

Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.

Milwaukee Section

Minutes for the Milwaukee SPE Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday August 14, 2018 5:30 PM

Western Racquet Club Elm Grove, WI

1. Call to order and welcome comments Mr. Bennett
Matt welcomed everyone as we enter a new year.

2. Roll Call Mr. Krauthoefer

Present Voting Members: Krauthoefer, Butterbrodt, Menna, Bennett, Miller, Nehls

Present non-voting: Vander Zanden, Ciezki, Kambouris

Excused voting: Manley, Hill, Schermetzler

Excused non-voting: Doern

A quorum of the elected voting members was present at the start of the meeting at 5:35 and business was conducted.

3. Review of Minutes Mr. Krauthoefer

Motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Butterbrodt to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2018 meeting. A voice vote to approve was unanimous. Minutes to be posted on the web site. Mr. Miller noted that the minutes have not been updated timely on the web site.

4. Treasurer's Report Mr. Butterbrodt
 - a) The report and budget presented by Mr. Butterbrodt is attached.
 - b) Our balances (approximately \$40,000) are pre-golf outing. Last year at this time we were around \$35,000 and increased to \$37,000 in October.
 - c) We reviewed the proposed budget. We plan to have four events this year. The MGS event generated a \$1300 profit. The budgeted income from monthly meetings was bumped to \$4,500 with expense reduced to \$600.
 - d) With some changes to the golf outing, our profit is projected at \$7400. Those included beverage cart sponsors (Strohwig, Progressive, and Moldtracks), increased efforts in the raffle, cornhole, sign sponsors, and mulligans, and a spending reduction of \$500. The River Club support and communication was poor due to the fact that they had almost a complete turnover in personnel. The deterioration in service was validated by a similar experience for the Special Olympics outing. Unfortunately, the only other club that can meet the requirements of an outing our size that would be equivalent in quality is North Shore. Course quality is important to MGS and Plenco who use our outing as a thanks to their customers and people and support it in

a big way. A committee will be formed as Pete no longer wants the full responsibility but is happy to consult and work with the new committee.

- e) In education, the extend a hand program was not done last year and the award for educator of the year is not an annual requirement.
- f) Newsletter income is down from \$5,000 to \$3,000.
- g) Corporate SPE does not cover insurance for sections which was not known. It may cost around \$500 to get that done.
- h) The budget was then approved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Nehls and was approved unanimously.

5. Report from Councilor

Mr. Menna

- a) At the Antec meeting, there was a lot of discussion regarding rebates and connecting them to the sections.

6. House report

Ms. Nehls

- a) The MGS outing was a great success with a turnout of over 35 people. The case study format attracted a lot of people and was well received.
- b) We need to get away from accepting payment at the door especially in tour situations where there could be a cap on the number of people that can attend.

7. Membership Report

Mr. Manley

- a) Mr. Manley was absent

8. Program Report

Mr. Miller

- a) A tour of Allied Plastics will be held on October 16th.
- b) On January 9th, we will be at Milwaukee Electric Tool and will be partnering with ASME. We anticipate 60-70 people will attend.
- c) A tour of Cornerstone Composites is being considered in spring (former Wisconsin Thermoset)
- d) On 11/18 there will be a presentation by Teresa Shell of Vive for our millennial group on working with different generations.
- e) Ms. Nehls suggested that we could market some of the tours to the Illinois section however we do not want to cut out Wisconsin section members especially if there is a limit as to the number of people that can attend.

9. Webmaster Report

Mr. Bennett

- a) No changes.

10. Newsletter Ad Report

Mr. Hill

- a) Mr. Hill did not attend.

11. Education Report

Mr. Ciezki

- a) The Foundation will be reviewing grants in the near future.
- b) We continue to work with Jan at MSOE on the Future Cities competition.

12. SPE Education Foundation Report

Mr. Hill

- a) The foundation now has assets over \$1,000,000 with the help of a materials auction that generated over \$100,000 with the help of Sabic.

13. Unfinished Business

- a) The educator of the year will be open to non-teachers as well including professionals and company related business professionals. Mr. Ciezki has suggested eight criterion for the award which include: nomination by a Milwaukee board member, a complete application laying out accomplishments which are substantiated by a board member, 10 years of service in the industry, achievement in educating students on plastic related topics, and a Wisconsin resident. The selection will be made by a committee of at least three board members and the award will be recognized at Education night with a \$500 reward (to be given to a school chosen by the recipient) and a plaque.
- b) The Hall of Fame award will be handled similarly.
- c) In fiscal year 2020, our section will be having its 75th anniversary starting July 1, 2019. There was discussion as to the best way to get that message out.

14. New Business

- a) The thermoforming annual conference will be held in Milwaukee in September of 2019. Ms. Nehls has met the person responsible for the event and we will see how the board can help and help the brand. SPE corporate has been criticized for not reaching out to the local chapters when an event such of this magnitude is hosted in their location.
- b) The Pinnacle award criteria has been changed and the local board is now responsible to know what the requirements are and gather the data to support their application.

15. Adjournment

- a) A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Nehls, seconded by Mr. Miller and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37.

