

Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.

## Milwaukee Section

### Minutes for the Milwaukee SPE Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 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, Todd Menna, Renee Nehls, Mike Miller, Amy Schermetzler, Jason Braman, Keith Baisden, Jason Mallek, Mary Kosarzycki, Jack Hill

**Present non-voting:**

**Excused voting:** Ray Czeski, Wayne Vander Zanden, Dave Doern

**Excused non-voting:**

**Guests:** Glenn Beall

A quorum of the elected voting members was present at the start of the meeting at 5:33 and business was conducted.

3. Review of Minutes Jason Braman

Previous minutes are approved as is.

4. Treasurer's Report Keith Baisden

Current treasures report was shared, and we're balanced through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Our 990 was sent in to corporate on time. We still needs to send them our current cash statement, and that is all that corporate still needs. Corporate does not need a 2020 budget. Keith will prepare a 2020 budget to be shared with the board shortly. \$555 was paid to the Merrick Group. We pay \$360 per month to Brandspring. Keith will ask corporate if we need to be paying Gallagher for insurance, or if all of that his handled by corporate.

5. Report from Councilor Matt Bennett

Matt was in Connecticut at the new headquarters recently for the councilors meeting. This is a huge building. 53 councilors attended. As of September, SPE is running a deficit. 2020 budget was presented showing a deficit. Membership is declining. Been operating negatively since 2013. Governance task force, this is 14-18 people... a motion was made that the executive board would stay the same at 90 people, and they can overturn decisions made by the governance board with a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote. 30% increase in scholarship applications were submitted.

Kudos was given to the Milwaukee section in front of everyone for our support of the Plastivan. We gave \$8750 for 5 visits of the Plativan. San Antonio in March is the next ANTEC meeting, Jason Mallek, Todd, Renee, and Matt will be there. Mark Wolverton can be contacted to schedule a Plastivan event. Glenn shared that in Chicago they've had success reaching out to 3 companies to pay the approximately \$1700 for a single Plastivan event for a school.

6. House report

Renee Nehls

Event in November went well. We will probably have an approximately \$305 deficit. We were invoiced \$34/dinner, and this used to be \$24 in 2017. We need to go back to the Sheraton because we should have just been invoiced for \$24/meal. Keith will call Molly Smith to get this corrected. Mike Miller can get documentation to Keith to confirm the invoice corrections are accurate before he calls Molly Smith. We should be able to break even on these events with a minimum of 25 attendees. Next event may in March. There is also confusion with the administrative charge from the Sheraton...

A couple of website issues were mentioned... share any website issues with Mike or Amy and they will share the issues with Tara.

7. Membership Report

Amy Schermetzler

We currently have 280 members, which is down by 3 from our last meeting. We discussed a pop up banner during our last meeting, Amy came up with some designs, and submitted them to corporate, and they've approved. \$400 was approved at our last meeting to buy these banners, and Amy will need less than this to have banners made.

8. Program Report

Mike Miller

Colors for Plastics event was good but overly technical. The marketing meeting in December seemed to resonate better with everyone. Future events: A Bell Labs tour in Madison may be possible. Jeff Jansen said he'd be willing to host a spring event. March 19<sup>th</sup> would be the proposed date for an event by Jeff. Jack said that Dan Cycana would be willing to host another event on extrusion. We've discussed an Amazon tour, but Mike is wondering whether this would make sense for an SPE event. Matt, Amy, Jason M, Jason Braman, Todd agrees that this makes sense as an SPE event because it will bring in people and it will be more of a social event instead of a technical event. We could do the tour and have dinner afterwards at the Brat Stop. Mike will contact Amazon to get the process started... this could possibly be a February event.

Evco, Triangle Tool, UW Madison's plastics' program, and Aptar may be good fits for an event.

9. Newsletter Ad Report

Jack Hill/Amy Schermetzler/Jason Mallek

Amy has a couple of updates for the newsletter, but it's difficult to make time to put these together... Jack was going to share minutes from a meeting that can be added to the newsletter.

From Jason for Ads... there is an issue where PayPal charges an additional \$20... the solution is that companies can pay by check and bypass this issue. Per Amy, Mark Sellars will be a sponsor. Amy made the change and Jason is now the ad contact on our website. Per Todd, concerning sponsorship, he's wondering if we'd like to make a change where we have gold, sustaining, etc. level sponsorship. There would be benefits for each sponsorship level... like included attendance to an event. Jason will do some research into this and have details for the next board meeting.

10. Social Report

Amy Schermetzler

Amy will continue to chat with Pete about the upcoming golf outing. Amy has confirmed that we're fine concerning insurance for the golf outing. Tonya from Mark Sellers office will help Amy with the golf outing. Matt mentioned that Amy needs to negotiate with the golf club about a rain disclaimer. Amy will have an update for the next board meeting.

11. Education Report

Ray Ciezki

Ray is not present, but he did share educator the year, etc. criteria in an email yesterday. Jack Hill is looking for suggestions for the Educator of the Year. Glenn suggested we consider giving this to the UW Milwaukee Plastics program. Mike will reach out to UW Milwaukee Plastics program to have them verify the form is filled out properly. UW Milwaukee Plastics program has been nominated for Educator of the Year.

12. SPE Education Foundation Report

Ray Ciezki/Jack Hill

Jack passed around documentation showing that our foundation has over \$1,000,000 still.

13. Unfinished Business

Open positions are still the same from last meeting: membership committee chair and newsletter chair.

14. New Business

Pinnacle Award, this will not be available indefinitely per corporate.

MiniTec with SPE Chicago... Matt will talk with Kim about when we'd host this. Per Glenn, this will be best as a 2 day event instead of just a 1 day event.

MiniTec for UW Stout... this would be a 2 day event. This would be on polymer processing... blow molding, injection molding, extrusion. This may be able to happen spring or fall, 2020.

Thermoset TOPCON, Madison, May 2020. Todd found out this is happening from SPE magazine, and not because the Thermoset section reached out and shared with us.

Bylaws: Todd. Todd submitted them to corporate for approval in June, 2019. This probably won't be approved for a few more months.

Todd, Jack, and Mike Miller will be there on Saturday as a judge for the cities competition.

Todd: Next meeting and elections. Jack and Mike Miller will need to be re-elected to the board this coming summer. They will need to submit bios.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Mike). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Renee).