



VINYL NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I am honored to be the new Chairperson for the Vinyl Plastics Division and I look forward to the next two years in this role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Peebles for his service and commitment as the last Vinyl Division Chair. Dave was a tremendous support for me in the last two years. Bob Weiler has taken the position of Secretary/ Chair-Elect. I look forward to working with Bob, other Board Members, and the TPC over the next two years.

Vinyltec 2015 will be held October 13-15, 2015 in Akron Ohio and will be co-sponsored by the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers. The Technical Program Committee led by Kasper Van Veen has assembled an exciting theme for this conference, "Enabling Technologies for the Future in the PVC Industry". The technical program is comprised of topics related to rigid and flexible vinyl, including recycling of PVC, market applications of vinyl, and international applications and markets. The conference will be preceded by a one-day conference on "PVC Compounding Technology and Materials". I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Maryellen

BOD Meeting – March 23, 2015
Orlando, FL ANTEC/NPE 2015

Attendees

Bill Arendt	Rhonda Rogers
Maryellen Cox	Seth Stewart
Sylvia Moore	Kasper VanVeen
Dave Owen	Bob Weiler
Dave Peeples	Roman Wypart

Dave Schultz & Peggy Schipper were also in attendance.

1. Approval of minutes from 2014 Vinyltec BOD Meeting

Motion – Dave Owen & 2nd by Sylvia Moore - Approve

2. Councilor's Report

Bill Arendt reported on meetings – summaries attached

3. Committee Reports

Awards

1. **Vinyltec 2014** - “Best Paper” – Jeff Quill & Brad Eskilsen
2. **ANTEC 2015** – “Best Paper” – Being determined
3. **ANTEC 2015** - “Best Student Paper” – Being determined
4. **ANTEC 2015** – Student Advisor – Being determined
5. **ANTEC 2015** – Weinberg Award – Being determined

Education – Vinyl Division Family Scholarships

Milton Bain III, Emily Cai, Eric Cai, Jackson Diebel, Elodie Hurez, Kees Schipper, Kyle Schipper – awarded \$2500 for 2014

Motion Bob W. & 2nd Bill A. (The BOD waived the 2 year qualification for Rubin Cai as he will have 2 years later in 2015. Motion – Dave O. & 2nd Sylvia M.)

Communication with Colleges & Universities – Dave Owen will coordinate an email for ANTEC information to the colleges & universities in early May.

Technical Contributions to Vinyl – Bio's and ballots will be sent soon.

Outstanding Service Award – Bio's and ballots will be sent soon.

SPE Awards

Fellow – No Vinyl member was approved for 2014. Mark Lavach and possibly others will be submitted in 2015.

Honored Service Member – No Vinyl member was approved in 2014. Nominees will be solicited for 2015 by the TPC.

Membership – 615 active members – increase of 13 members over last year

Newsletter Update

- A. Four newsletters issued in 2014 – 1st for 2015 after ANTEC
- B. SPE Communications Excellence Award – Randy Brown completed the application and accepted the award on Sunday, 3/22/15.
- C. Last invoices for 2014 Sponsors being sent out. Dave P. will solicit new sponsors in the next couple of months.

TPC Update Emily reported

2014 Vinyltec - 200+ attendees; ~\$18,000 for Division; new TPC members: Bill Kuhn, Tony DiMaio, Krista Gonzalez, Kasper Van Veen, Tara Smith

ANTEC 2015 – Tuesday & Wednesday joint sessions are ready as is the Joint wine & cheese reception, scheduled for Tuesday evening

2015 Vinyltec –Akron, OH – progressing – presentations will be 30 minutes as usual and it appears that the program is almost complete.

2016 ANTEC – Indianapolis

2016 Vinyltec – New Jersey

2017 Vinyltec – South Texas

Treasurer

Report attached.

Motion to approve all reports Sylvia & 2nd Bill A.

4. New Website

Peggy Schipper is coordinating the website for the Vinyl Division.

5. Pinnacle Award

The Division received Gold for 2015. Maryellen Cox submitted the application and accepted the award.

6. SPE Communications Excellence Award

The Division received an SPE Communications Excellence Award – Notable Achiever for 2015. Randy Brown submitted the application & accepted the award.

7. Elections

BOD elections were held earlier this year and Dave Owen coordinated them. There were 6 available positions and the winners were: Dr. Mick Jakupca, Dr. Laurent Matuana, Emily McBride, Gary Mitchener, Seth Stewart & Dr. James Summers. These 6 individuals were each elected for a 3-year term.

8. PlastiVan

Tabled to determine whether or not Vinyl donated this year – No. Need to vote on a donation for this year.

9. New Secretary and Chair-in-waiting

Bob Weiler indicated a willingness to serve and was approved – Motion Dave O. & 2nd Sylvia M.

10. Other

1. Plasticizer Seminar – Motion by Bill A. and 2nd by Rhonda to sell the PowerPoints for the Plasticizer Seminar on the Vinyl Website for \$200 (SPE members) & \$400 (SPE nonmembers)
2. Recent deaths of Bill Coaker, Andy Yacykewych, Tony DiMaio – Peggy Schipper has agreed to contact the Palisades Section to discuss some kind of joint “remembrance” scholarship or something.

11. Dave Owen

Thanked Dave for his years of service on the BOD, including his term as Chairman. Dave will not be a BOD member but has agreed to Chair the Education Committee

12. Maryellen Cox

Welcomed Maryellen as the new Division Chair with her term to begin after ANTEC 2015.

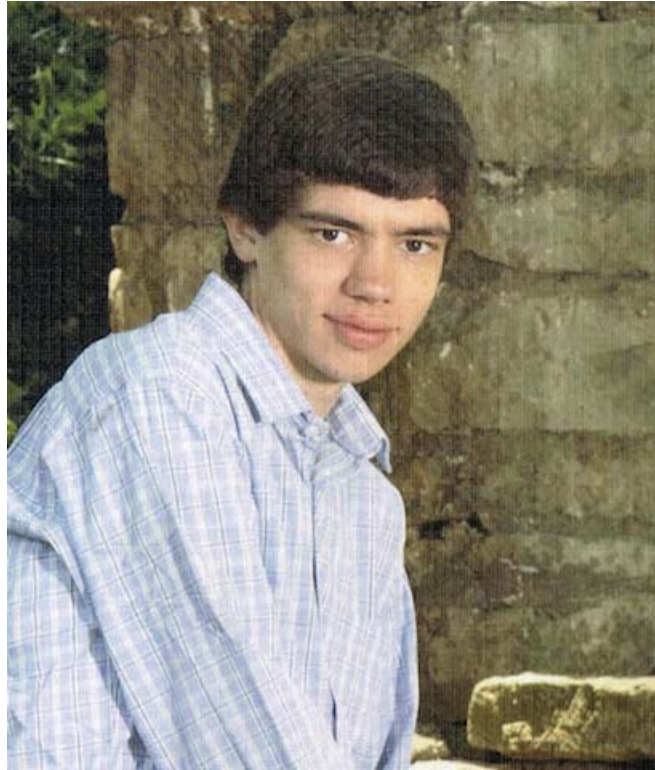
13. Adjournment

Motion – Rhonda

2nd – Bill A.

Meeting closed

VINYL DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT WINNERS



Milton Bain



Eric Cai



Emily Cai



Jackson Diebel



Elodie Hurez



Kees Schipper



Kyle Schipper

Congratulations!
Best wishes

Councilor's Report
Council Meeting, September 2014

I was unable to attend the September 2014 Council meeting because of a conflict. I presented a paper on technology other than PVC on the same dates in Australia. But Kim Rush (President of the Chicago Section and Education Foundation (and now HSM with SPE) represented the Vinyl Plastics Division. The meeting was not an election, nor was it to approve the budget, as has been the case in the past. The election was held at Council 1 at ANTEC 2015.

So, to be very straightforward, the International SPE does take minutes of the meetings. I thought it would be a good idea to use Kim's and the SPE notes to summarize the meeting. The following topics were discussed:

- Financial situation – At the time of the meeting the financial status of Society was sound.
- Membership – The issue of membership remains. It was mentioned that the Society is down to 13,000, but it is unclear as to why. All the changes made, in expectation of Society growth, have not had that effect. So remedies:
 - Create new membership options. The concept is to create an e-membership at no cost. The thought is that there are lots of potential members (perhaps mostly International or young professions) and this would perhaps lead them to full membership.
 - Bylaws would need to be changed.
- The Chain – This is a new format to communicate based on new software. It was designed for the governance of the Society. It is a part of the effort to modernize communications. This would also address the Tech talk as a way for plastics professions to talk. The idea is to bridge the generation gap and to focus on getting young members.
- Young professionals – There has been a significant amount of effort to gain younger members. Specifically to:
 - Increase the number of Young Members in the Association
 - Improve percent of Student Retention
 - Increase revenue generated for SPE
 - And to increase attendance at events (as % of Membership)
- Membership comments – I have a different perspective on the issue as to why younger people are not more involved. When I was finally authorized by management to be involved in the SPE, I was already a group leader and in my early thirties. It was only then that I was allowed to go to SPE events and began to participate in governance. Is this a reason that we don't see the younger folks join? In our lab I mentor young professions and we have gained significant support from our corporation because of mentoring.

- Bylaws and Policy changes – Changes to Bylaws and Policies were purposed. Some had to do the membership definitions. Some with other governance changes including Councilor election.

The next meeting of the Council is at the ANTEC. We will vote on 2015-2016 officers, Bylaws and Policy changes and mostly questions on the new membership definitions. To me the issue is: Will the Council exist much longer? Current administration has reduced the effect of Council but we are your voice. Please give me feedback on what I have written and anything you want to have discussed at Council.

Council Meetings at the 2015 ANTEC

I attended CCOW (Council Committee of the Whole), Council I (last of the 2014 and 2015 term) and Council II (First of the 2015 and 2016 term). Below are notes from those meetings.

CCOW

This meeting is for all the councilors to discuss topics of concerns and information for the next meetings. This time we actually combined the Sections and the Committees with the CCOW.

- Sections – Eight new student sections were formed, Toledo section was reactivated
- Divisions – A new SIG was created for 3D Printing and Adaptive Manufacturing.
- The new SPE Chain was introduced as a communication tool. Each Section and Division can build a site on the chain to communicate
- Discussions on the existence on Council in the future started as we discussed the bylaws and policy. Lots of controversy on this topic. Many of the Councilors (myself included) believe we provide the memberships voice and that should not be eliminated.

Future meetings of the Society will be in Brussel's on September 8, 9 2015 and at ANTEC 2016 in Indianapolis.

Council I

This Council is an election meeting. The following were elected for the 2015 and 2016 term:

- President Elect – Scott Owens
- Senior Vice President – Olivier Crave
- Vice President – Monica Verheij
- CCOW Chair – Sandra McCellan

The financials are very good. In 2014 the SPE finished with a surplus of about \$103,000. Not bad as we were expecting to have a loss last year.

Most of the Bylaws and Policy changes were orientated around changes in membership. There are three real changes that were passed. They are:

- No more Senior membership

- Premium membership – This includes membership with full benefits, Honored Service members, Fellows of the SPE, Emeritus, Young Professionals, Students, Honorary and Distinguished – In other words people who pay dues with few exceptions.
- E-membership – Free of charge. Limited benefits of membership.

More details on differences in membership will be published, as are all the Bylaw changes.

One other Bylaw change being considered is the way Bylaws are changed. Currently it takes two readings of a Bylaw prior to a vote of Council. We are considering changing to only one reading to make the Society more flexible. I am not in favor of this because any Bylaw change is serious and there are mechanisms in place to allow flexibility now.

Lastly there was a presentation by the author of the **Race for Relevance**. This is a book written for Society staffers by a staffer. The idea is to essentially eliminate organizations such as our Council to make the decisions easier. The goal is to have a 5 to 7 board with a CEO only. Of course the Council has not voted to do this. We represent you and therefore we, and you, will be disenfranchised. My attitude is that SPE is our society, not a business as such and staffers serve us, not the other way around. We need to be represented.

There were changes announced. Russ Broome is now a staffer, is doing a fine job and will be working to expand the services to members.

Council II

This meeting is for the incoming administration to introduce itself. Present its operational and any appointments. In the direction of change in governance we did a breakout session and discussed the following questions:

1. What is the role of governance?
2. How many people do we need for that?
3. What should the structure be?

I have not seen the results of the answers to those questions published yet. This is quite transparent as being a push towards what the changes desired by some.

The next Council meeting is in October 10th and 11th.

Any questions? Feedback? Please let me know.

Regards,
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Vinyl Plastics Division Councilor
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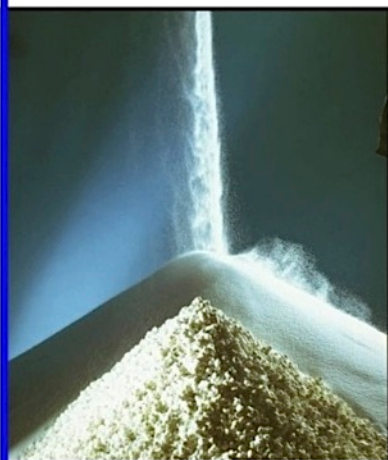
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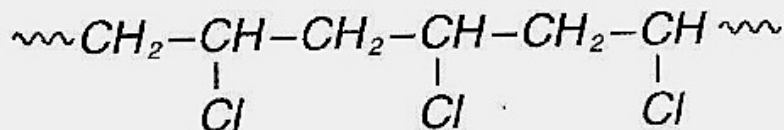
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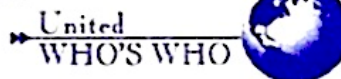
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