

COUNCILOR'S REPORT



Dear fellow members of the Medical Plastics Division

On September 22-23, 2025, Council held its first in-person meeting for 2025 at the Double Tree Hotel in Pittsburgh. I would like to share some of the highlights:

- Meeting was call to order by SPE President, Dr. Scott Eastman
 - Reviewed meeting protocols and welcome all attendees
 - Agenda was approved as presented
- Introduction of Attendees
 - Councilors, Sections and Division leaders, and guests introduced themselves. The meeting had broad representation from SPE Chapters
- Opening Comments
 - Dr. Eastman provided opening remarks emphasizing the Council's role in supporting SPE's mission, collaboration between Sections and Divisions, and strengthening global engagement
- Council Cohort Breakouts
 - Councilors participated in focused breakout sessions on key topics important to SPE and its Chapters and members
- Working Lunch
 - Councilors participated in informal networking and met with candidates for upcoming leadership roles

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- Council Breakout Discussion Reports
 - Divisions Report (**Donna Davis**): Priorities included fostering sustainability initiatives, identifying opportunities to spend reserve funds responsibly and supporting joint programming.
 - Sections Report (**Rodney Joslin**): Highlighted student scholarships, partnerships with schools, and efforts to fund science fairs, essay contests, and educational outreach.
 - Leadership Training (**Len Czuba**): Outlined a framework for developing future leaders within SPE.
 - International Engagement (**Margie Hanna**): Reinforced the importance of structured global connections and geographic inclusivity.
 - Recruitment (**Barbara Arnold-Feret**): Discussed new strategies for recruiting members internationally.
 - Student Support (**Donna Davis**): Detailed successful programs across sections and divisions including scholarships, symposia, faculty support, and innovative competitions.
- ANTEC/TPC (**Ashok Adur**)
 - Reported on ANTEC 2026 logistics, paper submission deadlines, and technical program planning. Dr. Adur requests that all Chapters keep HQ apprised of any changes to the current TPC, especially when terms expire during ANTEC© planning.

As the councilor for Medical Plastics Division, I welcome any suggestion or feedback from the MPD Board as well as the MPD membership-at-large.

With Best Wishes

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