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Minutes of the Society Liaison Committee
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
3:00 – 4:00 pm (est.)

Attendees

Silmar Barrios	Oxiten USA, LLC
Mark DePasquale	Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology
Laura Fosselman	Southern Society for Coatings Technology
Katherine Hacek-Catlett	Chicago Society for Coatings Technology
Christopher Howard	Philadelphia Society for Coatings Technology
Nathan Kofira	Chicago Society for Coatings Technology
Gregg Peckham	Saint Louis Paint & Coatings Society
Charles Shearer	New England Society for Coatings Technology
Beverly Spears	Pacific Northwest Society for Coatings Technology
Dave White	Metropolitan New York Coatings Association
Kelli Young	BASF Corporation

ACA Staff

Dorothy Brawner	Committee Staff Liaison
Marcus James	Administrative Coordinator, Government Affairs
Eric Nouri	Senior Corporate Counsel

Introduction and Review of Policies

The meeting of the Society Liaison Committee was called to order at 3:03 p.m. The members introduced themselves and then were asked to adhere to the ACA Antitrust policy explained by Eric Nouri. The Committee had a brief discussion about the development of the October 21, 2019 minutes from the meeting held at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

Roundtable Discussion

In late 2020 former Committee Chairman Daniel Rumfola contacted ACA to advise staff that unfortunately, he is not be able to continue his SLC Chairmanship, however, will continue to be a member of the Committee. ACA nominated Nathan Kofira of the Chicago Society for Coatings Technology as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Christopher Howard and was duly accepted by Mr. Kofira.

Chairman Kofira presided over the meeting until it adjourned. It was reported to ACA that the Joint Louisville Paint & Coatings Association and LSCT dissolved effective December 31, 2020, member Steve Joest wished the Committee well. Chairman Kofira also expressed interest in contacting the Cleveland, Dallas and Wisconsin Societies for representation at future meetings.

The members then engaged in a roundtable discussion of activities at their various societies with the goal of sharing ideas and information on meeting common challenges. The discussion centered around the information sharing forms as follows:

Chicago Paint and Coatings Association

- Has a total of 105 companies
- List of Committees: Budget & Finance, By-Laws, Community Relations, Directory & Buyer's Guide, Education, Legislative & Regulatory Legislative & Regulatory, Membership, Nominating, Planning & Policy, Program, Publicity
- Holds the following events: Legislative & Regulatory Luncheon, You Be The Chemist Challenge, Windy City Coatings course, Annual Dinner Meeting, Golf Outing, Paint a Brighter Chicago, Summer Outing, Economic Update Meeting, Feed My Starving Children, Chicago's Finest Painted Ladies Competition/Awards Dinner, Holiday Party,
- Number of Scholarships: 4 Scholarships per Year
- Total Scholarship Amount \$8,000

Chicago Society for Coatings Technology

- Has 135 members
- List of Committees: Bylaws, Education, 25/50 Year Club, Golf Outing, Media Outreach
- Holds the following events: Past Presidents and Awards Night banquet, canceled due to COVID-19, Coatings Trends and Technologies (CTT) September 8-11, 2020, 700+ attendees
- Windy City Coatings Course (WCCC) rescheduled for 2021, \$595 and discount for 4+ same company, volunteer instructors, 101 & 301 level education, You Be The Chemist
- Number of Scholarships: Up to 4
- Total Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000

Metropolitan New York Coatings Association

- Has 71 members
- List of Committees: News n Views, Social Events, Awards, Scholarship, Membership, Technical & Education
- Holds the following events: Different social events
- Has the following Fundraising: 2-3 General Scholarship; 6-8 Academic Scholarship The main source for our funding is via participation in the Eastern Coatings Federation and Show. We tend make a little for membership (\$35 Individual; \$125 Corporate) Meetings and Golf Outing we break even on.
- Number of Scholarships: 1-6
- Total Scholarship Amount: \$1,000 each

New England Society for Coatings Technology

- Has 80 members
- List of Committees: Membership and By-Laws
- Holds the following events: Typically meet 2-3 times per year with half-day seminars which include lunch and 4 speakers. One Golf Outing in May or June. In 2020 due to Covid-19, no meetings or golf outings were held.
- Has the following Fundraising: 2-3 General Scholarship; 6-8 Academic Scholarship The main source for our funding is via participation in the Eastern Coatings Federation and Show. We tend make a little for membership (\$35 Individual; \$125 Corporate) Meetings and Golf Outing we break even on.
- Total Scholarship Amount: \$8,000

Pacific Northwest Society for Coatings Technology

- Has 114 members
- List of Committees: Symposium Committee and Scholarship Committee
- Holds the following events: WCS - Every two years, Symposium - opposite year of WCS, Technical Lunch- Virtual meetings, Science Fairs Old Timers Christmas Luncheon - Dec 2021, Golf Charity Outing - Make A Wish - August 2021; Symposium "Coatings Fest" - October 2022
- Has the following Fundraising: 2-3 General Scholarship; 6-8 Academic Scholarship The main source for our funding is via participation in the Eastern Coatings Federation and Show. We tend make a little for membership (\$35 Individual; \$125 Corporate) Meetings and Golf Outing we break even on.
- Number of Scholarships: 12-20
- Total Scholarship Amount: \$500-\$1,000

Philadelphia Society for Coatings Technology

- Has a total of 78 members
- List of Committees: Technical
- Holds the following events: Fall Symposium- October/November 2021
- Gives out 1 Scholarship per Year
- Total Scholarship Amount \$2,000

Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology

- Has between 30 – 40 members
- Has the following committees: Membership, Scholarship, Events/Fundraising & Communications
- Has the following meetings and events; Technical dinner meetings (6): October, November, January, February, March, April – Social Hour/Technical Presentation/Dinner (20 – 25 attendees); September golf outing (50 -60 attendees), December holiday event (30 – 40 attendees); May end year event (30 – 40 attendees) Annual golf outing: generally raises around \$7,000 for scholarship
- Gives out the following scholarships: Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to member's children who apply/qualify – funds divided equally amongst recipients and additional \$500 to on STEM winner.
- Number of Scholarships per Year: 4 – 10 typically
- Total Scholarship Amount: \$7,000

Saint Louis Paint & Coatings Society

- Has 102 members
- List of Committees: BBQ, Environmental, Golf LinkedIn, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Program, Publicity/Advertising, Scholarship/Education, Social, Society Representative/ACA/SLC
- Holds the following events: 6-technical dinner meetings – including a Past-Presidents Celebration (avg attendance:40-50) Biennial Technical Symposium (day long) (avg. attendance: 80-100); 2-Golf Tournaments (avg. attendance: 70-90); and our Annual BBQ (avg. attendance: 200-250). Currently our Virtual Board meetings are held for about an hour once a month
- Has the following Fundraising: 2 - \$1,500 Annual College Student Scholarships donated by 2-distributor member companies. Additional fundraising with sponsorships for the Technical Symposium and Golf Tournaments.
- Number of Scholarships per Year: 2
- Total Scholarship Amount: \$3,000

Southern Society for Coatings Technology

- Has a total of 230+ members
- List of Committees: Finance, By Laws, Website, Industrial, Archives, Membership, Education, Scholarship, Publicity & Society Liaison
- Holds the following events: Annual Technical Conference and section (4) Meetings
- Scholarships vary per year

Members shared that most of their planned in-person events for 2020 were cancelled. Members also discussed that virtual meetings and events were going to be with us for some time and shared their experiences with adjusting to technology.

There were two participants in attendance that were not part of a local society. There were discussions that the meetings relate to societies and participants should belong to their local societies.

Next Meeting

Members discussed options for the next meeting are as follows:

During the 2021 SSCT Annual Meeting & Technology Conference, May 2 – May 5, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Savannah, GA; The Eastern Coatings Show, June 9-11 2021 at Harrah's Hotel in Las Vegas, NV or The 2021 CoatingsTech Conference, June 28-29, 2021 at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Brawner
Staff Liaison