



**Detroit Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Board Meeting Minutes**

June 17, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Location

ZOOM/ phone

Board Member Attendance- Dawn Cooper, Neil Fuenmayor (*Rob held proxy*), Bernd Henkelmann, Sandra McClelland, Tom Miller (*Bob held proxy*), Dave Okonski, Bob Petrach, Rob Philp, Tom Pickett, Armando Sardanopoli, Laura Shereda, Keith Siopes, Chris Surbrook, Sassan Tarahomi, Richard Umemoto, and Eve Vitale.

16/22 voting (included proxies)

New Board members term starting 2024-07-01 participating – Jitesh Desai.

New Board members term starting 2024-07-01 not attending – Dr. Matt Parkinson.

Emeritus Board Member Present – Norm Kakarala (*non voting*)

Not present – Mary Gilliam (Rob announced her resignation), Mahmoodul Haq, Todd Hogan, Adrian Merrington, Martin Popella, and Fang Wang (Rob announced her resignation), *Emeritus (non voting) not present*– Tom Powers

Guests – none

Meeting Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm by President Rob Philp.

Roll Call

Rob Philp

Rob asked Bob to call the roll. At the time of roll call 16/22 were in attendance (included proxies).

Approval of the Minutes

Rob Philp

Minutes of 2024-03-11 Meeting Board Meeting and special 2024-04-11 special meeting for a review of proposal for a SPE Detroit organized Sustainability conference were pending approval. Rob referenced copies Bob sent out for review on 2024-06-10.

Sassan moved minutes be approved for 2024-03-11 be approved, Laura seconded. **Motion passed.**
Bernd moved minutes be approved for 2024-04-11 be approved, Armand seconded. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report

Dave Okonski

Two files were submitted for the Board's review – Performance to Budget for the time 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024 and the Check Registry for the time 5/1/2024 to 6/30/2024.

The Detroit Section is presently financially solvent with a checking account balance of \$249,844.90 and an investment portfolio having a market value of about \$3.4M.
For the two-month period 5/1/2024 to 6/30/2024, expenses exceeded income by \$5,194.60.

Besides presenting his formal report, Dave reviewed checking and investment balances, performance to budget, and check register. Bernd moved Treasurer's report be approved, Sassan seconded, **motion was approved.**

7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024 Using 2023-2024 Budget			
Category	7/1/2023 Actual	Budget	6/30/2024 Difference
INCOME	507,768.50	488,796.00	18,972.50
03-Education Income	2,376.00	600.00	1,776.00
04-Technical Meeting Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
05-Membership Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
06-Golf Outing Income	7,605.00	14,400.00	-6,795.00
08-Material Auction Income	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00
10-Administration	100,000.00	6.00	100,000.00
11-Newseletter Advertising	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00
12-TPO Conference Inc.	378,137.50	384,000.00	-5,862.50
13-Auto Epon Income	10,650.00	74,400.00	-63,750.00
EXPENSES	506,373.68	501,892.00	4,518.92
01-Board Expenses	13,763.66	24,000.00	-10,236.34
02-Awards	809.78	1,200.00	-390.22
03-Education	140,761.55	176,200.00	-35,438.45
03.1 Scholarships	53,050.00	62,400.00	-9,350.00
03.2 PlastiVan	75,000.00	75,000.00	-0.00
03.3 National Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
03.4 Area Programs	6,658.68	5,200.00	1,458.68
03.5 Administration	152.87	940.00	-787.13
03.6 Special Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.62 Next Generation Program	0.00	504.00	-504.00
Student Services	5,000.00	30,000.00	-25,000.00
04-Monthly Tech	1,486.91	2,400.00	-913.09
05-Membership	414.51	1,440.00	-1,025.49
06-Golf Outing Expense	4,420.46	14,400.00	-9,979.52
07-Intimosity	0.00	300.00	-300.00
08-Material Auction Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
09-Donor	1,442.47	4,200.00	-2,757.53
10-Administration Expense	23,139.97	21,264.00	1,875.97
10.1 APC Services	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
10.2 Special Items	9,751.55	12,000.00	-2,248.45
10.3 ACC Rent	3,000.00	5,000.00	-2,000.00
11-Newseletter Expense	3,515.31	4,200.00	-684.69
12-TPO Conference Expenses	286,768.74	240,000.00	46,768.74
13-Article Expenses	2,334.43	2,400.00	-65.57
14-Credit Card Fee	4,773.11	6,000.00	-1,226.89
15-Auto Epon Expense	30,682.16	48,000.00	-17,317.84
Net Difference:	1,395.42	-63,096.00	64,691.42

Detroit Section SPE Register Report					
6/1/2024 through 6/30/2024					
Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
BALANCE 4/30/2024					
6/1/2024	5-3rd cheq. Au Wh		Authorize.net	May Card Con. -14-Credit Card Fee	258,039.56
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1435		Martin Fogella	Reimbursement -04-Monthly Tech	-529.33
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. Au Wh		Authorize.net	May Authorize -14-Credit Card Fee	-38.65
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. JSEP		2024 Auto EPC	ApptFinChems -12-TPO Conference Inc	8,000.00
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 Auto EPC	JaggerHSD -13-Auto Epon Income	3,200.00
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 Auto EPC	LOGGAR Events -13-Auto Epon Income	3,000.00
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		American Expr.	May American -14-Credit Card Fee	-22.29
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. EPT		2024 TPO Conf.	Alak Mastarka -12-TPO Conference Inc	8,000.00
5/2/2024	5-3rd cheq. Au Wh		5/3 Bank	12-TPO Conference E.	-139.34
5/10/2024	5-3rd cheq. Au Wh		5/3 Bank	May 2024 5/3 -14-Credit Card Fee	-15.50
5/13/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1443		Society Of Plac.	William D. For. -03-Education/03.2 Pla	-1,674.00
5/13/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1444		Society Of Plac.	PlastiVan Visit -03-Education/03.2 Pla	-20,475.00
5/16/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 Auto EPC	Exhibitor -Tar -15-Auto Epon Income	850.00
5/16/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1449		Joyce Delenro	SPE Detroit S. -03-Education/03.4 Ave	-100.00
5/16/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 Auto EPC	Exhibitor -GY -13-Auto Epon Income	850.00
5/22/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1448		Maple Press L	Auto EPCOCH -15-Auto Epon Expense	-2,273.00
5/23/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1445		Paige Falls Ph.	2024 SPE Aut. -15-Auto Epon Expense	-500.00
5/23/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1446		City Events Gr.	Auto EPCOCH -15-Auto Epon Expense	-6,466.68
5/24/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1447		Todd Ingram	SPE North St. -03-Education/03.4 Ave	-7,345.16
5/28/2024	5-3rd cheq. EPT		2024 TPO Conf.	Init-Fall LLC -12-TPO Conference Inc	4,000.00
5/29/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1439		Keith Young	SPE Detroit S. -03-Education/03.4 Ave	-100.00
5/29/2024	5-3rd cheq. EPT		2024 TPO Conf.	LynndellBank -12-TPO Conference Inc	5,000.00
6/3/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1450		Detroit Marriott	Auto EPCOCH -15-Auto Epon Expense	-20,281.25
6/3/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 Auto EPC	Auto EPCOCH -13-Auto Epon Income	890.00
6/3/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 SPE Det.	Fourstone A -06-Golf Outing Income	700.00
6/3/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1451		Society Of Plac.	2024 Auto EP -15-Auto Epon Expense	-2,132.00
6/3/2024	5-3rd cheq. Au Wh		Authorize.net	June Card Co. -14-Credit Card Fee	-359.62
6/4/2024	5-3rd cheq. Au Wh		Authorize.net	June Authorize -14-Credit Card Fee	-38.66
6/5/2024	5-3rd cheq. EPT		2024 TPO Conf.	BVH USA INC. -12-TPO Conference Inc	4,000.00
6/6/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 SPE Det.	2024 Golf Out. -06-Golf Outing Income	500.00
6/6/2024	5-3rd cheq. EPT		2024 TPO Conf.	Sumika Polym. -12-TPO Conference Inc	8,000.00
6/7/2024	5-3rd cheq. 1453		SPE Automotive	LynndellBank -12-TPO Conference E.	-5,000.00
6/10/2024	5-3rd cheq. AD CC		2024 TPO Conf.	DOW Chemis. -12-TPO Conference Inc	8,000.00

Financial Performance,	BUDGET (Entire Fiscal Year)	ACTUAL (7/1/2023 - 6/30/24)
INCOME	\$ 488,796.00	\$ 507,768.50
EXPENSES	\$ 551,892.00	\$ 506,373.08
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024		

Financial Performance, 5/1 thru 6/30/2024	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$ 81,466.00	\$ 69,490.00
EXPENSES	\$ 91,982.00	\$ 74,684.60

Dave reviewed and explained proposed the 2024-2025 budget as well as his methodology for setting the numbers, using historical numbers and adjusting for 2024-2025 plans. He did note we are budgeting at an operating deficit utilizing some of our investment income to cover the difference.

Sassan moved that the budget be approved, Bob seconded. **Motion passed, budget approved,**

Sustainability World Congress

Sassan Tarahomi

Sassan gave a detailed report of status as well as some of the people he was trying to get as keynotes and speakers. He will continue to keep the board posted as planning process through approval gates.

After approval by the board on 4-11-24 Sassan took to SPE HQ and received approval 5-1-24. Event is planned for June 10 through June 12, 2025 at Huntington Place (old Cobo Hall). No contract is signed yet, there are a variety of factors to review as space and services affect fees. For instance area without food is \$60,000, with food set at \$140,000, rent for space drops to \$25,000.

Sassan is putting together a team which will meet via Zoom every 2 weeks.

Education

Sandra McClelland

Sandra presented status review updating status of PlastiVan® visits, Essay Contest – North & South Results and Scholarship - 2024-2025 Application Deadline, and Student Chapters.

She then explained 2024-2025 Budget with comparison to budgets and actual dollars spent since 2020-2021..

PlastiVan® visits 2023-2024 spent \$75,600, \$600 over budget visited 31 different schools with a \$2,439/school average. Over budget was to add an SME Prime School (William D Ford Career Tech Center in Westland) that had not been on list previously.

Armando introduced SPE Detroit Section to SME Prime Team. It was noticed that they have outreach into a number of schools in Michigan that we do not participate with.

It was determined that we would work with SME Prime program to get introduction to those schools to present PlastiVan®. This would allow us to evaluate the possibility of future projects with the schools and SME. So PlastiVan® presented to William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Of the 40 SME Prime schools in the Detroit Section area, we have on;y worked with 3 previously.

Note from Eve as Foundation CEO– “I’m happy to report that Mark and I are working on a more robust program with one of the SME Prime Schools – the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center. Mark gave a well-received expanded PlastiVan presentation earlier this year and we are actually visiting this afternoon to talk to the teacher about our SPE Junior Researcher Program. She is very excited for the opportunity and we think these students are great candidates for our more targeted outreach. I’ll keep you posted.”



South Section High School Entries – 40 (21 Warren Mott, 19 EcoTek)

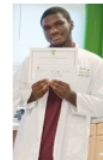
- 1st Place: Plastics: Upcycling into a Bright Future. **Syed Jamal** – 11th grade Warren Mott HS
 2nd Place: Wonders of Plastics Contest: Plastic's Usefulness In Society. **Zehnyiaa Motley** – 9th grade East English Village Prep Academy
 3rd Place: Plastics – The Misunderstood Heroes of Society. **Jeffrey Chan** – 11th grade Warren Mott HS
 4th Place: Wonders of Plastics: A Report on Recycling in Detroit. **Jack Jones** – 11th grade American International Academy
 5th Place: How Plastics Improve Our Lifestyle. **Sandra Kena** – 11th grade Warren Mott HS



1st Place: **Syed Jamal**



3rd Place: **Jeffrey Chan**



4th Place: **Jack Jones**

South Section Middle School Entries – 15 (15 EcoTek)

- 1st Place: Wonders of Plastic: Sunrise of Plastics. **Kamora Taylor** – 7th grade American International Academy
 2nd Place: Wonders of Plastic: Ways to Protect the Environment and Improve the Quality of Life in My Community through Better Plastic Recycling and the Design, Development and Use of Sustainable plastics in a everyday lifestyles. **Kasey Harrell** – 7th grade American International Academy
 3rd Place: Turning Trash into Treasure: The Awesome World of Recycled Plastics. **Kema Anyadike** – 6th grade University Middle & HS Academy
 4th Place: Wonders of Plastic: Recycling in Our Community. **London West** – 8th grade American International Academy
 5th Place: Wonders of Plastic: Ways to Protect the Environment and Improve the Quality of Life in My Community Through Better Plastic Recycling and the Design, Development and Use of Sustainable Bioplastics. **AnnaLisa Booker** – 8th grade American International Academy



1st Place: **Kamora Taylor** London West **AnnaLisa Booker**



2nd Place: **Kasey Harrell**

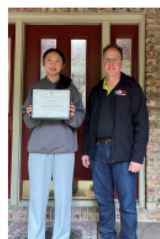


North Section Winners – 50 Essays Received

Title	Author	School	Grade	Place	Amount
Plastic Revolution: Reshaping Architecture and Construction	Emma Huang	Jefferson Middle School	8	1	\$500
Medical Plastics: How are they used?	David McNutt	Clare Middle School	8	2	\$300
The Impact of Plastics	Brianna Smith	Clare Middle School	8	3	\$200
Myths About Plastics	Elise Ring	Clare Middle School	8	4	\$100
Plastics: From World War II To The Kardashians--How We Got Here	Wyatt Henning	Freeland High School	12	5	\$50

School	Essays
Clare Middle School	40
Freeland High School	9
Jefferson Middle School	1

50



North Contest 1st Place Winner

Emma Huang

Plastic Revolution: Reshaping Architecture and Construction

8th Grade – Jefferson Middle School

Bernd noted the small number of schools participating in the essay contest versus the number of PlastiVan® schools. Sandra noted that this has been problem. She also noted that volunteering as an Essay Contest judge is an opportunity to participate in the education efforts. Education Committee is also always looking for student chapter support including mentors and presenters. Sassan again mentioned the idea of creating a book of student essay as a permanent record and reference.

2024-2025 Scholarship – Deadline August 16,2024, application link

https://spedetroit.org/?page_id=2648

1 application received thus far, a Ferris State University Senior. Student Chapter Treasurer Robert Hendrickson

Award formula and eligible schools in slide below.

SPE Detroit Section Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students enrolled at either a four-year college/university or two-year community college degree program (minimum requirements of six credit hours per semester) pursuing a career directly related to plastics (i.e. Plastics Engineering, Polymer Engineering/Science, Packaging Engineering, Material Engineering/Science, Composite Materials and Structures, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry or Mechanical Engineering).
- Active SPE student member including active membership in your schools SPE Student Chapter if applicable.
- Applicant has not received or anticipates receiving any other scholarship from the SPE during the current award year.
- Applicants must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 (4.0 scale) from the prior school year.
- Applicants must demonstrate a high degree of intent to pursue a career in the Plastics Industry.

Colleges/Universities:

College for Creative Studies	Mid-Michigan Community College
Delta College	Oakland Community College
Eastern Michigan University	Oakland University
Ferris State University	Saginaw Valley State University
Focus Hope University	Schoolcraft College
Kettering University	St. Clair County Community College
Lawrence Tech University	University of Detroit Mercy
Macomb Community College	University of Michigan
Michigan State University	Western Michigan University
Michigan Technological University	

Other schools inside of Michigan that meet eligibility requirements

2020-2021 Award Guidelines: 2.8 Cumulative GPA	
Base Award	Student Section Officer Bonus
Graduate Students \$2,000	President: \$500
5th Year Seniors \$2,000	Vice President: \$400
Seniors \$2,000	Treasurer: \$200
Juniors \$1,500	Secretary: \$200
Sophomores \$1,000	Committee Chair: \$100
Freshman \$750	
Bonus Awards	
Solid Internships \$250-1000	Mutually agreed upon among committee members
Det Section Support: \$250-1000	
Seniors \$250-1000	
Deductions	
Lack of Plastics Internships: \$500	

Special Scholarships

SPE Detroit Future Leader Scholarship: \$6,000 (stand alone) - tbd
Criteria outlined below with exceptional support of the Detroit Section

SPE Detroit Women to Watch Scholarship: \$6,000 (stand alone) - tbd
Criteria outlined below for a female with significant extracurricular involvement and solid internships

Recognizes a female student who demonstrates early success as an up-and-coming star in her profession

Reg Bell Scholarship: \$5,000 (stand alone) - tbd
Criteria outlined below with significant extracurricular involvement and solid internships

Delta Polymers: \$4,000 in addition to base award - tbd
Criteria (subjective w/ unanimous committee vote):

- Active SPE involvement and support of section
- Professional scholarship application (spelling, essay grammar, etc...)
- Internship experiences
- GPA as a tie breaker

Scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$4,000 annually at the discretion of the SPE Detroit Section Scholarship Committee. SPE Student Chapter officer participation can increase the amount of funds awarded. Scholarships are valid for 1 year and recipients must submit a new application each year to be considered for future scholarship awards. All scholarships will be reimbursed once registered transcripts have been received from the university/college showing that all requirements have been fulfilled.

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients

\$42,050 Awarded

2023-2024 Award Applicant Summary				
Kettering University	1	3	2 Seniors, 1 Sophomore, 1 Freshman	
Michigan State	4	2	4 Grad Students, 1 Senior, 1 Junior	
Ferris State University	1	0	1 Senior	
University of Michigan	2	0	1 Senior, 1 Freshman	
College for Creative Studies	1	0	1 Freshman	
Schoolcraft College	1	0	1 Freshman	
New Applicants	10			
Prior Recipients		5		
Total Applications	15			
Incomplete Applications	1			
	16			

SPE Detroit SPECIAL AWARD SUMMARY			
PG Future Leaders	Reginald Bell	Delta Polymers	SM Women to Watch
Year	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$4,000
2023-2024	Alexa Goldstein	Santhoshendra Kundurthi	Anne Kulaglu

Updated October 30, 2023					
Name	Class	School	Major	Graduation Date	2023-2024 Award Amount
Alex Kapraos	Grad Student	Michigan State	Civil Engineering	May, 2025	\$2,400
Aldo Kanyem	Grad Student	Michigan State University	Civil Engineering	May, 2024	\$2,300
Santhoshendra Kundurthi	Grad Student	Michigan State University	Civil Engineering	December, 2025	\$5,000
Antise Sent	5th Yr Senior	Michigan State University	Mechanical Engineering	May, 2024	\$2,000
Halley Dobbyn	Senior	Ferris State University	Plastics & Polymer Engineering Technology	May, 2024	\$5,300
Tanisha Thomas	Senior	Kettering University	Computer Engineering	September, 2024	\$2,300
Kimberly Barry	Senior	Kettering University	Mechanical Engineering	June, 2024	\$2,000
Alexa Goldstein	Senior	University of Michigan	Material Science & Engineering	May, 2024	\$5,300
Megan Wojciechowski	Senior	Kettering University	Mechanical Engineering	March, 2024	\$2,250
Arpan Ganshkar	Senior	Michigan State University	Electrical & Computer Engineering	May, 2024	\$2,000
Anne Kulaglu	Junior	Michigan State University	Mechanical Engineering	May, 2025	\$4,200
Tissa Francis	Sophomore	Kettering University	Computer Engineering	June, 2025	\$1,200
All Tanshomi	Freshman	Schoolcraft College	Plastics Engineering Technology	June, 2025	\$750
Joey Sella	Freshman	University of Michigan	College of Engineering	May, 2027	\$750
Aiden Kaller	Freshman	College for Creative Studies	Computer Science - Product Design	May, 2027	\$750
Daniel Budd	Freshman	Kettering University	Chemical Engineering	June, 2027	\$750

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Student Chapters

4 student chapters: Kettering, University of Michigan, Michigan State, and Ferris State

Most activity is at Michigan State (Innovation awards, EPCON Moderators, EPCON posters) followed by Ferris (ANTEC Attendance)

Still looking for Mentors for the student chapters. Looking for Young Professionals to interact with students.

Budget

Budget breakdown with comparison to past years and actual dollars spent. Approved and included in budget presented in Treasurer's report.



Education Budget	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Spent	2021-22 Budget	2021-2022 Spent	2022-2023 Budget	2022-23 SPENT	2023-2024 Budget	2023 Spent	2023 left	2024-2025 Budget proposal
Scholarship	\$42,900	\$41,600	\$60,000	\$29,837	\$60,000	\$47,450	\$62,000	\$53,050	\$8,950	\$60,000
Plastivan	\$57,250	\$27,000	\$57,250	\$44,275	\$57,252	\$57,250	\$75,000	\$74,900	0	\$75,000
Plastivan modules	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Support			\$4,000	\$4,080	\$4,000			\$0	\$0	\$0
Area Programs	\$9,000	\$4,455	\$9,000	\$4,550	\$9,000	\$4,094	\$5,500	\$4,585	\$915	\$5,500
Administration	\$400	\$711	\$800	\$103	\$800		\$800	\$153	\$647	\$800
Special Programs	\$0	\$2,400			\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Future Student Chapters	\$500.00	\$0			\$500		\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
SAE Foundation					\$0		\$4,000		\$4,000	\$4,000
Student Sections	\$8,000	\$0	\$35,000		\$35,000	\$15,358	\$32,000	\$5,600	\$26,500	\$30,000
Total	\$178,050	\$136,166	\$171,050	\$87,845	\$166,552	\$124,151	\$179,800	\$138,388	\$41,412	\$175,800

Membership/Next Gen

Dr. Mahmoodul Haq

No report, Rob expressed frustration at not being able to access membership information.

Nominations/Elections

Bob Petrach

Bob reported election results. As Past President, Neil led the effort for the Directors' Election for the SPE Detroit Board and did most of the work setting up ballot and contacting SPE HQ. .

Ballot went out 2024-05-31 and Karen also sent a reminder later that day, voting was open until June 14.

There were six (6) Open Director Positions for **3-Year Terms for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027.**

Six (6) Candidates (listed alphabetically):

- **Jitesh Desai** • **Bernd Henkelmann** • **Sandra McClelland** • **Dr. Matt Parkinson** • **Tom Pickett**
- **Dr. Sassan Tarahomi**

57 total unique ballots were submitted (one person voted twice, the combination of the two ballots voted YES for all candidates (as well as NO on all candidates, aggregate was considered as YES.

All six candidatures were elected with vote counts ranging from 44 to 50. While this is a low turnout, this compares very well to last year's ballot where even with two votes, total vote was

Department of Energy Breakout Session will be held May 14th from 1:45pm - 4:00pm

TPO Conference

Rob Philp

There is a date change on 2024 TPO now Monday September 30 to Thursday October 3.
Date changed to help Marriott out with scheduling conflict with NFL Sunday night football.
Martin has stepped aside as sponsorship chair.

There will be programming a celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the TPO conference.

Complete Text from Slides follows for full information follows:

TPO Status for SPE Detroit BOD June 2024 Planning Meeting

Prepared by Neil Fuenmayor (06-12-24)

2024 Chairs Rob Philp, Mike Balow, Neil Fuenmayor

25th Anniversary Event – Traditional Technical Program Format (2 ½ Days) with Recognition & Special Elements

Keynote Speakers – **General Motors, Inteva, YangFeng** confirmed; Others pending

OEM-led Panel(s) – **General Motors** confirmed; Other(s) Pending

Founders' Panel / Roundtable

Full Live Event with Virtual On Demand Access

Student Participation – 2024 Scholarship Program (Univ.); Elementary-Secondary School Participation (EcoTek)

Executive Marketing Forum

25th Anniversary Reception – TBD (SPE Sponsored) and Lunch on Wed. - TBD

Event Targets

Positive Revenue Generation for SPE Detroit Section

Attendance Target: 500 min.

Key Demographic Growth Targets: Increase Global Participation; Increase OEM and Tier 1 Participation

2024 Event IMPORTANT CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to unforeseen venue (Marriott Hotel Troy) conflict issue just brought to our attention May 30, **we are unfortunately forced to make a slight date change now** in an effort to minimize disruption and potential damages from our original plan, and best preserve timing for our audience, participants, and planning team.

New 2024 Event Dates are now:

Monday, Sept. 30 Evening: Set-Up & Welcome Reception

Tuesday, Oct. 1 and Wednesday, Oct. 2: Full Day Program + Lunches + Evening Receptions

Thursday, Oct. 3: Half-Day Program (+ Lunch or Closing Reception TBD)

Cost Estimate for 2024 Event Budget Planning (Preliminary Cost Model)

2024 Event Total Cost Estimate submitted to SPE Detroit for 2024-25 FY Budget = **\$325,000**

Primary YoY cost increase drivers were:

2024 Venue Contract with significantly higher costs than 2022-2023 contracts (Food & Beverage, Service Charges, Significantly Lower "Master Bill Overall Discount")

Additional 25th Anniversary Items Tentatively planned (3rd Lunch or Reception)

Increased Communications Team Budget needs (Videos, Global Ads, etc.)

Monthly Full Planning Committee Team Meetings (2 x in Aug. and Sept.) – 46 Members

All Sub-Committee Teams meeting regularly to ensure successful event, with targets met/exceeded.

Hotel Reservation (Discounted Group Rate) Complete – Opened Feb. 2024

Early Bird Discounted Attendee Registration – Opened April 2024 / Regular Rate eff. July 2024

Technical Program Status (to date): **(7) Technical Sessions**

Materials Development, Innovations in Interiors, Sustainability, Polyolefin Elastomers & Vulcanizates, Exterior Trim & Structural Applications, Processing Enabling Technologies Performance Additives & Colorants

Presentation Target: Min. 60 (not including any Panels or Keynotes)

Actual (to date): 63 Commitments (49 Abstracts already received)

Sponsorship Status (to date): **43 Total Sponsors, with \$256,000 Invoiced**

2 Platinums (Formosa, Advanced Composites) – 2 Receptions

24 Golds (LyondellBasell - Post Event OnDemand Sponsor)

15 Exhibitors

1 Break Sponsored (Sirmax)

Lanyards – Sponsored (Spartan)

Bags – Sponsored (Borealis)

Communications

Chair OPEN

Keith reported working to get sponsors listed on all NewsBriefs.

Rob reported that the new website was LIVE and quickly showed some of the pages. HE asked for everyone to review and send him comments and corrections.

As he reviewed website Rob noted officer list is out of date. He explained that Fang and Mary had resigned their positions (President Elect, and Second VP) just prior to the meeting due to personal reasons. (Fang confirmed to Bob via email at 2:39 on 6/17)

Rob also noted as of 6/3/24 that Kathy Schacht is no longer employed by SPE and this has slowed communications with HQ as responsibilities and reporting have not been redefined yet.

Rob again reminded us that he needs updates from committees detailing their activities/responsibilities as well as meeting plans.

Golf Outing

Dawn Cooper

Dawn reported that the Golf Outing is June 27th at Pine Trace Golf Club 3600 Pine Trace Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI.

At this time there are 22 foursomes registered, could use some more. Dawn and Karen are working hard to complete organizing and could use more help.

Sassan acting as Automotive President committed the Automotive Division to a foursome and a lunch sponsorship. Jitesh reminded all that Automotive Golf outing is September 5 and asked that we spread the word.

Toy program

Dawn Cooper

Dawn is to meet John Gessert from American plastic Toys and the new president of APT in July .

Rob said he's like to participate in the meeting. Dawn said new owners mentioned their participation in the Toy Program on their website so she thought there was a good chance they would work with us. Sandra suggested that if necessary we consider paying for some of the labor. (in the past APT has donated all machine time and labor).

Material Auction**Dawn Cooper**

Dawn said we'd need volunteers for the committee. Sassan noted that we should pursue as an on line forum with year round sales of material as most with surplus want it off the books and out of their warehouses ASAP. We no longer have warehousing facilities as we did when Don Root allowed us to use Uniplus facilities.

Rob agreed we need to get a group together to work on this.

Old / New Business**Rob Philp**

Sandra asked for a list of meetings. Rob will prepare a list of board meetings. Sassan said he is in process of putting Automotive Division calendar of meetings together and that he's work with Rob to assure no conflicts and improve collaboration between Detroit Section and Automotive Division as well Technical Dinner meetings. Rob will get meeting dates to Sassan.

Eve noted that this was her last meeting as a Detroit Section board member. She won't be a stranger. She thanked people for their support (from all but especially Sandra McClelland) during her time on the board as as Detroit President and as SPE Foundation CEO, for SPE Detroit's continued strong support for PlastiVan® and the SPE Foundation.

Eve made motion to adjourn the meeting. Sassan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting concluded at 8:03 pm.

Next BOD Meeting: September 16, 2024 ACC Office / Zoom
Agenda for this meeting follows.

Minutes respectfully submitted Robert V. Petrach, Jr. Secretary SPE Detroit.
