

SPE GGS Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2018

Present: Yanika Schneider, Jennifer Hoffman, Richard Chung, Prasad Raut, Farzana Ansari, Rey Parel (by phone)

Recap of 2017-2018 term

Rebuilding year

Increased number of events, focus on students

4 tours (Recology, Plasmatrete, Design Octaves, Sierra Nevada/Chico)

2 networking events

New Mentoring Program

Education Expo

New website – speggs.org, \$200/year hosting fee, pay web developer \$50 every 2 months

Yanika to publish first newsletter of 2018-2019 term

Summer BBQ on August 11 at Alum Rock Park – Jennifer to reach out to students

ThermoFisher Scientific tour in SJ – when? Yanika to work with contact on date (late July, Sept or Oct)

Yanika discussed the Mentoring Program – working well, but hard to gauge

Aim for ~10 events per year

Fee structure

2017-2018 term – all events were free, focus on student education/ support activities

\$20/\$15/\$10 for lunch/learn and flat fee for tours (\$10)

First 5 students to RSVP before deadline get in for free

RSVP/pay on Eventbrite, codes for discounts, link with SPE GGS FB – Yanika to coordinate

Offer early bird discounts

Finances

Net loss of ~\$3.8k for the 2017-2018 term, primarily due to Education Expo

Income	\$	2,454.15
Expenses	\$	(6,331.91)
Net	\$	(3,877.76)

~\$58k in 3 accounts

How much money do we need for our typical events per year (\$5k budget?)

Big events to bring in money and get more exposure?

Workshop/short course (half day, focused topic) – possibly joint event to reach larger audience, get big company (e.g. Boston Scientific) to sponsor Education Expo

Industry vs. academic focus on polymers

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Reach out to Stanford, Berkeley, etc. for a broader audience

Brian Riise to potentially give talk in Sept/Oct, but he may be moving to NY – Yanika to set date for talk

All Board Members - reach out to networks for tour ideas “we are planning our calendar for the next term, let us know if you are interested in hosting a tour of your company” – showcase company, support education, no solicitation/marketing

Exponent to host a technical talk/lunch – Farzana to confirm

Imerys to host a technical talk/lunch – Prasad to confirm

Technical topics – teach practical skills, cross-training/interdisciplinary topics, get companies to host – start with “Lunch and Learn” to gauge interest, select topics to turn into half or full day workshops or short courses

Injection molding – Richard to contact Jatco, Prasad to contact Arburg, Farzana to reach out to Polymer Processing Center for ideas on processing-related topics

Failure Analysis – case studies, etc. (Farzana to discuss opportunity with Exponent, but a lunch and learn more doable first- e.g. Fractography)

Sustainability, recycling, etc. – Yanika to reach out to network

Medical device – design considerations – Farzana to talk to advisor at Berkeley

Composites – Richard Chung volunteered to give a talk

Adhesives – Farzana to talk to Erin

3D Printing – e.g. Carbon (Farzana to reach out to contact regarding talk/tour, or having SPE member give talk at Carbon?)

Monthly conference call (WebEx or GoTo Meeting), quarterly face-to-face at AirXpanders

Next call 7/16, 5:00pm

Next quarterly mtg. Sept. 13, 6pm at AirXpanders

Need to grow membership to get new board members

Yanika to provide Prasad with member data

Prasad to connect with Rey/Akron chapter on membership activities and reach out to new members

Jennifer to send out all announcements, 3-4wks in advance of event, require details from organizers, put on calendar as soon there is a committed date – details to follow

Yanika to set up Eventbrite for Aug 11th BBQ