

Society of Plastic Engineers, Inc.

Milwaukee Section

Minutes for the Milwaukee SPE Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 – 5:30pm

Virtual Microsoft Teams 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, Ray Czeski, Matt Bennett, Jack Hill, Keith Baisden, Amy Schermetzler, Glenn Beall

Present non-voting: Wayne Vander Zanden

Excused voting: None

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Guests: Kent Attwell

A quorum of the elected voting members was present at the start of the meeting at 5:34 and business was conducted.

3. Review of Minutes Jason Braman

Motion to approve minutes by Matt, second by Mary. Vote passed.

4. Treasurer's Report Keith Baisden

We have \$33,000 in cash. We have \$6,000 of total income for the business year. \$5,300 of total expenses.

We'll be charged \$60 per hour from now on from the Merrick Group instead of a standardized monthly charge. We will still pay a one-time \$500 annual fee. This should save us quite a bit of money per year.

Keith will send out an updated budget to everyone tomorrow.

5. Report from Councilor Matt Bennett

The SPE Council meeting was Jan 21st.

- They're expecting a flat year for 2021, \$3.6 million in revenue.
- If we continue to recruit younger members, we'll be fine for long-term membership.
- They're very happy with the Plastics Engineering magazine, which is the major money maker for SPE.
- The PlastiVan is going virtual! PlastiVideos right in the classroom.

- Final call for nominating of the board openings.
- ANTEC will be May 1st-15th, all virtual.
- March 24th will be the next meeting.

6. House report

Renee Nehls

Nothing new to report.

7. Membership Report

Amy Schermetzler / Mary Kosarzycki

We have 230 members for the Milwaukee chapter. 26 are expired, 6 more will expire at the end of March. Constant Contact has over 900 people on the list, and Mary will clean this up. Mary will reach out to expired members and members who are set to expire soon to invite them to renew. The goal is to reach out to these members every other month. Every month we'll see about 10-20 names added to the expired list.

8. Program Report

Mike Miller

Jeff Jansen will do a noon webinar on April 15th. Mike will get the word out about this (posted on national SPE website, email to SPE Milwaukee and SPE Chicago members). This will be a free event. Jeff will host using his platform. This will be a talk on material tech datasheets.

We'll have one more talk for later this year that Mike Miller is already working on.

Matt Bennett mentioned that Chuck Hamley from Midland Plastics is willing to do a tour.

9. Newsletter

Amy Schermetzler / Glenn Beall

Amy worked with Tara last month to get some basic email blasts going again as well for a newsletter. Amy has some article idea as well as some editorial ideas. She wants to do a people-on-the-move segment in the newsletter moving forward, which is Glenn's idea. Amy wants to get the next newsletter out by the end of March. Details about our upcoming virtual event will be on this newsletter.

10. Ad Report

Jason Mallek

We've had 2 more sponsors sign up since our last meeting (SABIC as well as Glenn Beall).

11. Social Report

Amy Schermetzler

Golf outing will happen summer 2021! This will be in July 12th, and this will include the dinner as normal.

12. Education Report

Ray Ciezki

Education night will not be able to happen this spring due to COVID-19.

Ray wants to engage the SPE student chapters, 3 UW schools, and we normally give out a \$250 scholarship to each chapter at education night. Ray wants to mail the check to each chapter and allow them to do their own raffle.

For essay contest, Ray has several grade school as well as high school essays to judge.

Marsha Gabrielle may be the educator the year.

13. SPE Education Foundation Report

Ray Ciezki/Jack Hill

We gave out 12 scholarships and had 24 applicants.

\$1,200,000 is still in the fund.

14. Unfinished Business

- Complete 2020-2021 Budget (Keith/Todd)
 - o Keith addressed this earlier in the meeting.
- Open Positions: Technical Program Chair, President Elect, House Committee Chair
 - o Jason M motions to re-elect Todd as president, second by Keith. This will be a 1-year term extension. Motion passes.
 - o Keith is retiring. He will continue through the Golf Outing. We will need a new Treasurer.
 - o Renee will be leaving the Board to non-voting status. We will need to replace the House Committee Chair position.
 - o Amy will be leaving... so Newsletter and Social Chair will need to be filled.
- Contact List Clean-up – due in March
 - o We went through this earlier in the meeting.

15. New Business

- BOD election nominations begin at March meeting

16. Adjournment

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