

PMA President's Message: Corey Barge



Now that school is out, and summer is upon us, I hope everyone is enjoying the best of the season.

I would personally like to thank everyone who attended the meeting in Vegas. The meeting was one of the best ever in large part because of the participation of so many of you.

You will recall that following the meeting a survey was taken to get everyone's thoughts on how the meeting went. If you haven't seen the results yet you should soon. I'd like to thank

everyone who returned the survey because everyone's opinion really counts.

Co-chairs for the 2008 Annual Meeting in San Antonio (Ken Neal and Richard Manson) have begun planning. In the spirit of friendly competition, they expect to put together a meeting better than Vegas.

The PMA board and Division members will meet in San Antonio in early October. We'll review plans for the meeting and make sure things are moving forward. If you have any suggestions for the meeting, we'd love to have them. Please direct your comments to the CO-chairs or the PMA office.

It's not too early to be thinking about co-chairs for the '09 and '10. If you are interested please give Nick Bitter a call. Please consider getting involved.

Please enjoy the remainder of your summer and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

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The PMA will continue to move forward on the defined two strategic initiatives. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact the project leaders below:

Strategic Initiative #1

Be the trusted provider of polyurethane information

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Charge: The taskforce will focus on two areas:

- 1.) identifying sources of the available polyurethane information, and determining what, if any, critical information needs to be developed, and
- 2.) assessing the current distribution methods for polyurethane information, focusing on internet vehicles, and suggesting needed upgrades.

Two meetings have been held, and the taskforce is moving into defining the scope of the upgrades to the website. Another meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks should anyone wish to participate. Should anyone have any polyurethane information that they believe to be useful in accomplishing item #1, please send it directly to project leader Ken Neal.

MOCA Consortium Status Report

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During the Polyurethane Manufacturers Association annual meeting in May, 2006, the MOCA consortium was revived to sponsor MOCA; 4, 4'-methylenebis-(2-chlorobenzenomine), CAS# 101-14-4 prepare a submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("US EPA") under the HPV Challenge Program. The submittal in the form of a Robust Summary of information was submitted in December, 2006. The next step was to conduct and submit an OECD 422 study (a toxicity study) on MOCA at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Fortunately, such a study had been conducted in Japan to meet the requirements of a similar Japanese HPV program. Through the efforts of Howard Cox Anderson Development Company and Kiyoshi Konogai of K-I Chemical USA, Inc. we were able to have the study translated into English and we have submitted this 540 page report to the US EPA - HPV.

Health Canada - Chemical Substances

We have been in contact with Health Canada Chemical Strategies agency regarding the challenge program, see <http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/en/index.html>, who has been conducting a pilot risk screening for certain challenge substances. We have provided the reports from the air emissions testing conducted at four member facilities and we have provided the MOCA Safe Use guidance document. During recent discussions with Health Canada, we have been unofficially informed that MOCA use appears to be a low emissions activity with a low risk screening. We will continue to monitor the progress of this risk analysis process and provide information as it appears to be helpful to Health Canada.

Strategic Initiative #2

Grow the hot, cast urethane market

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