

Manufacturing Division Conference Call
August 29, 2017, 9:30 am

Present: Steve Jung, Matt Creedon, Keith DeCarlo, Ed Reeves, Mark Mecklenborg, Kevin Thompson, Erica Zimmerman

Mark started the call by asking if the group had any webinar ideas that came out of the Programming Committee meeting at Ceramics Expo. They don't yet, but hope to have one sponsored by the Manufacturing division by the end of the year.

Kevin added that in September and October, 2 webinars tailored toward small to mid-sized businesses would be held with a goal of 4-6 webinars in the future for corporate members. He will send the information on the webinars to the group and the dates and times will be posted on the website and on their division page.

Mark stated that ACerS is increasing online education programs with a manufacturing focus. If it goes forward, it will be titled, "ACerS Institute" and should be launched by the end of 2018. The platform will host 10-12 courses targeted to people not familiar with ceramics.

Mark asked if the group had any ideas for topics or presenters for short courses at CEX18. The executive committee will discuss options.

Erica asked if they had decided to revive the John Marquis Award. They agreed the award should be presented in 2018; the scope of the award needs to be updated. Erica will send the current language out to the officers with suggested updates. The changes will need to go before the Board of Directors for approval. Discussion regarding fund balance, honorarium and the award itself.

Erica also asked if any division members would be at MS&T to attend the division leaders/board of directors meeting on Sunday. Keith thought he may be there and Matt thought he may possibly be attending too.

Mark encouraged participation as we need strong division representation at the meeting.

10:00 call ended.