



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9, 2020

Dinner Meeting
Installation of
LASCT Officers
Webex Meeting

October 14, 2020

Dinner Meeting
Membership Night
Zoom Meeting

November 11, 2020

Dinner Meeting
Membership Night
Zoom Meeting

Please visit the LASCT website -
www.lasct.org - for information.

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN

Welcome Back Night

September 9, 2020

The Holiday Inn Buena Park has not opened for meetings or social gatherings. So join us on Webex to socialize with members and friends. Find out what has happened over the summer break - and get reacquainted! Welcome the new 2020-2021 LASCT Board.

President: Gregory Dancy

Treasurer: Trushita Patel

Society Liaison: Daniel Rumfola

Vice President: Sudha Katariya

Secretary: Gilbert Zubiate

WEBEX MEETING

UV Stabilization of Organic Coatings

SPEAKER: Mervin Wood

Technical Expert – Performance Additives



Organic substrates such as coatings, inks, adhesives and sealants with aesthetic, protective and other functional properties are exposed to a variety of environmental and artificial factors such as solar radiation, humidity, temperature change, microbiological attack and air pollutants. Light- or heat-induced oxidation of organic materials is a complex radical process characterized by initiation, propagation, chain branching, autocatalytic chain and termination reactions. UV absorbers

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MEETING DETAILS:

LOCATION: Your Location

TIME: Speaker 5:30 pm

RSVP: Please RSVP by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 8
A link to the Webex Meeting will be sent to you.
lasct@earthlink.net or call (714) 998-1891

MONTHLY DRAWINGS:

Door Prize	Restaurant Gift Card
Attendance	\$ 440.00

July Meeting Winners:

Attendance	\$ 420.00	Brian Paul, <i>Behr Paint (Not Present)</i>
Bingo Winners	Duke Beckford, JF Shelton (<i>3 wins - \$75.00 Amazon Gift Card</i>) Wally Kesler, Dunn-Edwards (<i>1 win - \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card</i>) Babette Turk, Turk International (<i>1 win - \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card</i>)	

SPEAKER AND TOPIC

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(UVA) prevent the degradation of both coatings and substrates by filtering out the harmful UV radiation during the photolysis cycle and before subsequent photo-oxidation can take place. This webinar will explore the mechanisms of stabilization and different molecular classes of UV absorbers and hindered amine light stabilizers, as well as how these molecules are used for the stabilization of coatings

Speaker Bio:

Mervin Wood Jr. is part of BASF's Formulation & Performance Additives Team located in Charlotte, North Carolina. As a Technical Expert, he is responsible for technical support of UV absorbers, light stabilizers, and antioxidants for North America. Previously, Dr. Wood has held positions in Process Development, Coatings Research, Toll Manufacturing, and Intellectual Property Management all with Ciba & BASF since 1988.

He has over 80 US patents and 20 technical publications. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from Emory University.

LASCT HOLIDAY EVENT

COVID-19 is still an active virus and there is still concern regarding the spreading of the virus. Public health officials are bracing for the fall and winter seasons, which could deliver the nightmare scenario: two infectious diseases could hit the same communities at the same time. Dual outbreaks of COVID-19 and the flu would place additional strain on healthcare systems and could put more people's lives at risk.

Due to the information available now, the LASCT board has decided to cancel the Holiday Event and have a general meeting on November 11.

The LASCT board remains dedicated to helping keep its members and their families safe from possible infectious diseases.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- ◆ **Mike Cook, Trans Western Chemicals**, and his wife Jen, gave birth to their first child, Jameson, a boy, born on March 3rd. He just turned 4 months, and is a big bundle of joy for the Cook Family. Congratulations on your addition!
- ◆ **John Kirsch, Trans Western Chemicals**, and his wife Stephanie, had their first child, a boy named Luke, born on April 18th. Luke has brought nothing but smiles to the Kirsch household! Congratulations on your addition!

To report any new "happenings", please contact the Derek Marin, Good Fellowship Chair at dmarin@vistapaint.com or the LASCT Office at (714) 998-1891, or by email at lasct@earthlink.net.

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Past President	Alexander Hughes	JF Shelton
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2020-2021 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Environmental	Eric Sapper	Cal Poly SLO
Golf	Jerry Wolf	IMCD
Good Fellowship	Derek Marin	Vista Paint
Historian	Open	
Information Technology	Greg Williams	Behr Paint
Manufacturing	Open	
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Photography	Derek Marin	Vista Paint
Program	Sudha Katariya	ATI
Scholarship	Ida Lin	PPG Industries
Technical	Eunice Leung	DSM
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PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Local Membership

Evelyn Castro, *Dunn Edwards*
Jillian Jenkin, *Behr Paint*
Kellen Kartub, *Behr Paint*
Billy Nguyen, *Behr Paint*
Lonhphi Nguyen, *Behr Paint*
Star Prommete, *Dunn Edwards*
Emanuel Romero, *Behr Paint*
Kyle Rosenkoetter, *Behr Paint*
Kelly Rotstan, *Behr Paint*
Keith Wade, *IMCD US*
Abbie Wootton, *Michelman, Inc.*

INDUSTRY NEWS

Lintech International LLC is proud to announce that as of July 17, 2020, Lintech has received certification as a women's business enterprise from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). WBENC is the largest certifier of women-owned businesses in the U.S. and a leading advocate for women business owners and entrepreneurs. Lintech is owned by CEO and President Julie Van Brunt. With headquarters located in Macon, GA, the organization provides national coverage with sales representatives based across the U.S. to support customers within the Specialty Chemical Distribution marketplace.

"We are excited for the future and look forward to the opportunity to continue to provide the highest level of technical, sales and customer service for our customers and suppliers," commented Julie Van Brunt, CEO and President, Lintech. She added, "The WBENC certification provides another unique advantage for Lintech to further partner with our customers and strategic suppliers."

Active Minerals International Appoints Lintech International LLC as a National Distribution Partner for Kaolin Products in the United States. Active Minerals International LLC (AMI) signed a non-exclusive agreement with Lintech International LLC, a leading National Distributor of Specialty Chemicals, to manage its portfolio of air-float kaolin clay products into the Adhesives, Coatings, Composites, Building Products and Sealants markets. The agreement became effective on August 3rd. The kaolin product portfolio includes the Acti-Min® series of "soft" clay products along with "hard" clay products Secco Clay™, Carotex Clay™ and Crown Clay™.

"Partnering with Lintech's strong technical sales organization and distribution infrastructure will

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enable us to strategically align resources and mutually reach our growth potentials,” stated Michael Morris, General Manager of Sales, AMI. “We are very pleased with the opportunity to form this partnership with Active Minerals,” commented Chuck Churn, Director of Principal Relations, Lintech. He added, “Combining AMI’s excellent brand and portfolio of products with our technical knowledge and customer base will lead to new business opportunities and overall growth for both companies.”

LASCT IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

Search for Los Angeles Society of Coatings Technology page on Facebook. Check it out to view upcoming social events and historical photos. If you’d like to add something to the page, feel free to contact your Board of Directors.

LASCT IS NOW ON LinkedIn!

Los Angeles Society of Coatings Technology now has a page on LinkedIn. Check it out to view upcoming events and information regarding the coatings industry.

EMPLOYMENT

Companies in the coatings industry are hiring! Employment opportunities are posted on the LASCT website at lasct.org. Postings are updated regularly.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please mark your calendars for the October Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. As always, meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. See you there!

Gilbert Zubiato
2020-2021 LASCT Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To the LASCT Membership,

It has been an honor to serve as the 100th and youngest President of the Los Angeles Society for Coatings Technology for the 2019-2020 year. I would like to thank all of the membership for allowing me this opportunity. This year would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts and support made by the current Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons. As we move forward with the 2020-2021 society year, I would like to congratulate and welcome the incoming board: Mr. Greg Dancy from Epmar Corporation as President, Mrs. Sudha Katariya from Alexander Technical Institute as Vice President, Mrs. Trushita Patel from Azelis Ameircas as Treasurer, Mr. Gilbert Zubiata from Behr Process Co. as Secretary, and Mr. Daniel Rumfola from Rumfola Chemical Distribution as Society Liaison.

Thank you to the following Committee Chairpersons for their contributions throughout the year:

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This year LASCT had a total of 385 members.

We hosted our Holiday event on the Destiny Yacht, a 125-foot ultra-modern yacht from Electra Cruises, in Newport Beach, CA on November 23, 2019. Entertainment was provided by DJ Fink DJ Services. There were 100 attendees and 17 sponsors. It was our biggest turnout for our Holiday Party since 2016 and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We hope to provide a similar event to the membership in the future.

On January 31, 2020, Dr. Frank Olechnowicz and his education committee have continued our Educational Seminar Series with a seminar on New Coatings Regulations at the Bosscat Kitchen and Libations in Newport Beach, CA. We had speakers from BYK, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California Air Resources Board, Dow, and UL. We used donations from our sponsorships last year to keep costs low for all of the 44 attendees.

The annual Sweetheart Event was held at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park, CA on February 12, 2020. Entertainment was again provided by DJ Fink DJ Services and we provided a pop-up photo booth. There were 25 attendees and Rumfola Chemical Distribution sponsored drinks and raffle prizes for the event. Because of the low turnout for this event over the past 4 years, the Board of Directors decided to discontinue this event going forward, in favor of a regular meeting, where we will encourage members to bring guests and loved ones. This allows the Society to put the allotted funds towards other society events.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and California Governor, Gavin Newsom, shutting down California in March 2020, the society moved to an all-digital platform for the rest of the society year. Subsequently, our fundraising events, Cal Poly Spring Frolic Golf Outing benefiting Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's coating program and Family Summer Picnic benefiting the "Shadow a Chemist" program, were cancelled for the year. Our April-July 2020 meetings were held through Zoom online meetings and webinars to allow our membership to be active during the quarantine and keep all of our members safe.

On May 28, 2020, we held our 1st webinar for the Educational Seminar Series with a presentation by Dow on Bio-Renewable Polymers.

In June 2020, our Employment Chairperson, Eunice Leung, began the LASCT Career Advice Webinar Series with talks on Resume Advice and Improvements by Claire Patrick from Patrick & Associates and Career Path Advice in Today's Job Market by Gary Wood from Lucas Group. We plan to continue this webinar series to aid our membership during these trying times.

Our 2nd webinar for the Educational Seminar Series was held on July 24, 2020, with a talk on Renewable Raw Materials for Sustainable Coatings by Wally Kesler from Dunn-Edwards Corporation.

The LASCT website was continuously updated with help from our IT Chairperson, Dr. Greg Williams, and we added all webinars for on-demand access for our members, along with online payment for membership, sponsorships, and all future events.

We continued our support for the Expansion of the Kenneth N. Edwards Western Coatings Technology Center with our annual \$10,000 donation.

I truly appreciate all of the members that have dedicated their time and effort to join us in-person and virtually throughout the year, especially during these social distancing times. I have the upmost confidence that our 101st President, Mr. Greg Dancy, will be able to propel us through this next society year and continue the successes of the LASCT.

Cheers to 100 more Presidents!

Alex Hughes

Alex Hughes
LASCT President 2019-2020