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A Message from Outgoing YP Division Chair, Josh Reich

TAPPI Young Professionals –

I hope your spring is off to a great start! Just as our seasons change, so will our Young Professional Executive Board over the next month. I have had the pleasure of serving as your chair for the past two years and we have worked hard to grow our division and connect young professionals within TAPPI.

As I move on to join the TAPPI Board of Directors, Sudip Neupane will take over as your Chair, while Matias Gonzalez steps up into the Vice Chair position. I have greatly enjoyed my time serving you and have the upmost confidence in Sudip and Matias, along with our directors, to lead this amazing group.

As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, open director positions were made available and we will announce our newest members soon. I am very excited that our board continues to grow and know that we will continue to do great things as a division moving forward. We will most likely have another announcement about open positions in the coming weeks, so if you are interested, please be on the lookout.

As I do during every newsletter, our goals remain the same as a division:

- Increase the Number of Active Young Professionals
- Develop the Communication Tools to Engage Active Participation of Young Professionals
- University and Local Section Outreach
- Promote TAPPI Onboarding Process at Companies
- Focus on 101 Training Courses for Young Professionals

All the work that our board is doing revolves around these goals. I am extremely proud of our directors and all the time and effort they have put into their roles. Continuing to drive active YP involvement will be at the center of everything we do. Providing open positions to those interested are ways we try to accomplish this.

Another way is through events. Our biggest event, PaperCon, is just around the corner. We have a lot of exciting plans for young professionals this year. I encourage you to attend as many as you can.

[Explore the full list of YP activities.](#)

Finally, I just want to say thank you to everyone for a great two years. I've made great friends, had the chance to network with industry professionals, and worked hard with our board to make the TAPPI YP Division something we can all be proud of. I hope that our young professionals continue to get involved because this division depends on it.

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring!

All the best,
Josh



TAPPI Selects Young Professionals of the Year for 2018

Emerging leaders represent WestRock, Domtar, Mica Corporation, Kohler Coating, Inc., and Jacobs Engineering

TAPPI is pleased to announce the selections for this year's Young Professionals of the Year awards. The contest recognizes aspiring young

leaders in the paper, packaging, tissue and related industries. Eligible nominees can be up to age 35 with no more than 10 years of industry experience.

The seven winners of the Young Professionals of the Year awards for 2018 are:

- Lindsey Clifton, Domtar
- Jaclyn Epstein, Mica Corporation
- Patrick Hartnett, WestRock

- Mike Kohler, Kohler Coating, Inc.
- Brianah Morse, Jacobs Engineering
- John Roberts, WestRock
- Ricardo Santos, WestRock

The award recognizes Young Professionals in the industry who have made significant contributions in these areas:

- Leadership
- Community Service
- Problem Solving Contributions to Scientific or Engineering Projects

In addition to being recognized in TAPPI's various publications and online, the winners are invited to attend their division-specific TAPPI conference during 2018 to receive their award and are granted one full year of TAPPI membership.

Do you know an Outstanding Young Professional? Contact yp@tappi.org for nomination information.



TAPPI Young Professional Member Spotlight: Sarah Garchinsky

What is your current role? Company?

I'm currently in the research and development segment of the industry, working for the specialty chemical supplier Solenis located in Wilmington, Delaware. I work as a research scientist in a laboratory focusing on contaminant control technology. Contaminant control (CC) focuses on controlling surface-active materials on the papermachine, such as pitch and stickies.

What are your job responsibilities?

I work in the contaminant control division at Solenis, and have worked on product development, product reformulation, business support, and monitoring equipment technology.

What led you to where you are now? Talk about previous jobs, school, other life journey that led you to where you are.

I was hired out of college (Millersville University, Lancaster PA – BS Chemistry) by Solenis in 2012, making Spring 2018 my 6-year tenure with Solenis. I was hired as a chemical technician, supporting a PhD Scientist. I have progressed to an individual contributor where I now lead my own projects.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Editor's Note: Would you like to be featured in an upcoming TAPPI Young Professional Member Spotlight, or nominate one of your colleagues? Please email your suggestions to [Jaclyn Epstein](mailto:Jaclyn.Epstein@tappi.org), TAPPI YP Communications Director.



Young Professionals Program at PaperCon 2018

PaperCon is right around the corner! Look below at the activities taking place throughout week, designed by and intended for young professionals. The YP program is also available on the [PaperCon website](#). We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte, NC!

Sunday, April 15, 2018

2:00 - 4:00 pm Stop Hunger Now Community Service Project (Organized by the Young

Professionals Division), Charlotte Convention Center, Room 213CD

This year at PaperCon, the paper industry is doing its part to give back to the community by offering a volunteer opportunity. We hope you'll join us for this charitable and fun networking event brought to you by the TAPPI Young Professionals Division. The event will gather volunteers from across the industry to package 10,000 meals for families in need. We are partnering with Rise Against Hunger: Stop Hunger Now, which provides life-changing aid to people in need of food around the world. Together, we will be able to help provide food for those who need it most, while connecting people from across the paper, pulp, and packaging industries. Thank you for your support, and we hope that you will participate in our event to help Rise Against Hunger: Stop Hunger Now.

While free to attend, space is limited, so please add this event to your PaperCon registration so we can get an accurate count of attendance. If you are already registered for PaperCon, but would like to register for this event, please send your PaperCon registration number, your name and email address to pcon@prereg.net, or call 1-888-959-0567.

4:00 - 6:00 pm Couch Pit University & Young Professionals Mixer, Westin Charlotte Downtown, Providence Ballroom I

Network with young and experienced industry professionals! Refreshments provided.

Monday, April 16, 2018

8:00 - 9:30 am Awards Breakfast, Charlotte Convention Center, Grand Ballroom AB

Celebrate with the TAPPI Top Young Professionals of the Year Award winners.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Young Professionals Division Annual Meeting Luncheon (Open to all), Charlotte Convention Center, Room 213CD

Meet the members of the TAPPI Young Professionals Division Board, learn about the YP division's goals and objectives, and contribute ideas on how to grow the division. Lunch will be provided.

1:30 - 3:00 pm Young Professionals Panel Session, Charlotte Convention Center, Room 217A

Join us for a panel discussion featuring young professionals, as they share their perspectives on innovation in an established industry.

7:00 - 9:00 pm 5th Annual Alumni Soiree & Young Professionals Mixer, Westin Charlotte Downtown, Grand Ballroom AB

Network with alumni and other young professionals, and learn about the industry while enjoying refreshments.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

10:00 am - 12:00 pm YP Networking, Charlotte Convention Center, Base Camp

Learn how to get involved with TAPPI's Young Professionals and share ideas on how to get more YP's involved and grow the division. Come take a break, relax and chat one-on-one with other YP's and division board members.



Event Recap: Best Practices on the Corrugator Course

"The TAPPI Best Practices on the Corrugator course gathered operators, production managers, plant superintendents, and other industry professionals looking to update or expand their knowledge of today's corrugators. With nine of the industry's experts leading the course, attendees discussed current trends that effect day to day operations on corrugators. The group also honored Jon Porter ahead of his retirement, celebrating

his 30 years of industry experience and thanking him for his leadership of the TAPPI Best Practices on the Corrugator course. He will be stepping down as the course leader and enjoying retirement in Florida with his wife."

- Mike Kohler, Technical Sales Associate, Kohler Coating

Upcoming TAPPI Events and Courses

APRIL

14-15 Advanced Coating Symposium Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

15-18 NETInc Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

15-18 PaperCon Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

20-23 NAPIM Spring Convention Sonoma, California, USA

22-25 International Flexible Packaging and Extrusion Division Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

23-25 Specialty Papers EU Cologne, Germany

24-25 Root Cause Problem Elimination Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

MAY

1 Chicago TAPPI (Trade Fair) Oak Brook, Illinois, USA

1-2 Tissue 201 Operations and Runnability Course Miron-Appleton, Wisconsin, USA

3-4 Advanced Papermaking: Formation Stevens Point, Wisconsin, USA
6-8 Shipping Receiving and Warehousing Conference New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
8-9 RCM2 Texarkana, Texas, USA
14-15 La Planification Et L'ordonnancement Longueuil, Quebec, Canada
15-16 Work Management Planning and Scheduling TBD
15-17 Paper Machine Operations Course Appleton, Wisconsin, USA
16-17 La Planification des Arrêts Planifiés Longueuil, Quebec, Canada
23 Corona and Atmospheric Plasma Hartland, Wisconsin, USA
27-30 International Mechanical Pulping Conference Trondheim, Norway
29-31 PulPaper Helsinki, Finland
31-6/1 Advanced Papermaking: Additives Stevens Point, Wisconsin, USA 2018 Calendar of Events

JUNE

4-8 Hands-On Workshop for Pulp and Paper Basics Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
11 FPS Intro to Wood Science Short Course Madison, Wisconsin, USA
11 Practical Safety Strategies for Bio/Nano Technology Commercialization Madison, Wisconsin, USA
11-14 72nd FPS International Convention Madison, Wisconsin, USA
11-14 International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials Madison, Wisconsin, USA
12-14 Wet End Chemistry Course Peachtree Corners, Georgia, USA
17-20 PPSA Annual Conference St. Petersburg, Florida, USA

For more information on these and other events visit the [TAPPI Events Calendar](#).

Scholarship Opportunities

Each year, TAPPI offers multiple scholarship opportunities to graduate and undergraduate students in the pulp, paper, packaging and related industries. The deadline to submit applications for all Technical Division scholarships is February 15 for the following academic year. [Learn more](#).

About the TAPPI Young Professionals Division:

The Young Professionals Division is composed of TAPPI members that are college undergraduates, recent graduates and young professionals in the industry. The division provides a wide range of products, services and educational opportunities, as well as a means for experiencing different professional areas, resources for career advancement and the chance to network with peers and industry professionals. More information can be found on the [Young Professionals website](#).