



Society of Plastics Engineers Detroit Section Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2019 Board Meeting

Meeting Location

American Chemistry Council
5750 New King St.
Troy, MI 48098

Remote Location

None

Call-In Information

US: (712) 832-8330
Pass Code: 5855927

Attendance/ Voting –Lyle Beadle, Dawn Cooper – Eve held proxy, Neil Fuenmayor – Laura held proxy, Pete Grelle – Dawn had proxy but did not attend, Wayne Hertlein, Norm Kakarala, Sandra McClelland – Lyle held proxy, Adrian Merrington- Bob held proxy, David Okonski Bill held proxy, Bob Petrach, Tom Pickett, Irv Poston, Nippani Rao, Laura Shereda, Keith Siopes, Sassan Tarahomi, Eve Vitale, Bill Windscheif. 17/24 Unable to arrange or did not designate proxies- Marc Bahm, Todd Hogan, Tom Miller, Tom Powers, Suresh Shah, Armando Sardanopoli.

Also in attendance –Richard Broo, Laura Correa, Fang Wang, Karen Rhodes-Parker

Welcome and Introductions

Eve called meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Eve Vitale

President's Message

With three guests in attendance, Eve had us go around the room with introductions. She did make it a point to mention Irv's years of service to SPE – 61 years and thank him for that service.

Eve Vitale

Approval of Minutes-

Bill and Bob noted and explained vote on additional ANTEC spending had some ambiguity – note will be added to 2018-10-22 minutes. (Was vote 10 – 10 with one not voting or 11- 10?) – Since no second vote was called, difference was not relevant.

Bob Petrach

Sassan moved and Laura seconded that minutes for October 22, 2018 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Eve reviewed Check Register report and Performance to Budget 2017-2018. Both files embedded here.

Tom Powers



Detroit Register
report 11-14-2-01-19



Performance to
2018-2019 budget.pc

Bill, as Assistant Treasurer, has been added to accounts as requested by Tom Powers.

There was some concern that in Tom's absence Bill did not review reports and had not seen the reports before the meeting. Bill will discuss with Tom to assure Bill is involved and has files.

Councilor's Report

Sassan Tarahomi



Remote Council
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Report is embedded here. This was a phone meeting; Norm attended as Sassan's proxy due to a late schedule change for Sassan.

- Projected budget deficit for 2019 of \$439K, Pat Farrey noted that this was unacceptable and further changes were in process to address. Investment account of SPE International \$5 million USD.
- Sassan was pleased to announce Jaime Gomez is President Elect.
- Sassan had some comments about pricing model used at ANTEC – speakers do not get in free. At the time he registered cost to board members was \$195 and even though he was asked to be a speaker he had to pay to attend. Eve pointed out that those who attend the Sunday meeting (reference “ANTEC Registration” email from Karen sent Mon 1/28/2019 10:31 AM) would get in free if attending Chapter Leader Roundtable Sunday, 3/17/19, 2 pm -5 pm. Sassan would like to see all SPE events rely more heavily on sponsorships for revenue but noted it is a multi-year planning process to give sponsors time to get funds into the budget cycles. He will help with this in the future.
- Phishing warning to all chapters, \$12K already lost to various scams

President Elect House & Programs -2018/19

Laura Shereda
Sassan Tarahomi

Sassan's report is embedded here – note dates of upcoming events and “one pagers” included in report.



House and TDM
Report to Board Febr

Sassan noted Stratasys presentation was excellent and attendance great. Presentation is available.

- Sassan thanked all of those who participated in the Future Cities competition January 29 and encouraged others to keep it in mind next year.
- He also thanked Keith for arranging the SundbergFerar tour and presentation which may lead to more involvement from SundbergFerar.
- The next two events – Vexa Group (2/25) SGS North America (3/4) are both test labs.
- May 13 and June 10 planned events had presenters back out for intellectual property – proprietary information concerns. Sassan has some alternatives he is working on but could use help as well.
- **We need ideas /contacts for a flagship September kickoff meeting event.**
- Planning meeting June 24, 2019 Venue TBD – Laura is to recommend as she is President Elect
- Golf outing is June 25, 2019

Technical Conferences

AutoEPCON There was no report at the February meeting.

TPO conference

Sassan Tarahomi

Bill Windscheif

- Alper Kaziltas invitation to Cynthia ?(Chief Engineer Ford) for 2019 TPO Conference exec chair turned down. But said she would be Executive Chair in 2020.
- Sunberg Ferar principal invited to speak at TPO conference, he is considering Jeevak Badve has now accepted to be a keynote presenter

Membership

Laura Shereda

Laura's report is embedded here noting membership was down, particularly student. But numbers also do not look correct, for instance, Sassan pointed out that Schoolcraft should have 14, but report shows only one. Laura is already working with SPE on clarification of report.

General student membership count down, currently 89 student members. Ferris State has 50 members. Young Professionals membership has leveled off. Sassan will get revised membership numbers from Schoolcraft College to Laura for an update. Currently 9 universities in membership program: Ferris, Kettering, Mid-Michigan, Michigan State, Michigan Tech, Oakland University, Schoolcraft College, University of Michigan, University of Toledo.



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Membership (1).pptx

Volunteers Coordination

Keith Siopes

ESD - Michigan Regional Future City Competition. SPE Detroit Section Judges participating: Kelly Beauchamp, Wayne Hertlein, Erin Miedema, Keith Siopes, Sassan Tarahomi, Dennis Van Poppelen



SPE Detroit Section
Volunteer Report Feb

Keith's report (with photos) is embedded here.

Nominations/Elections

Irv Poston

Irv's report is embedded here. He reviewed and asked for more nominations for SPE Detroit Officers for



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2019-2020 There were no more nominations and everyone on the list was willing to do the job for which they were nominated. Sassan moved and Wayne seconded a motion to elect the slate as presented. Motion passed without objection.

Officers for SPE Detroit Section (2019-2020) confirmed by the motion:

Past Pres Eve Vitale
President Laura Shereda
Pres-Elect Dawn Cooper
1st VP Bill Windscheif
2nd VP Dave Okonski
Secretary Bob Petrach
Treasurer Tom Powers

Norm was concerned we have plans for future officers and noted the progression through the jobs was important training for the president's job. There was general agreement and emphasis on assistant treasurer position, but we need more volunteers for all positions.

- 5 Directors shall be nominated
- Nominated were
 - Fang Wang
 - Richard Broo

- Laura Correa
- Wayne Hertlein
- Suresh Shah

Rodrigo Orozco (Ascend) was asked if he wanted to be considered for the Board. He indicated he would consider it after he meet with the SPE Automotive Division. Tom Miller indicated he would run if we needed to fill out the 5 candidates but he would prefer to continue his work on Education Committee without being a board member.

Awards

Nippani Rao

Eve discussed Pinnacle Awards.

Detroit Section metrics are shy in several areas. Social Media is not officially programed. Mentoring program needs to be presented in more formal format. Eve projects that elements for Detroit Section should be established with metrics around April 15, 2019.

Sassan will Chair 'Mentoring Committee' and is requesting volunteers to serve on this committee.

First Vice President Reports Newsletter

**Dawn Cooper
Eve Vitale**

- Eve will have printed copies of the Newsletter at the ANTEC in March
 - Ideas for cover of Newsletter requested, perhaps 'Tribute to SPE Volunteers'
 - Tribute article highlighting Irv Poston 'It all started here!' will be featured.
 - \$1.2 million in scholarships have been awarded thus far in program
 - Other suggestion? – Forward to Eve, feel free to write up idea.

eCommunications

Irv Poston

- News Brief –Previous 1/4/2019 – Nominations
 - sent to all Detroit Section SPE members (437), have a 37% 'open rate', 25% unique click rate, 39% continued to website.
- Next 3/1/2019 – 3/4 SGS Presentation & Tour; Next 5/3/2019 – 5/7 AutoEPCON -Irv Poston
- Social Media – Link to Feb.22 Material Auction - Adrian Merrington
- The Chain – SPE news for Detroit Section- Adrian Merrington
- Websites and Newsletter Availability Covering All Events Past and Upcoming
- Links:
 - Detroit Section Website: www.spedetroit.org
 - SPE International Detroit Section webpage: www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3624
- Sponsors of Newsletters and Website Need more.

Webmaster Update

Marc Bahm

Eve presented report. Website in January had 5800 visitors, 11,000 hits up 30%.



SPE Detroit Website
analytics -Marc Bahm

Material Auction

Dawn Cooper

Laura Shereda reported for Dawn: scheduled for February 22, 2019, looking for material donations. Last year Braskem gave 25,000 pounds of wide spec PP. Looking for other materials, nylon, PP, ABS. All monies received from material sales go to scholarship funding.

Intersociety Report

Wayne Hertlein

Wayne highlighted the Future Cities event and winners.

- Michigan Regional Future City Design program in 24th year. This year's winners:
- First place – St. John's Lutheran
- Second place – Trinity Lutheran
- Third place – St Valentines – Redford
- Fourth place – Navigator Upper Elementary & Pathfinder Middle School Pickney
- Fifth place – Pierce Middle School – Grosse Pointe Park
- 40,000 students participate worldwide, 42 states, 4 countries

Plastivan visits to be set up as planned for the winning schools. Wayne's report with photos is embedded here. Winner of National event goes to space camp. St. John's Lutheran is a past winner of National competition.



Intersociety Liaison
Report 02-04-19.pdf

Second Vice President

Bill Windscheif

Next Gen Report

Eve Vitale

No next Gen report

Education

Sandra McClelland

No Report from Education Committee. Sandra needs a copy of approved budget to be able to update.

PlastiVan/Essay contest

Tom Miller/Todd Hogan

Eve presented report on PlastiVan Embedded here. Tom Miller had not been being notified of visits by PlastiVan coordinator. Eve talked to coordinator to assure Tom is notified.



PlastiVan visits
2019.pdf



PlastiVan .png

Scholarships

Tom Miller/Todd Hogan

No Report Application is on line

Schoolcraft Report

Armando Sardanopoli

Report present by Sassan.

Program is on track to grow, millage passed in November. Current enrollment of 21 students in Schoolcraft College program. Mentoring program needs recognition. Rhetech

is in the third year of a 5 year commitment for \$10,000/year donation. As the SPE Detroit Section Board of Directors, what can we do to continue our support? Donations of \$25-\$50,000 get plaque to put in new laboratory.



Schoolcraft College
Update Feb 2019.ppt

Ferris State

Eve Vitale

Request from FSU to send a student to TPO Shanghai. Board discussed and thought money would be better spent



elsewhere.
SPE TPO Conference
Shanghai Scholarship

SPE Automotive Division has adopted SPE Shanghai, China

Kettering

Eve Vitale

Eve Vitale no longer sponsor for Kettering University (GMI) Laura Correa will take over as Kettering University (GMI) coordinator/mentor. Eve will make next visit with Laura and help her as she gets into the role.

Open question - Should SPE Detroit Section contribute to college chapters. Currently SPE Detroit Section is co-sponsor for ANTEC at \$25,000. U of M is looking for money to support students attending this year ANTEC conference. Noted that we should make some contribution to Ferris State membership because of large student membership population. Tom Miller is mentor for Ferris State. A motion for \$3000 contribution was made by Bill Windscheif and then withdrawn. These items should be addressed by Education committee but is not currently represented at this board meeting. Sandra McClelland is chair, members: Laura Shereda, Norm Kakarala, Bill Windscheif, and Tom Miller.

Old/New Business

Eve Vitale

ANTEC Student Fund

Eve Vitale

Nothing in budget for this year and did not commit to anything. Request is embedded here. We will consider during next year's budget process.



ANTEC Student
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ANTEC hosting support from Detroit Section

Eve Vitale

ANTEC booth must be manned during conference. Keith Siopes looks for volunteers and will put schedule together. Run video loop of SPE activities continuous.

Proxy voting

Eve Vitale

This became an issue as several people had asked Bill to be their proxy and policy was a person could only be proxy for one other person. However, policy is not a part of the bylaws. Compliance Committee will address. Change will take two votes.

DFAM – Design for Additive Manufacturing,.

DFAM had a successful one day 3D workshop in Portland Oregon. DFAM would like SPE Detroit Section to sponsor a conference in Detroit. Sassan proposed we do one next year and do as an annual event. He proposed School Craft College as venue site, but will not be scheduled until Jan/Feb 2020 as even though a template is available, it will take time to organize and recruit sponsors. Target Audience will be young engineers. More discussing and a formal proposal to be done in the future.

Meeting Adjourned

Eve Vitale

Bill moved to adjourn, Laura seconded. Adjourned at 8:01 pm

NEXT Meeting Day & Date: April 8, 2019 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Appendix (Proposed Agenda for this meeting) is embedded here.



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Minutes respectfully submitted by Bob Petrach with a **large assist** from Lyle Beadle who prepared a set of minutes from his notes.