

## **Historian Report – Ohio Rubber Group – 2013**

### **Winter Meeting – Tuesday, January 29, 2013**

Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio on January 29, 2013. The new board members were introduced at the meeting. They are John Karas, Dupont Performance Polymers, Chair; Paulo Meneghetti, Momentive, Vice Chair; Sean Djuricic, ARDL, Treasurer; Michael Meade, Production Systems, Inc., Secretary; Nicki Hersberger, ARDL, Past Chair. Nicki Hersberger was presented with a plaque for her service during the meeting.

#### **Technical Presentations:**

“Butyl 100 and the Technical Merits in Curing Bladders”

Joshua Gulliams, LANXESS Corporation

“Addressing Compounding Problems with Internal Process Aids”

Chris Ryan, Chemspec, Ltd.

“Developments in Mixing Technology in Tangential & Intermeshing  
Batch Mixers”

Peter Glasser and Bob McNabb, HF Mixing Group – Farrell Corporation

The ORG Board of Directors voted to support a new scholarship for members who are interested in continuing their education. Due to the resignation of the Treasurer for the Group, a review of the governing structure of the Ohio Rubber Group resulted in proposed revisions of the Bylaws which will help modernize and streamline the structure and operations of the Group. These will be presented to the membership at the Spring Meeting.

A 50-50 raffle was held during the dinner portion of the meeting.

### **Spring Meeting – Tuesday April 16, 2013**

Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, and was well attended. The following presentations were made during the meeting:

#### **Technical Presentations:**

“Scorch Protection Technology for Peroxide Crosslinking”

Peter R. Diuzneski, Arkema Inc.

“Improving dispersion and Filler – Polymer Interaction  
Through Chemical Modification of Carbon Black”

Michael Jacobsson, Sid Richardson Carbon & Energy Co.

“Lignin – Carbon Black Hybrids:

Towards Development of Energy Efficient Rubber Compounds”

Kushal Bahl and Sadhan C. Jana, Dept of Polymer Engineering,  
The University of Akron (ORG Scholarship Recipient)

Two students from the University of Akron were selected to receive the ORG Graduate Student Award for 2013. PhD candidates Joseph Scavuzzo (Polymer Science) and Kushal Bahl (Polymer Engineering). The awards included a paid membership to the Ohio Rubber Group.

A 50-50 raffle was held during the dinner portion of the meeting.

### **Summer Golf Outing – Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

The summer golf outing was held at Yankee Run in Warren, Ohio on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. Paul Glasgow of Stemaco, USA was chair of the outing.

### **Fall Golf Outing – Monday, August 26, 2013**

The Fall Golf Outing was held at Portage Country Club, in Akron, Ohio on Monday, August 26, 2013. Greg Sibley of Intertex was chair of the event which was well attended.

### **Fall Meeting – Tuesday, October 2, 2013**

The Fall Technical Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Tuesday, October 2, 2013

The following papers were presented during the Technical Session:

#### **Technical Presentations:**

“Mechanisms of Zinc Co-Agent/Peroxide Cure Systems in EPDM”  
Don Burlett, Gates Corporation

“An Introduction to Fortimix – An Inorganic Process Aid and  
Multifunctional Additive”  
Bill Black, SEFA Group Inc.

It was announced that Chris Ryan was appointed to fill the vacant Secretary position for the ORG

A 50-50 Raffle was held during the dinner meeting.

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