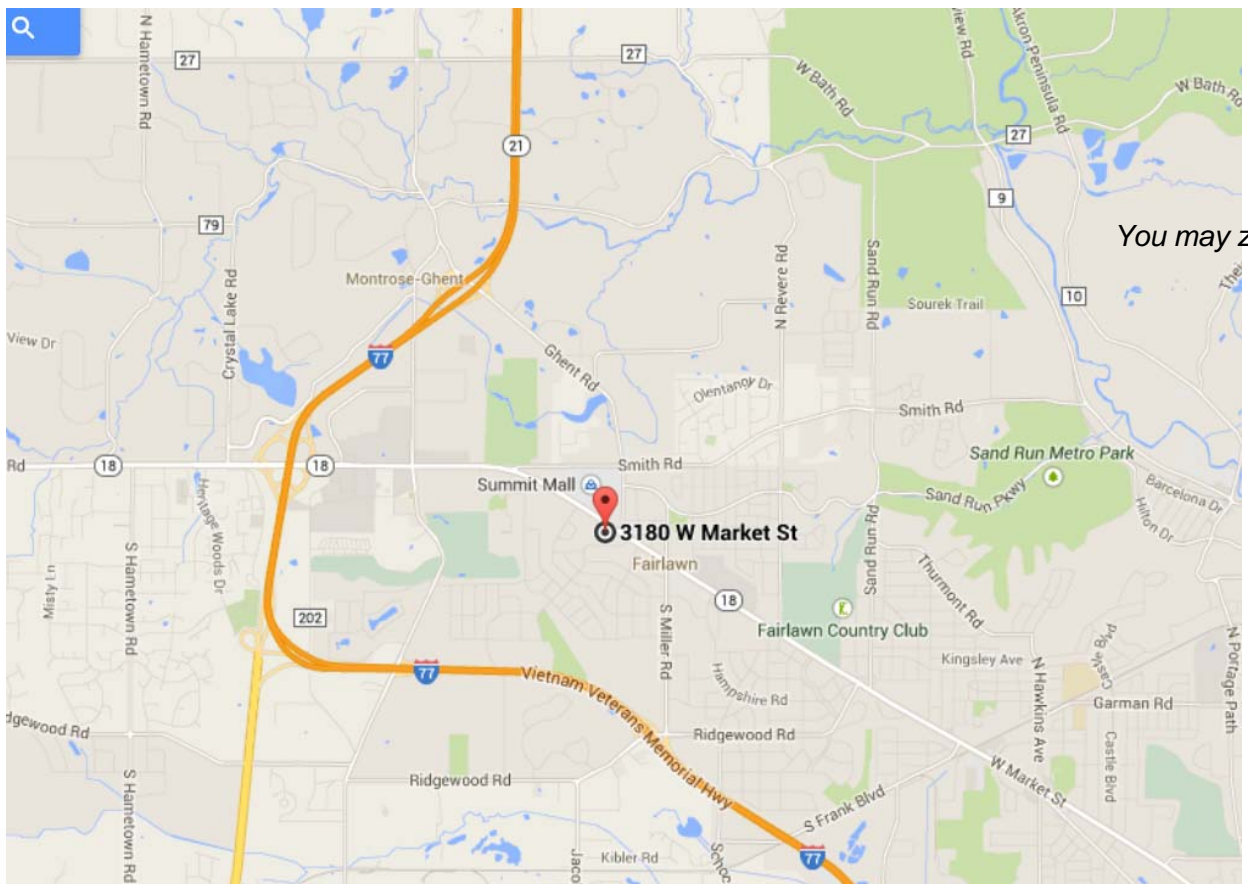
Greg Kozera is the Director of Marketing for Shale Crescent USA, helping communities to create jobs. Shale Crescent USA is a regional nonprofit economic development marketing and research organization. He is also the President and CEO of Learned Leadership LLC. Greg has worked in the energy industry for over 40 years. He was also an adjunct professor at Pierpont Technical and Community College teaching a leadership course he developed.



Mr. Kozera is a past President of the Virginia Oil and Gas Association, a member and Past President of the Ohio Chapter of the National Speakers Association and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Greg attended West Virginia University for his Engineering BS and after a break of 20 years, he earned his MS in Environmental Engineering from Marshall University. He is a registered professional engineer and has authored four books and numerous technical papers and articles. He is also a regular newspaper and magazine columnist, radio personality as well as a professional speaker. Greg has also been a guest on over 300 radio programs across the United States and Canada including nationally syndicated shows.

Greg is a high school boys' soccer coach whose team has won 7 West Virginia Boys State Soccer Championships. In 2012, they were ranked 11th in the United States among ALL high schools by CBS sports. He understands the power and importance of TEAM and LEADERSHIP



President's Message

Hello local SPE members,

In Northeast Ohio, we believe in recycling and actively practice it!

I was the Akron Section President in 2013-14. Like many other members of the board, I am serving a second term; many of the past presidents have recycled twice or more. Thank you, Joe, for serving a fourth term in 2022-23.



In September, we start off our program this year with a presentation on how US manufacturing is being recycled: "Global Economic Factors Now Favor U.S. Plastic Product Manufacturing over China-Based Operations". Vinyltec also returns to Akron this October. We have a tentative program for the year, thanks to the efforts of our members, the Cleveland Section and ACCESS (details and link on page 6).

This past year, we successfully made a return from COVID to a full and active program. But recovery is not enough. We now need your participation and input to develop a vision for the future: new ideas, new leadership, new communication and outreach to a new generation of professionals. Recycling is sometimes thought of as reusing "old" materials. As it applies to me, I reject the adjective "old"! Please participate with the board and me in building the future of the Akron Section this year.

Best regards,

Dan Jones

President, Akron Section
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Board Meeting Dates

Aug 28	Jan 8
Sept None	Feb 5
Oct 2	March 4
Nov 6	April 1
Dec 4	May 6

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Tech Talk

This is where professionals from around the world discuss the latest technical issues and innovations in range of marketplaces. Put the knowledge and expertise of thousands of plastics professionals to work for you. Ask a question. Or provide an answer. [Click here.](#)

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Board Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023

Call to Order: In person at Papa Joe Iacomini's Restaurant. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

Present: Joe Mattingly, Bob Weiler, Larry Stanek, Dan Jones, Sherri Makar Hart, John Fellenstein, RJ Viereckl and Tony Dean (scribe)

Absent: David Schultz, Kevin Malpass, Bob Wegelin, Sahil Gupta and Nicole Fraifogl

Meeting hosted by President Joe Mattingly.

Tony Dean was acting secretary.

Sherri Hart will be new Councilor

Nicole Fraifogl has informed she will no longer be on BOD- Thank you for all your help and support over the years!!

May 1 minutes approved as written. No discussion.

Technical Program 2022/23—Joe Mattingly / Keith Pelfrey

- Awards Night held on May 22, 2023 at Raintree Golf and Event Center went well. Had 65 attendees and the food was very good. Event cost the Akron Section \$300. Dr. Eagan's talk was a little too technical for most of the audience. Keith Pelfrey did a nice job as MC. Raintree Golf and Event Center should be the preferred venue for Awards Night in the future.

- September 11, 2023 technical meeting will be held jointly with the Cleveland Section. Venue will be the Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn.

House—Bob Weiler

- Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn very good to work with.

- Larry Stanek and Dakota Spencer will be taking over House duties.

Membership—Kevin Malpass

Sherri for Kevin – No reports.

Treasurer—Bob Weiler

Treasurer's report submitted to board prior to meeting. Finances in good shape.

- One area of concern – TPE TOPCON profits much lower than anticipated. Probably due to K-Show and Covid.

- VINYLTEC 2023 should do much better per Bob Weiler.

Councilor—Dan Jones

No report.

Student Chapter—RJ Viereckl

- RJ not continuing on as student chapter liaison.

- No student chapter advisor.

- RJ to advise.

- RJ thought that processing session at CWRU was very good.

Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean

- Akron Page of SPE Int'l Website updated with latest meeting announcements and newsletters.

- Five ads for 2023-2024 year placed so far.

- No price increase for ads this year.

Board Meeting Minutes – 6/13/2023

Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean *continued*

- Tony Dean contacted Sandra Pejic of Thermo Fisher Scientific, who was at the Poster Session on April 10 about advertising with Akron SPE and Sponsoring/Exhibiting VINYLTEC 2023. Have not heard back. Tony will try again.
- No pocket calendar will be issued in the 2023-2024 year.

Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart

Summer newsletter has been sent out.

Website / Social Media—Sherri Makar Hart

Jenny and Sherri have kept sites up to date.

Awards—Keith Pelfrey

No report.

Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey

No report.

Education Committee—John Fellenstein

- \$8,000 in scholarships given out.
- No essay contests submitted. Application form on website was updated.
- Possibility of more scholarships to qualified students. No one has applied.

Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly

Fund doing well even with up and down market. Joe Mattingly will still be chairman. No changes needed.

Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass

No report.

2023 VINYLTEC—David Schultz

Per Tony Dean - Next committee meeting is July 10, 2023. Should have program by then.

ACCESS Update—David Schultz

Per Joe Mattingly - PayPal available for events. Need to eliminate “free” choice on application. Need to fix problems event payments.

Old Business

- Dan Jones will be president for 2023-2024 year.
- Dan Jones will remain as councilor for time being
- Bob Weiler will remain as Treasurer thorough October 2023.
- Still need long term treasurer and councilor.
- Need to submit Volunteer Roster by June 15, 2023. Tony Dean will do.

New Business

Sherri Makar Hart inquired about funding for robotics program. Joe Mattingly says there has to be plastics or polymer content. Sherri to investigate further.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Next meeting will take place August 28. Dan Jones will advise.

Akron Section Past Presidents

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excellence*

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1987-1988	Judith A. Fallon	2019-2020	Larry Stanek
1988-1989	William E. Tosko	2020-2021	Larry Stanek
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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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Sincerely,
David Schultz, Foundation Chair
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Tony Dean, Advertising Manager - 330-929-9916

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