

Historian Report – Ohio Rubber Group – 2017

Winter Meeting – January 24, 2017

The Ohio Group Winter Meeting was held at the Twinsburg, Ohio, Hilton Garden Inn on January 24, 2017. The meeting was well attended and the weather cooperated for safe traveling to and from the meeting.

The 2017 board members were announced at the meeting. Below is a list of the 2017 board:

Chair	Tim Samples	Polymeric, Inc.
Vice Chair	Peter Glasser	HF Mixing Group
Secretary	Adam Kronenberger	R. D. Abbott Co.
Treasurer	Mike McDonnell	Altrran, Inc.
Councilor	Ernie Puskas	Littlern Corp.
Alt. Councilor	Denise Kotz	DuPont Performance Elastomers
Area Director	Andrew L. Tisler	Omnova Solutions, Inc.
Alt. Area Director	Doug Ruch	Western Reserve Chemical

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

“Holistic Financial Planning & Retiring Well”

Trace Tisler, CFP, Epic Financial

“Application of Phenolic Resins for Bonding Rubber to Wire”

Dr. John M. Whitney, Manager - Research and Development, Rubber Technology, SI Group

“Review of Oscillatory Shear Rheometry for Quality Control in Rubber Processing”

Ed Norton, Alpha Technologies

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

Spring Meeting – April 4, 2017

The Ohio Rubber Group Spring Technical Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Scholarships were awarded by the Ohio Rubber Group to Scott Smith and Jiax Li, both students who are pursuing PhD degrees in the Polymer Engineering Department at The University of Akron. Both students made presentations at the meeting.

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

*“New Horizons of Filled Rubber Reinforcement
From Molecular Dynamics Simulation”*

Scott Smith, PhD candidate, University of Akron, Dept. of Polymer Engineering
Ohio Rubber Group Scholarship Recipient

“Bio-based Plasticizers in Rubbers”

Jiaxi Li (Jesse), PHD Candidate, University of Akron, Dept. of Polymer Engineering
Ohio Rubber Group Scholarship Recipient

“Mixing in the 21st Century”

Peter Glasser, Regional Manager, HF Mixing Group, Farrel Corp.

Tim Samples, 2017 Chair, presented a plaque to Jim Lipinski, ORG Chair, in appreciation of his service to the Ohio Rubber Group during the dinner meeting, followed by a 50-50 raffle

Summer Golf Outing, June 28, 2017

The Ohio Rubber Group Summer Golf outing was held at Yankee Run in Warren, Ohio. The outing was well attended and was followed by a dinner and awards presentations.

Summer Golf Outing – August 28, 2017

The Ohio Rubber Group second Summer Golf Outing was held at Silver Lake County Club in Stow, Ohio. The outing was well attended. Awards were presented during the dinner that followed the outing.

Fall Meeting – September 26, 2017

The Ohio Rubber Group Fall Technical Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio

The following technical presentations were made during the Technical Session:

“Keltan EPDM for Economical Mixing and Compounding”

Pete Spanos – Arlanxeo

“High Silica Rotors: Unexpected Applications”

Frank Pappas, Lab Manager, Kobelco

“Functional Thermoplastic Polyurethanes for Various Applications”

Zachary Zander, Ph.D. Candidate, College of Polymer Science, University of Akron

Robyn Fralick, Head Coach, Women's Basketball, Ashland University
"Building a Championship Culture"

During the dinner hour, Tim Samples, extended thanks to the Board Members and Committee Members for their support during his chairmanship.

A 50-50 raffle followed the dinner portion of the meeting.