

1) Call to Order @ 5:10 PM

- **Attendees:** Ralph Brandt, John Kohler, Lindsay Rinefierd, Suzanne Simmons, Tom Voss

2) Antitrust compliance read into the record.

3) President's Report: Suzanne Simmons

- Need to continue to focus on student involvement (especially for the Annual Golf Tourney)
- RIT Student IOPP group organized a tour of LiDestri Foods (Held Feb 17)
 - Thank you to John Kohler for attending & representing WNY IOPP!
- Board members should try to attend more RIT Student IOPP events (coffee/social hours, etc)

4) Past President's Committee: Ralph Brandt

- Nomination for Fellow Award sent in.
- There will be packs to award at the Golf Tourney.

5) Program Committee: Suzanne Simmons for Gus Castle

- Niagara Sheet Tour (Jamestown Container) went very well! (Feb 26)
 - Niagara Sheet is a joint venture between Jamestown, Smurfit Stone, and Nurampak
 - Largest web sheeter in North America (width wise)
 - Plant has been running for one year
 - 12 hour turnaround time! No storage of finished goods – everything goes right out the door!
 - Great tour! 10 people attended from IOPP (including someone from Ohio!)
- Kodak Tour: Rescheduled due to inclement weather!
 - New Date: Thursday, March 12
 - Same time / place. Sign up today!
- Multisorb Tour: Thursday, March 26
 - Email blast to be sent out with Tour & Dinner Information
- Wal-Mart SVN Packaging Sustainability Presentation
 - Presentation by Karen Proctor
 - When: April 24, 1 – 4pm
 - Location: RIT Golisano Auditorium, Bldg 70
 - Cost:
 - \$5 Student IOPP Members, \$10 Regular Students
 - \$25 WNY IOPP Members, \$35 Non Members
 - Networking hour to follow with light refreshments
 - Action: Suzanne to work with Brett on email blast
 - Need all members to spread the word about the presentation!
- IOPP “7 Steps to Sustainability” presentation moved to next Fall.
 - Will decide if/when to hold presentation at that time.

6) Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Simmons for Jeanne Mallia

- Account Balance = \$5,306.58

7) Membership Report: Suzanne Simmons

- Greg Kelly has resigned from Membership Chair. Suzanne will be contacting members to try and fill post.
- RIT Student Membership = approx. 137
- Western NY IOPP Chapter = approx. 110
- National = approx. 4,815

8) Chapter Points Report: John Kohler

- Points for 2008 have been submitted – We had 16,000 points!
 - Deadline for submission was extended by National in order to encourage small chapters to enter.
- Please notify John of events or presentations in which you have participated that would add to chapter points. (jk4436@rochester.rr.com)
 - If unsure if your activity would count towards chapter points, please contact John.

9) Mentor Program Report: John Kohler

- Tom Voss sent out mentoring email blast to RIT Packaging Students before break.
 - No responses as of 3/9 (first day back from break)
- Currently 5-6 mentors available.

10) Scholarship Committee Report: Suzanne Simmons

- It was suggested to the committee that instead of one big monetary scholarship, focus on other ways to help out students.
 - Textbooks, support student IOPP events, networking opportunities with students.
- Committee to consider ideas at next scholarship meeting and come back with recommendations to Board.

11) Technical Education Report: Tom Voss

- Next student IOPP Social Hour – not scheduled yet
- Announcements were made to Packaging students regarding Kodak Tour, mentoring, & golf outing volunteering
- There will not be a Packaging Student Conference this year.
 - Schools will be rethinking cost vs. benefit of conference
- Packaging Students will be going to Pack Expo Vegas in the Fall.
 - Possible opportunities for networking with other colleges there.
- Paperboard Packaging Alliance Competition Kick-off Meeting
 - March 12, 4pm, RIT, Bldg 70, Golisano Auditorium
 - Bill Wynkoop will be explaining contest (RIT has been very well represented in the past!)
 - Any WNY Members interested in mentoring are invited to attend.

12) Golf Tournament Committee Report: Suzanne Simmons & Ralph Brandt for Tom Falls

- Friday, June 12 @ Deerfield Country Club
- Next committee meeting: Tuesday, March 17 @ noon @ Kodak Theater on the Ridge
 - Prizes, promo items to be discussed along with other Tourney logistics
- Suzanne will send president's letter to Tom Falls (Bob H already has copy) for mailing
- Suzanne to send Tom Voss list of potential student volunteers (gathered from RIT Career Fair)

13) Communications Committee: Suzanne Simmons

- We need to have more people attend Board Meetings! Please try to attend!
- Peter Ross investigating if we can host our website on the National site/server.
- We need to find someone to help with email blasts.

14) Around the Table:

- Package Design Modules
 - Karen Proctor suggested offering seminars for designing better packages
 - Starting in Fall, seminars will be offered 1 -4 PM on Friday (more details to come)

- WNY IOPP Banner Stand & Banner
 - What is the status of the banner?
 - Tom Voss to talk with Bill Wynkoop to find out status.
- Ralph Brandt will be attending the IOPP National Executive Committee Meeting in Chicago next week.

15) Next Meeting:

- **Monday, April 20th**
 - Time: 5pm
 - Location: RIT, Bldg 70, Room 1103

16) Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.