

Upcoming 2019 Board Elections

As an SPE member, this is one way for you to participate to improve the organization you belong to!

Consider running for one of the multiple board positions open.

Any current SPE member can run for a position on the board. All they need to submit is a brief biography. The individual positions are actually elected on the board themselves. You have to become an elected board member and then after you are elected you can volunteer or be asked to help on a committee. Members will serve for 3 years.

Please send your biography to: milwaukespe@gmail.com

The biography must be submitted by Friday, March 29th, 2019.

Elections will be done through an electronic survey and will be completed before April 19th, 2019.

Board member are required to meet once every 2 months and will be asked to participate in areas like:

- Meeting programs
- Judging Youth programs
- Education Foundation
- **Plant Tours**
- Section Education

Sincerely,

Matt Bennett, President

Milwaukee Chapter Society of Plastics Engineers

Event Recap - January's STEM Forward's Future Cities Competition

Where are Wisconsin's future technology leaders?

On Saturday January 26, 2019, a lot of them could be found at MSOE's Kern Center! One of the programs promoted in Wisconsin to encourage students' advancement in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) is the STEM Forward's Future Cities Competition.

53 middle school teams from all over Wisconsin assembled to submit their version of a future city to a variety of judging panels. "Best Use of Plastics" and "Best Knowledge of Plastics" were two of the 22 Special Awards handed out by 19 organizations, including Milwaukee's Society of Plastics Engineers.



Mike Miller, Amy Schermetzler, Matt Bennett, and Ray Cieski, MKE SPE board members, enjoyed a morning of interacting with the future technology leaders of Wisconsin and once again left

impressed with what they saw and heard.



Event Recap - January 9th Milwaukee Tool

With over 75 people in attendance! We received the rich and robust 85-year history of Milwaukee Tool.

We learned about their disruptive innovation process that makes them cutting-edge and world leaders in their markets served. The highlight of the night was the tour of their Rapid Innovation Center- an impressive array of prototype machines and state-of-the-art manufacturing cells with full automation.



Special thanks to: Andrew Beyerl, Scott Anderson, and tour guides from Milwaukee Tool and ASME for pulling this all together!

Event Recap - February 19th Technical Meeting - Industry 4.0

Thank you to all who attended the Milwaukee SPE technical meeting on February 19th on Industry 4.0 for Plastics Engineers.

Over 25 people were in attendance to hear Arburg talk about Industry 4.0 for plastic processors. A clear explanation was offered on how we arrived at this 4th generation of industry and how it differs from previous generations. Industry 4.0 is really what we want it to be, not something we buy in a box with a ribbon on it. It's also more of a journey, not a destination. We learned about the connectivity aspect of machines AND software through the overview of OPC

UA communications protocol along with the EUROMAP guidelines that are really helping plastic processors as we make progress toward I4.0 Thanks to Arburg for a great presentation and answering our questions.

LEFT PHOTO: Pictured left to right are Arburg's Derek Schwandt, Michael Stark, and Liam Burns along with SPE's Mike Miller. RIGHT PHOTO: Speaker Michael Stark- National Sales Mgr - Arburg.



Reminder - Wonders of Plastics Essay Contest Deadline is February 28th.

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) presents our Annual "Wonders of Plastics" essay contest. Open to all middle/junior high and high school students, the essay must be sponsored by a teacher and must meet certain requirements – See page 2 of application form.

- First prize \$250 (one winner in High School and Elementary Division)
- Second Prize \$125 (one winner in High School and Elementary Division)

For details, visit our website here!

<http://milwaukeespe.org/2019-wonders-of-plastics-essay-contest-open/>



Attend The Next SPE Board Meeting!

Please join us at our next Board Meeting and learn about what the board has planned for 2019! All chapter members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

RSVP to Matt Bennett at: mbennett@inprocorp.com if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 - 5:30 pm

Location: Western Racquet Club
1800 Highland Dr., Elm Grove WI 53122

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