

Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.

Milwaukee Section

Minutes for the Milwaukee SPE Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, August 20th, 2020 – 5:30pm

Virtual Skype Call

1. Call to order and welcome comments Todd Menna
2. Roll Call Jason Braman

Present Voting Members: Todd Menna, Renee Nehls, Mike Miller, Jason Braman, Jason Mallek, Mary Kosarzycki,

Present non-voting: Wayne Vander Zanden, Jack Hill,

Excused voting: Matt Bennett, Ray Ciezki, Keith Baisden, Amy Schermetzler,

Excused non-voting:

Guests:

A quorum of the elected voting members was present at the start of the meeting at 5:41 and business was conducted.

3. Review of Minutes Jason Braman

Motion to approve minutes by Mike Miller, second by Renee. Vote passed.

4. Treasurer's Report Keith Baisden

Keith sent updated financial reports via email today. Todd is wondering about a couple of items on the reports and he'll discuss those with Keith. Budget for this coming year was not included, and we need this approved by October.

5. Report from Councilor Matt Bennett

A fall councilors' meeting hasn't been scheduled yet. Matt will sit in on a leadership meeting tomorrow and he'll tell us about it at our next meeting. Renee will also be on this call.

6. House report Renee Nehls

Nothing new to report.

7. Membership Report Amy Schermetzler / Mary

Mary checked, and we have 251 in current membership, 60 have expired, and an additional 48 will expire by the end of 2020. Next Mary will talk with Amy to put together a mass email to send out to those whose membership have expired.

8. Program Report

Mike Miller

Nothing to report. He's looking into ways to do a virtual event. He's wondering what our cost structure would be for a virtual event. He's thinking a \$5 virtual event may be the way to go. We had a meeting scheduled with Jeff Jansen for March that was cancelled, and maybe this could be scheduled as a virtual event.

9. Newsletter Ad Report

Jack Hill/Amy Schermetzler/Jason Mallek

Amy sent an update to Todd. She said she's wondering what we thought about doing some COVID related articles in the newsletter, how businesses are adapting to COVID. We talked that this may be valuable, but we'd need to discuss details first.

10. Social Report

Amy Schermetzler

We did resign the contract with the River Club for next years' golf outing. The date is Monday, July 12th.

Amy will get with Mike to plan a virtual social event. She will explore options for this type of events and share with the board.

11. Ad Report

Jason Mallek

Jason recently shared advertising tiers with membership, \$500 (Bronze), \$600 (Silver), and \$850 (Gold) sponsorship levels. The Madison Group renewed their sponsorship at the Gold level. Mercury Marine will join on as a Gold sponsor. Dave Doern is going to do Silver level sponsorship for his employer, and Jason will send him an invoice. Todd said that Element will do Gold level sponsorship, and Jason will send Todd the invoice. Jason will follow up with Pete about WI Engraving sponsoring. They haven't heard from any other companies though.

Jason needs to share logos/artwork with Tara to be added to our website.

12. Education Report

Ray Ciezki

Ray sent an email yesterday updating everyone that education night is April 14th, 2021, and Mark Sellers will be the keynote.

13. SPE Education Foundation Report

Ray Ciezki/Jack Hill

He has a budget together for the next year for the education foundation.

Per Jack, we still have over \$1,000,000 in the account, and it's up 7% since our last meeting, up 1% over the past year. We gave away \$56,000 this year. We have \$181,000 requested. The application form is on the Milwaukee SPE website. Next meeting will be in October or November, but the date hasn't been set yet.

14. Unfinished Business

Open Positions: Newsletter/Email Blasts Chair, Technical Program Chair, Secretary (this is the only open position that has been filled), President Elect
Contact List Clean-up - This still needs to be cleaned up. Todd and May need to work together on this.

15. New Business

We can have an in-person meeting at the Western Racquet club as soon as the next meeting if we'd like to have it in person versus virtual.

Bylaws (Todd)

Comments from corporate were very minor. By our October meeting, Todd would like us to vote and put them in place. We can all read them and then be prepared to vote on these shortly.

Jack – Jerry Merz is looking for a job. He does internet work. If you want to discuss this, Jack has his contact info if you'd like to send him details about job openings.

Mike Miller – Do we want to cross-promote UW Milwaukee continuing education plastics programming? Virtual learning this semester. Mike Miller has details. Jason asked whether we want to ask them to be a sponsor or not. Mike will ask whether this would be a possibility for UW Milwaukee or not. Mike will send an email reply and CC Todd and Jason.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Jason). 2nd (Mike).