

## Announcing 2010 PMA Call for Technical Papers

The Polyurethane Manufacturers Association (PMA) and the Canadian Urethane Manufacturers Association (CUMA) are soliciting Technical Papers for presentation during the 2010 PMA Annual Meeting, May 9-11, 2010 to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Presentation date will be the afternoon of Tuesday, May 11, 2010. Abstract deadline is Friday, September 25, 2009. Selected abstracts will be notified by the end of 2009. Completed papers are due March 5, 2010.

For more than three decades, PMA's technical paper presentations have provided an important industry opportunity to showcase technical developments to industry leaders at the Association's meetings. Technical papers are chosen for presentation based on their technical content, timeliness of the subject, and relevance to PMA members and the industry. An award for the Best Technical Paper is selected by meeting attendees.

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting, please contact the PMA office at (414) 431-3094 or send the following to [info@pmahome.org](mailto:info@pmahome.org):

- Company name, address, phone, fax, e-mail and web site
- Information on all presenters including direct phone, extension and e-mail
- Title of proposed paper
- Description of proposed paper (approximately 100 words)

You may also visit the PMA web site for more information, and to submit your technical paper online: [www.pmahome.org](http://www.pmahome.org).

The Polyurethane Manufacturers Association is the trade association of the cast polyurethane processing industry, serving processors of polyurethane products, materials and equipment suppliers, and independent agents. PMA exchanges and disseminates information on standards, materials, processes, and technical matters, in addition to monitoring regulatory and legislative activity affecting the urethane industry. The Canadian Urethane Manufacturers Association is the trade association of the cast polyurethane processing industry in Canada.

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## PMA's State by State Regulatory Monitoring Program

*by Donald P. Gallo, Esq., P.E.*

PMA needs volunteers to monitor your state's proposed regulations and State statutes. PMA wishes to be proactive in monitoring proposed regulatory changes at the state and local government level. Currently, PMA monitors OSHA, EPA and other federal agency rulemaking; however regulations are often promulgated at the state and local level which can be more restrictive than federal laws and as one state adopts standards or regulations, others may then follow.

PMA is organizing a network of processors and suppliers for the purpose of monitoring proposed state regulations and sharing this information in the form of alerts within the PMA so that appropriate technical comments can be provided to the state regulators in the promulgation process. An example of a current state proposed regulation in which PMA has provided technical comment and coordination between members is the proposed Pennsylvania DEP air emissions regulation affecting current use of adhesives relating to VOC content of the adhesive. PMA has activated several members through Michael Kocak's efforts to provide technical comment on current use of these adhesives in the industry and hopefully to affect and improve the proposed regulation.

If you have an interest in participating in this regulatory network within PMA and in monitoring your state regulations, please e-mail Sara Worth at [sworth@reinhartlaw.com](mailto:sworth@reinhartlaw.com) as she is compiling a listing by state for this group. Collectively, we hope to be proactive in making a difference in the regulations that affect our members.

## Technology On-Ratio

*By Scott Archibald, PMA Technology Division Chair*

### New Technology Leadership

We would like to again thank Amy Clement for her leadership of the PMA Technology division for the past five years. The PMA board has approved a new technology division structure (as well as for the other divisions) which will now include a Chair and Co-Chair who will each serve for two-year terms. We expect these changes will provide greater stability and continuity in the future. Your new leadership team includes David Welch and me. We look forward to serving you over the next few years. Please feel free to contact either David ([polyuman@comcast.net](mailto:polyuman@comcast.net)) or me ([scott.archibald@chemtura.com](mailto:scott.archibald@chemtura.com)) with any ideas that you think could be useful to moving technology forward.