

Historian Report – Ohio Rubber Group – 2015

Winter Meeting – January 27, 2015

Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden in Twinsburg, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. The new board members were announced at the meeting:

Chair	Sean Djuricic	ARDL, Inc.
Vice-Chair	Jim Lipinski	Harwick Standard Distribution
Treasurer	Tim Samples	Polymeric, Inc.
Secretary	Peter Glasser	Secretary
Councilor	Ernie Puskas	Littlern Corp.
Alt. Councilor	Denise Kotz	DuPont
Alt. Area Director	Jim Lipinski	Harwick Standard Dist.

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

“Renewable and Sustainable Esters for Elastomers and Thermoplastics”
Stephen O’Rourke, Technical Director, Polymer Additives, Hallstar

“Dewetting under Dual Confinement Moire’ Patterned Novel UVO Glassified
Substrate for Ice-phobic Applications”
Danielle Grolman PhD Candidate – University of Akron, ORG Scholarship Student

“3D Rapid Topography for the Inspection of Dispersion and More”
Matthew Putman, PhD, Nanotronics Imaging Inc.

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

Spring Meeting – April 21, 2015

The Spring Meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 21, and was well attended.

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

Dr. Colleen McMahan, Research Chemist and Lead Scientist, USDA Agricultural Research Service

"Amino Acids in Guayule Natural Rubber"

Dr. Erich Grotewold, Director, Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center & Center for Applied Plant Sciences

"From Wasted Carbon to Sustainable Materials"

Dr. Rikki Lamba, Director of International Business, Flow Polymers, LLC

"Homogenizing Agents - Beyond Inner Liners"

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

OBITUARIES:

6/29/15

Our friend and colleague Paul Glasgow passed away last weekend.

Paul was a vital part of the Ohio Rubber Group, always willing to help wherever needed. He served as the ORG Chair in 2010 and ran many of the very successful Yankee Run golf outings. Paul was an important Leader to the Ohio Rubber Group as well as the ACS-Rubber Division. He will be greatly missed

6/29/15

Jon Daugherty passed away on June 24, 2015.

Jon was an Emeritus member of the Ohio Rubber Group. He had served for many years with various industry organizations and was always very generous with his time and talent.

Summer Golf Outing – August 24, 2015

The ORG golf outing was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Yankee Run Golf Course. Doug Ruch of R E Carroll was Chair of the Outing. A Scholarship fundraiser was held during the outing.

Fall Golf Outing - August 31, 2015

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Ohio Rubber Group golf outing at Portage CC originally scheduled for August 24, 2015, was moved to *Monday, AUGUST 31, 2015*. Greg Sibley and Kevin Geron were Co-chairs for the outing. Thanks to Mary Puskas and the co-chairs for getting the message of the new date out to all our golfers in time for them to change their itineraries.

Fall Meeting – September 29, 2015

The ORG Fall Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at the Twinsburg Hilton.

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

“Optimization of the Mixer and Mixing Process – Footprinting”
Peter Glasser, Regional Sales Manager, HF Mixing Group, Farrel Corp.

“Chemical Blending for Improved Mixing Performance”
Nicki Hershberger, Technical Director, Polymerics, Inc.

“Hybrid Tangential Rotor for High Silica Mixing”
Yasuhiro Kameda, Process Development Engineer, Kobelco, Stewart, Bolling, Inc.

A 50-50 raffle was held during the dinner portion of the meeting to benefit the Scholarship fund.

Thanks to Sean Djuricic, Chair, and all Board and Committee members for all their hard work for an outstanding year! Thanks also to Mary Puskas, Recording Secretary for her efficient and thorough handling of all the activities of the Group.

Respectively Submitted,

Shelby J. Washko, Historian