



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
OF THE  
AMERICAN FILTRATION & SEPARATIONS SOCIETY**

2003 Fall Topical Conference  
Ann Arbor, MI

September 30, 2003  
5:00 PM –7:30 PM

**AFS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Chairman**

Wu Chen, Dow Chemical

Executive Committee

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair**

Ed Gregor, E.C. Gregor & Associates LLC

Program Committee

**Past Chair**

George Chase, University of Akron

Nominations/Teller Committee

**Treasurer**

Faith Levine, Freudenberg Nonwoven

Executive Committee

**Board Members and Chapter Chairs**

Neville Bugli, Visteon Corporation

Board Member (2004-2005)

Shiao-Hung Chiang, University of Pittsburgh

Board Member, Publications Committee

Ray Collins, Dow Chemical

Board Member

Tad Jaroszyk, Fleetguard, Inc.

Board Member

Karsten Keller, Dupont

Board Member

Wenping Li, University of Houston

Southwest Chapter Chair

Norman Lifshutz, Hollingsworth & Vose

Board Member, Awards Committee Chairman

Samuel Lee, Visteon Automotive

Board Member

Tim Johnson, TSI, Inc.

Board Member, North Central Chapter

Ernest Mayer, Dupont

Board Member, Users Committee

Tom Ramsey, Porex Corporation

Corporate Sponsors Committee

Ken Rubow, Mott Corporation

Board Member

## **BOARD MEMBERS VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

Ed Homonoff, Ed Homonoff & Associates

Board Member

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**

Scott Yaeger, FSI Filters

Strategic/Long Range Planning Committee

Kyung Ju Choi, AAF International

Board Member

Barry Perlmutter, BHS

Board Member

## **STAFF:**

Kathleen Hemming

Manager

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Dr. Chen welcomed all Board members and began by introducing the new Administrative Manager for the Society, Dr. Wenping Li. He advised the Board that she has begun to establish an office for the Society, and would officially open the new AFS headquarters in Houston on October 15. He noted that Dr. Li has worked under Dr. Frank Tiller at the University of Houston for a number of years and has also served as the AFS Southwest Chapter President. All office material housed in Virginia will be shipped to Dr. Li's address in Texas as soon as possible.

Additionally, Dr. Chen recognized Ms. Hemming for her service and commitment to the AFS Society. He noted that this would be the last Board function administered by Mayberry & Associates.

## **REVIEW OF JUNE 2003 BOARD MINUTES:**

As there were no questions relating to the June 2003 minutes, the Board moved to accept them as submitted. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Ms. Levine provided the attached Financial Report, and stated that because the Society has maintained a very conservative approach toward its fiscal management, the financial status of the organization was better than projected. In fact, she reported that she expected the Society to finish the year with a \$33,000 carryover, which represents a \$46,000 swing in the financial situation to the positive. This situation is due largely to the fact that both the Reno and Detroit meetings were financially successful. She noted that there would not be any major expenditures for the remainder of the year, and pointed out that the only large expenses would be moving costs to Houston and pre-expenditures for the WFC9. A report on WFC9 finances would be addressed during the WFC9 Committee report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Gregor presented the Program Committee report and provided an outline of conferences through 2007. He noted that his efforts have been concentrated on bringing users to the AFS Society meeting and expanding our reach to include and/or locate with other related industry groups.

### **ANN ARBOR DIESEL ENGINE EMISSION CONFERENCE:**

Dr. Jaroszczyk provided a status report on the Diesel Conference in Ann Arbor, and noted that this event attracted a total of 43 papers over a variety of topics as well as three keynote speakers who represented government, academia and industry. To date, there were 60 registered attendees, but that number would most likely rise after the conference walk-in registrations were tallied.

Because the Diesel Conference was such a great technical success, with many important papers, and represented a new environment with evolving technologies, Tad proposed that this type of event ought to be organized every other year by the Society. He also noted that the Society would realize a positive revenue return on the Diesel Conference. Ms. Hemming confirmed that the AFS should bring in at least \$5,000 in revenue after all expenses are paid.

### **2004 FALL TOPICAL CONFERENCE:**

Mr. Gregor reported that the 2004 fall meeting would be chaired by Wells Shoemaker and Ernest Mayer and held in the Philadelphia area. The proposed topic is New and Emerging Filtration Media. It was suggested that because INDA's Filtration show is to be held in Philadelphia in December of 2004, that AFS should schedule close to that event. Mr. Gregor will investigate.

### **2005 ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE:**

M. Gregor reported that he is currently in contact with AIChE to co-locate the AFS Society conference which will be held in Atlanta. Negotiations with hotels are ongoing, but he noted that he would report back to the Board regarding the specifics.

### **2005 FALL TOPICAL CONFERENCE:**

After Board discussion, it was determined that the Diesel Engine Emission Conference should be repeated at this time. Chairs will be Ed Gregor and Tad Jaroszczyk.

## **2006 ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE:**

The 2006 Conference was proposed for Chicago in cooperation with Reed Expositions Powder and Bulk Solids Show by Mr. Gregor. Dr. Collins volunteered to serve as chair of the liquid side.

## **2006 FALL TOPICAL CONFERENCE:**

The focus of this meeting was debated amongst the Board with ideas including the Power Generation co-location to focus on Fuel Cells by AFS. It was also suggested that the paint, ink, dye focus could be realigned to feature nanotechnology. More discussion will be necessary to determine the focus of this meeting.

## **FUTURE AFS MEETINGS:**

Mr. Gregor presented a sketch of proposed programs through 2007 each of which are outlined on his report.

## **WFC9 2004 IN NEW ORLEANS:**

Dr. Shiao Chiang provided the WFC9 report and began by noting that Dr. George Chase had the opportunity to promote the event to the Diesel Conference attendees during the session. Dr. Chiang also reported that Dr. Wallace Leung, Chairman of INDEFI, had worked very hard on this event and was highly dedicated to its success. The preliminary program is now available and will be posted to the WFC9 website as soon as staff returns from Ann Arbor. Additional program material, including information on the Short Courses, the Workshop, the spouse tours, is also available and will be posted at the same time.

After providing the WFC9 powerpoint presentation which detailed the program and history of the event, Dr. Chiang encouraged the AFS Board members to help promote the WFC9 meeting. He noted that each Board member has been provided 10 copies of the program and that more were available. He outlined the marketing and promotional efforts currently underway. Due to the fact that three quarters of the attendance is international, he noted that promotional efforts would also focus on the international level.

He advised the Board that the administration of the WFC9 would be run through the University of Pittsburgh office which handles the annual Coal Conference.

It was suggested that the AFS should use this opportunity to promote membership by including a new member card with all registrations by non-AFS members.

Dr. Chase also pointed out that all WFC9 abstracts have been posted to his website at [www.ecgf.uakron.edu/~chem/fclty/chase/chase.html](http://www.ecgf.uakron.edu/~chem/fclty/chase/chase.html). The user name is nonwoven and the password is deepbed.

Ms. Levine provided the attached WFC9 financial report which included a cost analysis of the conference showing \$140,250.00 in anticipated expenses. She also provided a cost breakdown based on the hotel room block pickup in the event the Society is faced with attrition charges.

**LONG RANGE COMMITTEE:**

No report submitted.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Dr. Chase provided the attached report.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE:**

No report submitted.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Dr. Chiang provided the attached report.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:**

No report submitted.

**CORPORATE SPONSORS COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Ramsey provided the attached report.

**CONSULTANT COMMITTEE:**

This committee has no chair, but Mr. Gregor reported that this category of membership has only five members.

It was suggested that the Distributor and Manufacturers Representative category be folded into corporate membership.

**TELLERS COMMITTEE:**

No report submitted.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

In an effort to compile a history of past Award Recipients, a number of previous AFS honorees notified Ms. Hemming regarding their awards and that information has been posted on the AFS website. Any additional award recipients were encouraged to submit further details.

## **USERS COMMITTEE:**

Dr. Mayer reported that he has presented three papers at recent AFS Chapter meetings as a representative of the Users Committee.

## **CHAPTER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Gerard Lynch, the Chapter Affairs Committee chair, organized a Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting in conjunction with the New Jersey Plant Engineering and Maintenance Show and Conference. Jerry will use this meeting to explore the model of a local chapter cooperating with other organizations to attract more users to AFS.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS:**

**Dixie Chapter** – Dr. Mayer reported that the AFS Dixie Chapter meeting would be held Oct. 7-8 in Savannah, Georgia.

**Mid Atlantic Chapter** – The AFS Mid-Atlantic Chapter will hold its next meeting in conjunction with the New Jersey Plant Engineering and Maintenance Show and Conference on October 28-29 at the New Jersey Convention Center in Edison, New Jersey. The Conference Chairman is the Chapter President, Gerard Lynch.

## **SUSTAINING GROWTH FUND:**

Mr. Gregor reported that the Sustaining Growth Fund has received a \$10,000 grant from Fleetguard. He also noted that there is potential for three or four additional sponsors by the end of the year.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gregor reported that he had had a conversation with the outgoing President of INDA, Mr. Ted Wirtz, regarding the possibility of organizing joint conferences. The board asked Mr. Gregor to pursue this opportunity further by proposing that the AFS organize a future Fall Topical Conference to co-locate with INDA's Filtration Show.

Dr. Chase also announced that there are openings for WFC9 session chairs and requested volunteers from among the AFS Board Members.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The next Board meeting of the AFS Society is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 in Chicago. Details will be forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT:** As there was no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.