



Detroit Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers

Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Location

ZOOM/ phone

Board Member Attendance- Dawn Cooper, Neil Fuenmayor, Bernd Henkelmann, Sandra McClelland (*Tom Miller proxy*), Tom Miller, Dave Okonski, Matt Parkinson, Bob Petrach, Rob Philp, Tom Pickett, Laura Shereda, Keith Siopes, Sassan Tarahomi..

13/20 voting (included proxies)

Emeritus Board Member Present – Norm Kakarala (non voting)

Not present – Jitesh Desai, Mahmoodul Haq, Todd Hogan, Martin Popella , Armando Sardanopoli, Chris Surbrook, Richard Umemoto.

Guests – none

Meeting Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by President Rob Philp.

Roll Call

Rob Philp

Rob asked Bob to call the roll. At the time of roll call 12/20 were in attendance (included proxies). Tom Pickett joined ~ 5:40

Approval of the Minutes

Rob Philp

Minutes of 2024-06-17 Board Meeting were pending approval. Rob referenced copies Bob sent out for review on 2024-10-17.

Sassan moved minutes be approved for 2024-06-17 be approved, Dave seconded. **Motion passed.**

President's Message

Rob Philp

Rob welcomed the group. He briefly mentioned Fang Wang and Mary Gilliam resignations and noted for family and job reasons Martin had relocated back to Germany and his resignation was expected. Rob has a numerous conversations with people about stepping into President Elect role (to replace Fang) and Second VP role to replace Mary. No one has agreed to step up yet. If you are interested or know of anyone we should be inviting, please let Rob know.

Based on the two year officer terms approved by second vote on 2023-12-18 (vote was e-vote from 12-4 to 12-18). Bylaws committee has not completed the bylaws revision based on the term change and reduction of total number of officers and committee realignment is may be a part of the changes coming.

Rob also said he would be bring up AutoEPCON 2025 for discussion in New Business. Dave Okonski has resigned as co-chair of AutoEPCON and no replacement co-chair has been identified.

Dave reviewed his summary report, Performance to Budget 7-1-24 to 10-21-24 and the Check Registry for 8-21-24 thru 10-21-24.

The Detroit Section is presently financially solvent with a checking account balance of \$179,594.39 and an investment portfolio having a market value of about \$3.6M.

For the two-month period 8/21/2024 to 10/21/2024, expenses exceeded income by \$63,823.02.

Items of Interest:

- 1) Taxes are near completion. Dave thanked Tom Powers for his help on taxes.
- 2) Fraudulent activity regarding check # 1205,
 - a. Check # 1205 was originally issued on 5/11/2021 for \$50 to Lundy Lewis (Scholarship Award).
 - b. Check # 1205 cashed by Lundy Lewis on 8/19/2024 (Chase Bank).
 - c. Check # 1205 cashed on 9/3/2024 for \$9,450 by ESC 3 Group (Chase Bank).
 - d. Fraud reported to 5/3 Bank on 9/4/2024.
 - e. Troy Police report filed on 9/6/2024.
 - f. \$9,450 returned to Detroit Section on 9/18/2024. Troy Police are no longer investigating as Chase Bank does not wish to pursue.Dave said he is not going to close account due to expenses replacing checks and he thinks situation is under control. Dave also personally checks checking account daily for fraudulent activity. Rob told Dave if there is a reason in the future, that the expense is approved.
- 3) Still trying to get reimbursed (\$22,300) from the DOE for the Auto EPCON DOE Workshop
 - a. Payment actually coming through ORNL
 - b. Applied for a Unique Entity Number (UEI) – SRLWL7J8JN3
 - c. Applying for a CAGE Number – still in process.Dave reported that a large part of the problem is that we have not been using a consistent name for the section or using the name on our incorporation papers “**Detroit Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers**” and we should make sure we are using it in all cases including minutes of this meeting. Dave's reports are below.

Sassan moved Treasurer's report be approved, Keith seconded, **motion was approved.**

After discussion about name, and assuring we use it consistently everywhere (invoices, minutes, announcements, etc.) Sassan moved we use formal name “**Detroit Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers**” and not do any name change. Keith seconded. **Motion was approved.**

Next section of agenda typically is led by President Elect. Rob pointed out we still do not have a President Elect or Second VP after Fang and Mary resigned. Neil noted we have not had a Bylaws Committee meeting since May, reduction of number of officers was part of that discussion. Sassan noted we don't want to turn officer progression into a 10 year process. Bylaws Committee meeting will be scheduled by Rob.

Rob proceeded with agenda.

Sustainability World Congress

Sassan Tarahomi

Sassan gave a detailed report of status. He asked Rob to create a Sustainability conference email address to help organize communications.

Sustainability World Congress

Report Prepared for
Detroit Section Board
Meeting
October 21, 2024

Conference Information

Huntington Place Contract
Contract signed July 10, 2024
Space 140,000 R² exhibition area & 20 session rooms
Total Rental fee: \$26,000 with \$140,000 food spending
Deposit of \$12,600 was paid July 2024
Balance of payment \$12,600 is due May 9, 2026

Location
Huntington Place (old Cobo Hall)
1 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226

Dates and Times
Sunday & Monday, June 8 & 9, 2026 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday-Wednesday, June 10 & 11, 2026 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, June 12, 2026, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday, June 13, 2026 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Hotel/s Contract
Not signed yet
Waiting until \$200K sponsorship have signed up

Attendee Planned
1,000 to attend the exhibit hall and tech presentation
4,000 to attend only exhibit hall

Attendance Ticket Price
Exhibition hall only \$25
Exhibition hall and tech. Presentation \$650
Early Bird by February 1, 2026 10% off

Set-up
Conference
Conference
Bar down

Operational & Technical (OPTEC) Meeting Plan

Combined Operational & Technical (OPTEC) Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024
Thursday, September 26, 2024
Monday, October 7, 2024
Monday, October 21, 2024
Monday, November 4, 2024
Monday, November 18, 2024
Monday, December 2, 2024
Monday, December 15, 2024
Monday, January 6, 2025
Monday, January 20, 2025
Monday, February 3, 2025
Monday, February 17, 2025
Monday, March 10, 2025
Monday, March 24, 2025
Monday, April 7, 2025
Monday, April 28, 2025
Monday, May 5, 2025
Monday, May 19, 2025
Monday, June 2, 2025

Meeting Time: 12:00-1:00 PM
Zoom meeting invitation are sent by Karen Rhodes-Parker to all committee members

Sponsorship Meetings Plan

OPTEC Meeting General Agenda
Call for Presentation 5 min. Sassan
Technical Presentation 15 min. Sassan
Keynotes 10 min. Sassan
Sponsorship 10 min. Sassan
Hotel, Registration & Website 10 min. Sassan
Walk-in Agenda 10 min. All

All meetings are recorded. Link to access recording is emailed to all participants for reference.

Sponsorship Meeting
Started August 30, 2024
Every Friday (with exception of holidays) till June 6, 2025
Meeting Time: 12:30 - 1:00 PM
Sponsorship subcommittee members do receive meeting invitation
Zoom meeting invitation is sent by Karen Rhodes-Parker

Sponsorship Meeting General Agenda
Sponsorship update 5 min. Sassan
Sub-committee update 20 min. All
Walk-in topic 5 min. All

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Conference Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10-Jun-25 7:00-7:30 Registration 7:30-8:00 Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Conference Opening 8:30-9:00 Keynote 9:00-9:30 Technical Presentation 9:30-10:00 Technical Presentation 10:00-10:30 All Break 10:30-11:00 Technical Presentation 11:00-11:30 Technical Presentation 11:30-12:00 Technical Presentation 12:00-1:30 Lunch 1:30-2:00 Technical Presentation 2:00-2:30 Technical Presentation 2:30-3:00 Technical Presentation 3:00-3:30 PM Break 3:30-4:00 Technical Presentation 4:00-4:30 Technical Presentation 4:30-5:00 Technical Presentation 5:00-5:30 Exhibit Hall 6:00-8:00 Reception	11-Jun-25 7:00-7:30 Registration 7:30-8:00 Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Conference Opening 8:30-9:00 Keynote 9:00-9:30 Technical Presentation 9:30-10:00 Technical Presentation 10:00-10:30 All Break 10:30-11:00 Technical Presentation 11:00-11:30 Technical Presentation 11:30-12:00 Technical Presentation 12:00-1:30 Lunch 1:30-2:00 Technical Presentation 2:00-2:30 Technical Presentation 2:30-3:00 Technical Presentation 3:00-3:30 PM Break 3:30-4:00 Technical Presentation 4:00-4:30 Technical Presentation 4:30-5:00 Technical Presentation 5:00-5:30 Exhibit Hall 6:00-8:00 Reception	12-Jun-25 7:00-7:30 Registration 7:30-8:00 Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Conference Opening 8:30-9:00 Keynote 9:00-9:30 Technical Presentation 9:30-10:00 Technical Presentation 10:00-10:30 All Break 10:30-11:00 Technical Presentation 11:00-11:30 Technical Presentation 11:30-12:00 Technical Presentation 12:00-1:30 Lunch 1:30-2:00 Technical Presentation 2:00-2:30 Technical Presentation 2:30-3:00 Technical Presentation 3:00-3:30 PM Break 3:30-4:00 Technical Presentation 4:00-4:30 Technical Presentation 4:30-5:00 Technical Presentation 5:00 Conference Ends

Technical Session Topics

Automotive OEM & Tiers
Bus & Commercial Trucks
Industrial Trucks
Transportation Sector
Compounders
Material Processors

Industry & Governmental Regulation
Safety Standard
Recycling
Law
Innovation
Education K-12 & Postsecondary

Sessions & Session Chairs

1. Sustainability for Bio-based Materials, Applications and Processing
Potential topics: Bio char, sustainable materials, Biodegradability, sustainability themes.
Dr. Leonardo Simao, Dr. Grace Fritton & Dr. Jamar Kinkadee

2. Automotive Applications
Potential topics: Sustainable components, systems or vehicles, OEM approach on sustainability, successful sustainable automotive components launched last 10 years
Keith Soppes and Andrew Gots

3. LCA
Potential topics: Carbon footprint assessment, United Nation path for companies to show Carbon footprint, how LCA is calculated in Europe vs. USA or rest of the world.
Van Kivros

4. Automotive EOL
Potential topics: Automotive OEM Credo to Greve approach, Design for disassembly, Modularity, European OEM vs. US OEM, Role of government in the vehicle EOL, dismantling.
Christophe Deroire from Deroire Moutard P.C.

5. Recycling, Mechanical, Chemical and others
Potential topics: Automotive component recycling, packaging recycling by Berry Plastics, P&G and Vitamart, Recycling Certification, Packaging brand ownership.
Chris Armstrong and Bill Sommer

6. Sustainability Regulation/Law
Potential topics: Potential legislative for companies making sustainability claims, Lawsuits in California against ExxonMobil, Any governmental regulations.
Christopher Deroire from Deroire Moutard P.C.

7. Student Session/Exhibit Hall
Potential topics: Exhibit Hall to host the session - Presentations, Poster, 5-10 min. Tech Talk
Amir Makhadmeh, Luke Graham and Paul Garrison (Cocacola & Drive Keys & Kayla Young MSU)

Room 330AB

Room 330 AB – Keynote Presentations

Call for Presentation (CFP) Things to Do

All Session Chairs to:

- 1- Finalize the Name for their session
- 2- Expand their session into 2 or 3 session if need be.
- 3- Develop the "Scope for their Session/s"
- 4- Recruit 2-3 session assistant per session
- 5- Present their information at the next OPTEC Meeting on October 21

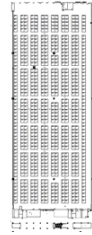
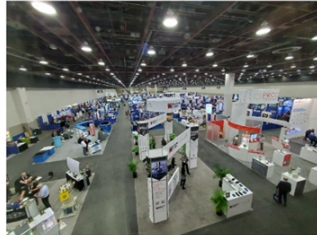
Goal is to finalize the CFP 1st draft by October 31, 2024

Planned Exhibition & Food Space

Zone	Area	Unit	Qty	Sub Total	Sq Ft
Food (Breakfast, Break)	12,000	Sq Ft	1		12,000
Lunch/Reception Space	26,550	Sq Ft	1		26,550
Lunch/Reception	600	Sq Ft	5		3,000
Platinum	400	Sq Ft	10		4,000
Diamond	300	Sq Ft	10		3,000
Gold	200	Sq Ft	200		40,000
Exhibitor	100	Sq Ft	200		20,000
Breakfast/ Break	50	Sq Ft	9		450
Registration	800	Sq Ft	1		800
Others	21,200	Sq Ft	1		21,200
Aisles	3000	Sq Ft	3		9,000
Total					140,000

Exhibit Hall B

Planned
Exhibit Area
70,450 ft²



Lunch / Reception Sponsorship

Benefits:

- Lunch /Reception Space Access for Advertising During the Lunch or Reception
- Premier Booth Space - 20 ft x 20 ft (400 ft²)
- 12 Complete Access Conference Pass
- Two-page ad in the SWC proceedings
- Logo display in the SPE Detroit Section website
- Meeting room reservation priority level I during the conference

Sponsorship Fee:

- \$20,000

Platinum Sponsorship Benefits: Premier booth space 20 ft x 20 ft (400 ft²)

Full page ad in the SWC proceedings, Logo display in the SPE Detroit Section website, Meeting room reservation priority level II during the conference

Sponsorship Fee: \$15,000

Diamond Sponsorship Benefits: Main aisle booth space 15 ft x 20 ft (300 ft²)

8 Complete Access Conference Pass, 1 page ad in the SWC proceedings, Logo display in the SPE Detroit Section website, Meeting room reservation priority level III during the conference

Sponsorship Fee: \$10,000

Gold Sponsorship Benefits: Booth Space : 10 ft x 20 ft (200 ft²), 5 Complete Access Conference Pass, 1/2 page ad in the SWC proceedings, Logo display in the SPE Detroit Section website

Sponsorship Fee: \$5,000

Exhibitor Sponsorship - Booth Space : 10 ft x 10 ft (100 ft²), 2 Complete Access Conference Pass, 1/4 page ad in the SWC proceedings, Logo display in the SPE Detroit Section website

Sponsorship Fee: \$3,000

Breakfast / Break Sponsorship Benefits: Booth Space 5 ft x 10 ft (50 ft²), Complete Access Conference Pass, 1/4 page ad in the SWC proceedings, Logo display in the SPE Detroit Section website

Sponsorship Fee: \$2,000

Other Sponsorship Opportunities Benefits: Advertise your company logo on the following items: Bag, Pad or Notebook, Pencil or Pen, Hotel key card, Flash drive, Sustainable badge

Sponsors to Purchase: At least 1,000 each of the item they sponsor

Sponsorship Fee: \$500

Advertising

Advertisement Type & Fee

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| - 1/4 page ad in the SWC proceedings | \$500 |
| - 1/2 page ad in the SWC proceedings | \$1,000 |
| - 1 Page ad in the SWC proceedings | \$2,000 |
| - Back of front cover page of SWC proceedings | \$3,000 |
| - Back of rear cover page of SWC proceedings | \$2,500 |
| - Rear cover page of SWC proceedings | \$3,500 |

Sponsorship Sign-up

Company Name: _____
Date: _____
Contact Name: _____
Signature: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please check type of sponsorship Total
\$ _____

Sponsorship

- Lunch/Reception (\$20K)
- Platinum (\$15K)
- Diamond (\$10K)
- Gold (\$5K)
- Exhibitor (\$3K)
- Breakfast/Break (\$2K)

Other

- Bag (\$500)
- Pad or Notebook (\$500)
- Pencil or Pen (\$500)
- Hotel key card (\$500)
- Flash drive (\$500)
- Sustainable badge (\$500)
- 1/4 page ad in the SWVC proceedings (\$500)
- 1/2 page ad in the SWVC proceedings (\$1,000)
- 1 Page ad in the SWVC proceedings (\$2,000)
- Back of front cover page of SWVC proceedings (\$3,000)
- Back of rear cover page of SWVC proceedings (\$2,500)
- Rear cover page of SWVC proceedings (\$5,500)

Sponsorship Status

Have been reaching out to sponsors last 4 weeks by phone calls

4 potential sponsors to sign up in the next few weeks

Need to send CFP to potential sponsors to attract sponsors

Keynote teaser page will help to recruit sponsors

Sending invitation letter to potential sponsors by email in the next two weeks

Promote SWC during 2024 IAG and 2025 EAV Conference

Web page is updated with the sponsorship package

Membership/Next Gen

Dr. Mahmoodul Haq/Laura Shereda

Rob asked Laura if she had anything to report. She did not and hadn't talked to Dr. Haq. Tom Miller said he had talked to Mahmoodul and that Mahmoodul was having some health problems and does intend to return to active participation. Rob was concerned that no one from Detroit Section board had access to membership roles. Bob suggested contacting Sue Wojnicki and explaining situation. Rob will do that.

Nominations/Elections

OPEN

Neil asked about Martin Popella's status. Rob had not been able to make contact. Sassan said that talked to Martin. Martin has permanently moved back to Germany for both family and job reasons. Sassan will contact Martin (cc Rob) and ask him to formally resign.

Awards

OPEN

Rob asked Bob about awards status. Last year's Star Award has yet to be awarded to Lyle. Neil said Lyle had been invited to receive at TPO Conference but Lyle's health prevented that. Bob and Rob will contact Lyle and try to arrange delivering and awarding at Lyle's home.

No awards were selected for 2023-2024 and we did not have nominations for Fellow or HSM (deadline past) or EDS Gold (must be by early December).

Auto EPCON Conference

Sandra McClelland

Rob explained that Dave Okonski had stepped down as Co-Chair and asked if there were any volunteers. Rob had no report from Sandra and she did not give to Tom Miller. (her proxy holder for this meeting) status is unknown. Rob asked if we should drop Auto EPCON Conference but said we'd talk later and needed to talk to Sandra.

TPO Automotive Conference

Neil Fuenmayor

Neil summarized and reviewed his slides below.

This was 25th Anniversary Conference. Four founders were to be on Founders Round Table – Rose Ryntz, Norm Kakarala, Robert Eller participated, due to health problems Bill Windscheif was unable to attend.

Preliminary results \$112,102.09 profit. Costs were much higher as anticipated at \$280,240.08 but lower than the \$325,000 budget.

Feedback on Tuesday start (due to Monday Night Football conflict caused by Marriott contract with NFL SPE moved date – still working on compensation from Marriott for that change.)

There were no "virtual only" registrations but significantly more in person registrations than target.

(647 attendees vs 500 target)

Business spending priorities have significantly reduced major sponsorships such as Platinum, Lunch and dinner sponsorships.



2024 Conference – Preliminary Post Event Summary SPE Detroit Section BOD Meeting (October 21, 2024)

Neil Fuenmayor

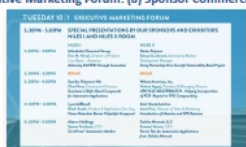
2024 SPE TPO Global Automotive Conference Co-Chair / Detroit Section Past President



2024 SPE TPO Global Automotive Conference

Event Program by the Numbers

- 5 Keynotes
 - Nissan
 - General Motors
 - Inteva Products
 - Yanfeng
 - ExxonMobil
- 2 OEM-led Elements – Sustainability Focused
 - General Motors Discussion Panel (focus on LCA)
 - Hyundai-Kia Plenary Address w/ Q & A Panel (focus on Sustainability)
- Founders Roundtable
- Executive Marketing Forum: [8] Sponsor Commercial Talks



2024 SPE TPO Global Automotive Conference

Overview

- Event Dates: Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2024
- Venue: Detroit Marriott Hotel Troy (Troy, MI)
- Overall Format/Length: 2 1/2 Days - Full Live Event with Virtual Components (On Demand Recordings)
- Theme: 25 Years of Innovation
 - Key Sub-Themes and Conference Focus: Sustainability and Future Mobility (Electrification)
- Full Planning Committee, Steering Team, and Sub-Committee Teams: 44 Volunteers; Meetings for 10 months

Challenges

- Participation: More competition for attendees, speakers, and sponsors/exhibitors. (e.g. 2024 The Battery Show)
- Sponsorship: Changing company strategies and changed work force – difficult to attract Platinum status
- Finances: Higher costs and additional costs expected (reduced hotel discount; lower sponsorship revenue)
- Late Date Change: Due to venue conflict discovered mid-June, forced to push back by 1 day; difficult set-up

Event Targets & Plan Strategies

- Attendance Target: 500 minimum (set same target as 2023)
- Key Demographic Growth Targets:
 - Increase Global Participation: Virtual On Demand and New Global Marketing Campaigns
 - Increase OEM and Tier 1 Participation: Discounts and Networking/Promotion
- Continue to provide Outstanding Value to participants (attendees and sponsors)
- Differentiate and "Set the Bar"
 - Use feedback. Reinforce "Core" and Introduce New Elements and Content Delivery Methods
 - Honor "25 Years of Innovation" Anniversary
- Provide Positive Revenue Generation for SPE Detroit Section



2024 SPE TPO Global Automotive Conference

2024 SPE TPO Global

Results

- An Overwhelming Success
 - Attendance: 16% increase
- No Significant Issues
- Internal Lessons Learned
 - Being compiled for
 - Many positive comments
- Missed Targets: Global
- Preliminary Financial
 - Should come in under

Preliminary Data (a)

- Internal Target: 500
- Revenue: \$392,342.1
- Attendees (Registrations): 647
- Sponsors/Exhibitors: 100
- Costs: \$280,240.08**
- 2023 Budget Estimate: \$280,000

* Subject to adjustments as costs
** Possible compensation (adjust)

2024 SPE TPO Global Automotive Conference

Open Action Items

- Team Celebration Dinner: 10-23-24 at the Capital Grille (Birmingham, MI)
- Open Post Event "Virtual On Demand Portal": Stretch target is +2 weeks (Week of 10-21-24)
- Compile/Post 2024 Event Photos on Website: Target is +2 weeks (Week of 10-21-24)
- Meet with Venue for "Compensation Discussion" and possible adjustment: Target Week of 10-28-24
- Collect Outstanding Sponsor & Exhibitor Funds (\$45K), Registration (SPE HQ) / Pay Remaining Invoices: Ongoing
- Analyze & Summarize Internal Feedback
 - Planning Team Post Event "Lessons Learned" Mtg. held 10-08-24 – Data Gathered
 - Target: Dec. 13, 2023 Meeting
- Analyze & Summarize Attendee Demographics (SPE HQ Registration Reports)
 - Target: Dec. 13, 2023 Meeting
- Analyze & Summarize Attendee Survey Feedback (SurveyMonkey)
 - Target: Dec. 13, 2023 Meeting

Communications / e-Communications / Newsletter / Website

Open / Keith Siopes

No overall report. E-Communications such as Linked In have been done well. Since we have not done a newsletter, Rob will send out an email "President's Report once we get access to membership list. Rob said website is up to date. Neil said officer's and board member list needs to be updated (due to resignations). Rob will update.

First Vice-President

Dawn Cooper

Technical Dinner

Bernd Henkelmann

Bob asked Bernd if he had taken the Chair position. He as not but was able to set up the 10-24 Evosys North America tour – however, **Evosys will need to postpone until in 2025**. Bob thanked Bernd for the effort and offered that since we had no one in the office yet, perhaps we all try to come up with some events until we sort out the open offices. Karen will send out notice of event cancellation.

Advertising

OPEN

Sponsorship

OPEN

Historian

OPEN/Bob Petrach (Acting)

Bob had no update on history. Rob as, part of bylaws revision we'd be looking at restructuring these activities.

Golf Outing

Dawn Cooper

Dawn will forward pictures from 2024 outing to Rob for website usage.

Date for 2025 has not been chose and it will be a while, Golf courses typically do not start

scheduling until February. Dawn will choose target date by the end of the year. She did say that we will not be at Pine Trace next year. Pine Trace is in the midst of a major reconstruction (drainage, contours, course layout) and will not reopen until spring 2026.

Annual Toy Program (Nov./Dec. 2024)

Dawn Cooper

Dawn finally got call back from American Plastics Toys and they are not interested this year but would like to talk about next year. Rob asked for followup information. Neil pointed out that it is too late for this year, but we need to work on a plan B, C.

Dawn explained that she feels dynamics have changed overall, especially with APT's new ownership. In the past they donated labor, utilities, assembly labor and machine time for approximately three weeks. If we are to continue the program, we should probably plan to spend some money. Neil added his support for her analysis and need for discussion. Bernd suggested we try to combine some efforts with PlastiVan®, Neil noted that would be with SPE Foundation. Bob said we could contribute to ESD's Christmas program, besides toys, since they donate to an orphanage and woman's shelter, they have needs for more than toys as well, things like tooth brushes (which are made of plastic) are something they always needed. We'll talk more off line.

Annual Materials Auction

Dawn Cooper

Dawn noted consensus was we should move to on-line. Rob, like Dawn does not know how to set up a system to do on line.

Sassan thought we could track materials on an Excel file. Neil suggested some kind of silent auction with a final bid date. Sassan noted we'd also need to make a data sheet or at least grade of material and SDS available as part of the process.

Dawn will set up a committee and coordinate.

Education/ Scholarship Committee

Sandra McClelland / Tom Miller

Tom Miller reported

PlastiVan

\$75,000 Budget Elizabeth Egan has stated that PlastiVan® visits have started but no schedule has been shared to date!?! Tom will need to discuss with Mark Richardson as we need time to schedule section volunteers to go to visits, especially as some schools have background checks adding to time.

Essay Contest – North & South

29th annual "Wonders of Plastics" essay contest. Open to all middle/junior high and high school students, the essay must meet the requirements outlined below. **Deadline is February 28, 2025!**

Topics to Consider: Advantages of Plastics in Food Packaging, Creative Use of Recycled Plastics, How Plastics Benefit Humankind, Myths about the Bad Reputation of Plastics, Plastics in the Environment, Plastics Usefulness in Society, What Plastics Have Done for Me, How Plastics Improve our Lifestyle. **QR code linking to application is on website.**

Judges will be needed in early March – everyone on board should participate and non board members are also invited to help.

Scholarships \$36,000 distributed to 12 students

SPE Detroit Section Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

1. 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).
2. Active SPE student member including active membership in your schools SPE Student Chapter if applicable.
3. Applicant has not received or anticipates receiving any other scholarship from the SPE during the current award year.
4. Applicants must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 (4.0 scale) from the prior school year.
5. 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

2024-2025 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	

Selection Committee: Tom Miller (Chair), Sandra McClelland, Rob Philp, Dawn Cooper

Deductions
Lack of Plastics Internships: \$500

Special Scholarships
SPE Detroit Pete Grelle Future Leader Scholarship: \$6,000 (stand alone) - tbd Criteria outlined below with exceptional support of the Detroit Section
SPE Detroit Sandra McClelland 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...)

2024-2025 Scholarship Recipients

\$36,000 Awarded

2024-2025 Award Applicant Summary			
Kettering University	2	1	3 Seniors
Michigan State	4	3	3 Grad Students, 2 Seniors, 1 Junior, 1 Sophomore
Ferris State University	1	0	1 Senior
University of Michigan	0	0	
College for Creative Studies	0	1	1 Sophomore
Schoolcraft College	0	0	
New Applicants	7		
Prior Recipients		5	
Total Applications	12		

SPE Detroit SPECIAL AWARD SUMMARY					
	PG Future Leaders	Reginald Bell	Delta Polymers	SM Women to Watch	Pete Grelle
Year	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$5,500
2024-2025	Arinc Kuloglu		Abdullah Adin	Tanisha Francis	Abdo Karayem

UPDATE AUGUST 21, 2024					2024-2025 Award Amount
Name	Class	School	Major	Graduation Date	
Abdo (Abd Elrahman) Karayem	Grad Student	Michigan State University	Civil/Mechanical Engineering	May, 2025	\$6,000
Abdullah Adin	Grad Student	Michigan State University	Civil/Mechanical Engineering	July, 2025	\$4,000
Kunle Adeyemo	Grad Student	Michigan State University	Civil & Mechanical Engineering	November, 2026	\$2,100
Huseyin Emir Canoglu	Senior	Michigan State University	Mechanical Engineering	May, 2025	\$2,000
Tanisha Francis	Senior	Kettering University	Computer Engineering	June, 2025	\$6,000
Joseph Rode	Senior	Kettering University	Chemical Engineering	June, 2026	\$2,000
Carly Baler	Senior	Kettering University	Chemical Engineering	March, 2024	\$2,000
Robert Hendrickson	Senior	Ferris State University	Plastics & Polymer Engineering Technology	May, 2025	\$2,100
Arinc Kuloglu	Senior	Michigan State University	Mechanical Engineering	May, 2025	\$6,000
Sujay Mondal	Junior	Michigan State University	Computer Engineering	April 2026	\$1,500
Aiden Keller	Sophomore	College for Creative Studies	Computer Science - Product Design	May, 2027	\$1,000
Ahmad Hasan	Sophomore	Michigan State University	Mechanical Engineering	April 2027	\$1,000
	Freshman				\$0

Scholarship Committee.
Awarded for 1-year and
scholarships will be
requirements have been

Neil mentioned students awarded TPO scholarships, students from this year to present at 2025 TPO.

Student Chapters

4 student chapters

- Kettering (Tom Miller)
- University of Michigan (Daniel Pisarski, Laura Shereda)
- Michigan State (Sandra McClelland)
- Ferris (Tom Miller)

Most of the activity was 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

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

PlastiVan®

Eve Vitale

Rob kept PlastiVan® report spot on agenda for Eve in case she wanted to report any SPE Foundation activity.

Old Business

Rob Philp

No old business to discuss today.

New Business

Rob Philp

AutoEPCON Rob stated that without a co-chair now that Dave has resigned and since he has seen no activity or committee meeting work in support, that we probably should with table AutoEPCON for this year. Laura suggested Rob talk to Sandra first. Rob said that was his intent and he will call her. Sassan noted that this is a great one day Topcon that is typically well attended.

Holiday Dinner Neil asked about plans for holiday dinner. Rob said venue will be different this year but no date or venue are set yet.

Matt Parkinson said he'd attended AutoEPCON in the past and was willing to help with it. Matt also suggested highlighting some charity as the target of funds from Golf Outing, perhaps mentioning that all proceeds go to scholarships.. Rob noted that technically we (Detroit Section of Society of Plastic Engineers) are a charity as well as that most of our events' profits are set aside for education. Dawn it would be hard to say Golf Outing was specifically for charity and noted in the recent past, it has been more of a social / networking event. Neil and Tom Pickett agreed that social / networking was primary purpose with charity aspect of the golf outing when it ends up better than break even, Dawn also suggested we could have a donation box for Toys for Tots at golf outing.

No one came forward with additional new business.

Bob moved meeting be adjourned, Dawn seconded, Motion passed, adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Next BOD Meeting: November 18, 2024 ACC Office / Zoom

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

Agenda for this meeting follows.



SPE Detroit Section – October 2024 BOD Meeting Proposed Agenda for October 21, 2024

Virtual Meeting

5:30 PM Meeting Start	President	Rob Philp
	Meeting Call to Order	Rob Philp
	Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions	Neil Fuenmayor
5:45 PM	Approval of Minutes (March and April 2024)	Bob Petrach
5:50 PM	President's Message	Rob Philp
6:00 PM	Treasurer's Report	Dave Okonski
6:10 PM	President-Elect	OPEN
6:10 PM	Sustainability World Congress – Status / Updates	Sassan
6:20 PM	Membership/Next Gen – Status/Updates/Plans	Dr. Mahmoodul Haq/Laura Shereda
6:25 PM	Nominations/Elections	Open / Bob Petrach
	· Election Discussion / Actions	
6:30 PM	Awards	Open / Bob Petrach
6:40 PM	Auto EPDIN Conference (May 2023) – Preliminary Post Event Report	Sandra McClelland
6:45 PM	TPO Automotive Conference (Oct. 2023) · Status	Neil Fuenmayor
6:50 PM	Communications / e-Communications	Open / Keith Slopes
6:55 PM	Newsletter	
7:00 PM	Website	Rob Philp
	· Refresh / New Website Proposal & Discussion	
7:10 PM	First Vice-President	Dawn Cooper
7:15 PM	Technical Dinner	Bernd Henkelmann
7:15 PM	Advertising	OPEN
7:15 PM	Sponsorship	OPEN
7:15 PM	Historian	Open / Bob Petrach (Acting)
7:20 PM	Annual Golf Outing (June 27, 2024) / Report	Dawn Cooper
7:20 PM	Annual Toy Program (Nov./Dec. 2024)	Dawn Cooper
	· Needs & Timeline	
7:25 PM	Annual Materials Auction (Jan./Feb. 2025)	Dawn Cooper
	· Prelim. Plans, Needs & Timeline	
7:30 PM	Intersociety	Bob Petrach
7:40 PM	Second Vice-President	
7:45 PM	Education/ Scholarship Committee	Sandra McClelland / Tom Miller
7:50 PM	SPE Foundation / RasttVan / PlastVideo	Eve Vitale
7:55 PM	Old/New Business	All
8:00 PM+	Meeting Adjourned	Rob Philp
Next BOD Meeting:	November 18, 2024 ACC Office & Virtual	