

Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.

Milwaukee Section

Minutes for the Milwaukee SPE Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, October 13th, 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, Glenn Beall, Ray Czeski, Amy Schermetzler, Matt Bennett, Keith Baisden,

Present non-voting: Wayne Vander Zanden

Excused voting: Jack Hill

Excused non-voting:

Guests:

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

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

4. Treasurer's Report Keith Baisden

Keith sent report to everyone today. He will email out the 2021 budget to everyone this week. Expenses last year were \$54,000, income last year was \$49,500. We have \$33,795 in our account now. We have a next income of \$1300 year to date. Tax return will be filed by this coming Thursday. New mailing address to pay for Tara's services was just shared with Keith... he will mail checks for August and September to the new address this week.

5. Report from Councilor Matt Bennett

2 SPE webinars that Matt participated in... the first was a leadership roundtable, last was a council meeting.

Leadership roundtable, these were shared... Vision – inspiring the world with plastics. Mission – furthering the development of plastic professionals... These were shared as well as a few other overall SPE-wide goals/ideals. Matt will share these with the board. They're looking for SPE members, don't have to be councilors', to head up committees for each of these goals. If interested, reach out to headquarters.

6. House report

Renee Nehls

Nothing new to report.

7. Membership Report

Amy Schermetzler / Mary Kosarzycki

Mary shared that our total number of members is 246, but only 28 have expired since our last meeting, and an additional 30 will expire by year end. Mary will draft an email to reach out to these members.

Mary merged Constant Contact list with our current membership list. The next step is to clean this combined list up to remove duplicates.

8. Program Report

Mike Miller

Nothing new to report. Mike is going to come up with some ideas for 2021 programming. We discussed virtual meetings... Todd shared that we can use corporates Zoom account. We discussed the idea of having the event that we had planned with Jeff Jansen setup instead as a webinar.

Amy shared that she's involved in another organization that has switched entirely to doing virtual events... Amy will send details to Mike.

9. Newsletter

Amy Schermetzler / Glenn Beall

Amy announced that since she's leaving the plastics industry... she's now the librarian at her son's school... she'd still like to be on our board. Since Amy is an SPE member, she's able to be on the board.

Amy has done no work on the newsletter this summer, but she has a lot of ideas and will start working with Tara on this soon.

10. Ad Report

Jason Mallek

We've had a few new sponsors sign on. 5 have paid so far at a gold level. We've had one say they want to sign up as a silver sponsor but hasn't paid yet, Wisconsin Engraving.

The WI Arburg rep is interested in signing on as a sponsor but asked about paying a pro-rated rate. We just made a change to having sponsorships last for the calendar year... we used to have them setup as a sponsor for 12 months, starting whenever payments begin. Motion placed by Jason to prorate \$500 for newspaper ad and website monthly, but then keep all other sponsor costs as is if a sponsor pays a prorated sponsor rate. Amy second. Vote – passed unanimously.

The question was also asked whether membership is required to be a sponsor, and it's not.

Silver and gold level sponsors get one free admission to SPE Milwaukee events. We discussed out these sponsors get signed up a no charge for events... maybe a sponsorship button (pending verification) can be the easiest option to do this and add this to our current event registration process.

11. Social Report

Amy Schermetzler

Todd and Amy got everything signed and setup for the 2021 golf outing. It will be July 12th. Pete and Amy have not yet met to discuss the golf outing.

12. Education Report

Ray Ciezki

Future Cities competition at MSOE will be virtual this year. Jan 30th is the final competition. Ray will need 2 other judges to join him on this competition. If interested in being a judge, let Ray know.

Education night is April 14th, but this will be reviewed by WCTC on Jan 1 to see if this can be scheduled or not.

13. SPE Education Foundation Report

Ray Ciezki/Jack Hill

Grant applications are due Oct 16th. We currently have 20 applications turned in.

Approximately \$61,000 will be given out this year!

14. Unfinished Business

Open Positions: Newsletter/Email Blasts Chair, Technical Program Chair, President Elect
Contact List Clean-up

- This was discussed during membership.

Bylaws (Todd)

- Newer addition of bylaws was shared with the board. Jason Mallek commented on fiscal year per the bylaws... what's in the bylaws doesn't match what Jason is using for sponsorship... Jason will change the sponsorship fiscal year to match what's in our bylaws after discussing this with Keith.
- Todd motions to accept bylaws as is, Jason Braman seconds, motion passes unanimously.

15. New Business

Milwaukee Section Year End Documents Due November 15 (Matt).

Minutes need to be sent to Tara to have them posted. Jason Braman will do this. Jason needs to send all minutes since he's been secretary to Tara.

Glenn shared that Chicago SPE hosted a virtual golf outing, which was a success. He also shared that they have one other virtual technical event scheduled, and this other technical event will be free. Todd suggested that we solicit for virtual event ideas in the newsletter.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (Matt). 2nd (Todd).