

Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.

Milwaukee Section

Minutes for the Milwaukee SPE Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 – 5:30pm

Western Racquet Club Elm Grove, WI

1. Call to order and welcome comments Todd Menna

2. Roll Call Jason Braman

Present Voting Members: Matt Bennett, Jack Hill, Todd Menna, Renee Nehls, Mike Miller, Jason Braman, Jason Mallek, Mary Kosarzycki, Ray Czieszki,

Present non-voting: Wayne Vander Zanden,

Excused voting: Keith Baisden, Amy Schermetzler,

Excused non-voting:

Guests: David K

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 Jason Braman

4. Treasurer's Report Keith Baisden

Keith is absent. Todd said that Keith will be going to the Merrick Group to get detailed invoices versus non-detailed. There is a need for more clarity.

5. Report from Councilor Matt Bennett

Matt is concerned that ANTEC hasn't been cancelled, it starts March 28th. SPE sent an email earlier this week stating that it is still on. Renee will not be going. Jason Mallek will not be going. Todd may be going.

6. House report Renee Nehls

No new updates. Renee was out for February on medical leave. Keith is going to work with the Sheraton about paying taxes on past events when we shouldn't have since we're 501©3. Mike Miller said we won't be charged taxes from the Sheraton moving forward.

7. Membership Report Amy Schermetzler

Amy is absent, but she sent notes to Todd. Membership remains at same level as last meeting. Pop up banners are still on order. Todd will share we'd like to have these by the April education night.

Membership list... Mike Miller is asking whether Constant Contact has the master membership list. Todd and Matt confirmed that yes, Constant Contact does. This list is everyone who has signed up for our Milwaukee section, but there are a lot of people who should be unsubscribed from the list. Todd suggests we should clean up this list once per year. The membership list is different... we can log into corporate to get this list. So, once per year, the membership chair should cross-reference the membership list from corporate with Constant Contact.

8. Program Report

Mike Miller

Mike had emails go out to all members about some upcoming events. An event for late March. And an event in April. He'd like to have an event in May... but a fall event at UW Madison may be a great event.

9. Newsletter Ad Report

Jack Hill/Amy Schermetzler/Jason Mallek

Amy is absent, but she sent details to Todd, she is busy, she has some website updates to make.

10. Social Report

Amy Schermetzler

Amy is absent, but she sent details to Todd, golf outing will be July 13th, River Club in Mequon. Amy has been trying to get stuff from Pete and he hasn't been responsive. Matt will talk with Pete about this. Todd will ask Amy to get a save-the-date post on the website.

Also, what about a rain delay for the golf outing... Amy checked and there is a rain clause in the contract with the River Club. If it rains and we cancel, we still must pay the River Club. Todd will ask Amy to add a note about this to the website post for the golf outing. Matt will write a disclaimer, including this, as well as including wording about injuries, to possibly add as a disclaimer to agree to when signing up for the golf outing.

Jack said we can buy rain insurance from our insurance company. Matt said that we may not want to do this because refunding everyone would be a tough task.

Amazon tour... Amy may or may not plan this event.

11. Ad Report

Jason Mallek

He has printouts from ASM. They have a gold membership (\$1000), and a standard membership (\$250). Maybe a gold SPE member could automatically be paid to go to all annual events, and maybe they all would get a 5-10-minute window for a talk at one of the events, a full meeting to host, a hole sponsor at golf outing. We all agree that a gold members' dues wouldn't include dues to corporate, that would be too difficult to do.

We have added no more ad sponsors for website. Next invoices go out in June or July. Jason will follow up with Amy about an AG sponsor for website.

12. Education Report

Ray Ciezki

April 8 is education night. Ray has received no feedback from universities yet about whether the corona virus will affect sending students to this. WCTC hasn't cancelled any event due to the corona virus yet. We may or may not have a fee to pay for the event, it may be \$175, but Ray is still waiting on final confirmation. Mark Sellers will be the keynote speaker. Craig Adams is the educator of the year.

We will have tabletop advertisements for companies to pay for.

Essay contest, there are 45 essays to read. Mike Miller, Mary, and Ray will stay after the meeting tonight to read all the essays.

13. SPE Education Foundation Report

Ray Ciezki/Jack Hill

We're still at over \$1,000,000 in the account as of today. Last year we had \$29,000 in dividends, capital gains were \$14,000, and we spent \$13,000 on awards, \$181,000 was requested.

Jack is resigning as treasurer of the education foundation board. We have a total of 4 open positions for the education foundation board.

14. Unfinished Business

Ray: Educator of the Year criteria has been completed. Ray will send this out for approval. Hall of Fame criteria has been completed as well, and Ray will send this out for approval as well. Outstanding Achievement criterial needs to be completed still.

Todd: Open positions on board. Mary has volunteered to take on membership committee chair. Newsletter Email Blast Chair is still Amy, but she wants to be done with this, Mike Miller is considering doing this, he may not want to continue to be programming chair for next year.

15. New Business

Matt: MiniTec for April 21-23 in Chicago has been cancelled due to corona virus.

Todd: MiniTec with UW Stout, possible for this coming fall. Intro to polymer processing will be the topic. Injection molding, extrusion, roto molding, blow molding, etc. We can tie SPE Minnesota with this event. We have options for this as far as what to do for lunch and dinner (on campus cafeteria and local restaurants). Maybe make this a Tuesday/Wednesday event. 21 people would be the max number of participants. If we hold this in October, it would probably be best. Wei Zheng, program director, plastics, UW Stout, would be the person we'd coordinate this with.

Todd: Elections, MSPE Board, Education Foundation. No people have come forward to nominate themselves. Jack doesn't know if he will reapply for SPE board. March 27th is the deadline for nominations. May 12th meeting for SPE board, Education Foundation members will be elected by SPE board.

Todd: Contact list cleanup. Todd will clean up what he recognizes needs to be removed from the constant contact list, and then he'll share the list with the SPE board to get feedback about who else should be removed.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Matt). 2nd (Jason Mallek).