ITTSBURGH SOCIETY FOR COATINGS TECHNOLOGY

1927 TO 1990



The Pittsburgh Officers and Board, greatfully acknowledge the dedication, devotion, and effort of Ray Uhlig in preparing this History.

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History Of The Pittsburgh Society For Coatings Technology

This history of the Pittsburgh Society has been written so as to show how the "Club"—"Society" progressed through the years. Excerpts from meeting minutes throughout the years are included. This has been possible for the years 1927 through 1951 because of the dilegence and efforts of Hiram P. Ball who collected and preserved the meeting minutes along with other correspondence and photos for these years. From 1951 to 1985 no meeting minutes were available. Comments from this period are from mine and my colleagues memories.

Preparing this history brought back many memories. Familiar names began to appear in the minutes of the late 30's. These were people I had worked or associated with in the past. I hope many of the readers will likewise experience pleasant memories from the past.

The Pittsburgh Society was founded on December 9, 1927. The first name chosen was The Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club. Then, I believe, in the 1960's the name was changed to The Pittsburgh Society for Paint Technology. We chose our present name, The Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology in the 1970's.

Our membership has varied throughout the years. It started with 13 members. By 1937, there were about 50. In 1953, we had 86 members. By the middle 70's our membership reached around the 200 mark. By 1984 we still had 176 members. Now, in 1989, we are at 112 members.

Meeting attendance had been 30 to 40 per night in the early 40's climbing to 80 to 100 in the late 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's and back to 30 to 40 in the 80's.

Our meeting locations moved around quite alot in the early years. The first meeting in 1927 was held at the Roosevelt Hotel. Other locations of the meetings in the late 20's, 30's, and the 40's were:

Fort Pitt Hotel Webster Hall Hotel Faculty Club Plantation Club Mayfair Hotel Keystone Athletic Club Duquesne Club William Penn Hotel

During the 50's and 60's, the meetings were held at Gateway Center and Stouffer's Restaurant. In the 70's, the meetings were at Carnegie Mellon Faculty club and in the 80's they were at Montemurro's Restaurant.

I feel a good way to describe our Society through the years is to include excerpts from meeting minutes and activities. Most of the following paragraphs are taken directly from these.

December 9, 1927. The first meeting of the Pittsburgh Society was held on December 9, 1927 in the Roosevelt Hotel when the Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club was formed. There were thirteen people present. J.E. Stuub was elected president. H.E. Wilson was elected Vice President

and R.H. Wilson was elected Secretary-Treasurer. A copy of the meeting notes from the first meeting is shown in the exhibits.

September 18, 1930. Annual dues to the National Federation was \$75.00 based on \$3.00 per member. Balance in the treasury was \$59.50.

October 13, 1932. The speaker was H.M. Johnson of the Beck-Koller Co. who talked on formulating with Beckacite and Bekosol.

November 1932. R.J. Knaedinger presented the Pittsburgh Club paper "Corrosion" at the Federation Convention.

May 18, 1933. Mr. Pinkerton of Watson-Standard Co. spoke on "Proper Coordination of the Salesman and Technical Department."

April 18, 1934. This was a joint meeting of the Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club with the Pittsburgh Paint Varnish and Lacquer Club. Speaker was Prof. Hyee of Carnegie Institute of Technology who spoke on "Adventure in Colors."

In the exhibits is a copy of the September 10, 1936 meeting. This shows the names of the people at the meeting. I am sure a number of readers will recognize some of these names.

May 8, 1941. Anthony Skett of American Gum Importers spoke on "Natural Resins."

January 14, 1943. This meeting was a joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Paint Varnish and Lacquer Association. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Earnest Trigg of the National Paint Varnish and Lacquer Association who "analyzed the drying oil situation as confronted the paint industry."

April 3, 1944. The U.S. Technical Committee, headed by Mr. Hiram P. Ball, reported that steps have been taken to secure the necessary coatings and information to start work on a unification program for testing of various Navy specification material.

November 1946. "Tenative plans for a Christmas party were presented. It was decided the party would be held at Pat McBrides Dec. 19. The price for dinner will be \$2.50 per person for a complete steak dinner."

January 1947. This was a joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association. The speaker was Dr. Alexander Silverman of the University of Pittsburgh who traced the development of atomic energy.

September 1947. The Pittsburgh Club formed a "standards and methods of test committee." Members are Joseph Perrone, chairman, Waston Standard Co.; R.I. Wray, Aluminum Company of America; Robert Snelling, Watson Standard Co.; R.Z Herr, Sterling Varnish Co.; and C.B. Sheridan, Bradley Paint Engineers.

November 1947. The Pittsburgh Club presented a paper at the Federation convention titled "A Study of Soya-Tung Oil Combinations."

September 1948. "The secretary reported that \$51.00 had been sent to Robert W. Matlack for the Federation packages to be sent to the technical men of our industry in France and England. Over \$2,500.00 worth of Care Packages have been sent by the Federation."

November 1949. Mr. F.B. Steig, Assistant Manager of Technical Service Laboratories, Titainium Pigment Corporation spoke on Emulsion Paints.

October 1951. Speaker was R.L. Huber of the Hercules Powder Company whose subject was "Today's Opportunities for Nitrocellulose Lacquers."

In 1953 we celebrated our 25th anniversary. The exhibit section shows the dinner program along with member names.

In 1978, the Pittsburgh Society celebrated it's 50th year. Also in the Spring of 1978, the Pittsburgh Society held a waterborne coatings symposium at Carnegie Mellon.

In the Spring of 1980, the Pittsburgh Society held a symposium at Carnegie Mellon on environmental problems.

October 1982. Bill DiGennaro gave a talk "Tax Savings for Investors."

In 1983, the Pittsburgh Society obtained matching financial support from the Paint Research Institute for up to \$1,000.00 to be used to support coatings related research at local universities.

In the Spring of 1985, the Pittsburgh Society assisted in holding a symposium on Instrumentation for Measuring Color and Appearance. The symposium was held at Station Square under the direction of the Manufactures Council of Color and Appearance, the ISCC and the Federation.

May 1986. The Pittsburgh Society hosted the Federation Spring Week at Station Square.

November 1987. The Speaker was Fred Slack whose talk was titled "In House Solvent Recovery."

September 1988. The speaker was R.L. Readshaw, Union Carbide Corporation, and his talk was titled "New Performance Solvents fro High Solids and Waterborne Coatings."

February 1989. The speaker for this meeting was Chuck D'Amico, Ultra Adhesives. He talked on "Defoamer Selection and Testing."

The social activities throughout the years has varied. In the early years the Society held an annual picnic. This was discontinued in the 1950's and the annual golf outing started about that time. The annual Christmas party was an early event. It wad discontinued in 1978 because of poor response. However it was revived again in 1986 and has so far been quite popular. The spouses night which started sometime in the past (probably in the 1960's for which period I was able to find any records) wad discontinued in 1982 because of low interest. It also was started again in 1987 and it also has been very popular.

The educational activities of the Pittsburgh Society has taken form in such areas as participation in high school career nights, presenting talks to local colleges and funding research at local universities.

December, 1989 Ray Uhlig

Pittsburgh Society for Paint Technology Past-Presidents 1928—1990

1928	J.E. Staud
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1932	C. (Carroll) E. Wilson
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	R.Z. Herr
1936	I.R. Messer
1937	J.E. Shields
1938	W.T. Mull
1940	P.B. Rankin
1941	N.P. Krebs
	M.B. Flynt, Jr.
	E.J. Moss
1944	D.F. Buck
1945	J.K. Hathaway
	H. (Hiram) P. Ball
1947	H.J. Kash
1948	D. (David) F. Shields
1949	H.C. Metzger
1950	G. (Guido) R. Henry
1951	J.M. Perrone
	L. (Lou) C. Kahler
1953	E. (Ed) H. Neuwirth
1954	G. Theissen
1955	G.D. Walther
	E. (Ed) K. Chaffey
	C.H. Groff
	D. (Dave) M. Keck
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Minutes of First Meeting December 9, 1927

The following two pages contain the minutes of the Pittsburgh Paint & Varnish Club. These notes, which are typed, have been given by P.H. Wilson.

MEETING - DECEMBER 9, 1927

First Meeting held at Roosevelt Hotel, December 9th, which was called to order by Mr. A.E. Daum, President of the Pittsburgh Paint Club.

Motion was called for Temporary Chairman to be selected. Mr. J.E. Staub was elected temporary Chairman.

Chairman then called for nominations for officers to be elected for one year.

Elected as follows:

President J.E. Staub Vice-President H.E. Fay Secretary-Treasurer R.H. Wilson

Our President, Mr. Staub, taking the meeting at this time.

Roll Call. The following were in attendance.

J.E. Staub

J.M. Gorkney Id June J.M. Hallar

E. Gross

L.L. Pifer

John A. Stewart

John A. Hallar

W.R. Horack

R.H. Wilson

Mr. Daum Mr. Natus (Visitors)

The President, called for suggestive names for our Club, on motion by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Horack decided that our Club shall be called "Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club.

A Committee appointed by the President to draw up by-laws and constitutions for our Club. Mr. Stewart being made Chairman of this Committee.

For election day, it was decided to be held at the December Meeting.

Considerable discussion was made as to when the Club should meet, and on a motion made by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Fay it was decided that the Club should meet the second Tuesday of each Month.

President, then read letter from Mr. Heckle, Secretary of Production Clubs.

Then moved by the President and seconded by Mr.Stewart that a Speaker be secured for next meeting. Mr. Gross was appointed a Chairman.

Motion by Mr. Staub and seconded by Mr. Stewart that a rising vote of thanks be given Mr. Daum for his interest in organizing the Production Club in the Pittsburgh District.

It was then motioned that Meeting adjourn until the next meeting. The President and Secretary to decide where to hold this Meeting.

Minutes of September 10, 1936 Meeting

September 10, 1936

The regular meeting of the Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club was held Thursday, September 10th, at the Roosevelt Hotel. There were twenty-four members and guests present. Dinner was served at seven r.M.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by our new President, Mr. Shields, who called on Mr. Wilson, who introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Mr. R. C. Elm of the New Jersey Zinc Co. His topic was THE EFFECT OF BASE USED IN THE CRYPTONE PIGMENT UPON PAINT DURABILITY. The subject was ably handled and was illustrated with numerous pictures.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 r.M.

(signed) W. T. Mull Secretary

Those present at the meeting of September 10, 1936, were:

NAME	COMPANY
L. E. Martin	Watson Standard
Ira R. Messer	11
J. Rivkin	Neville Co.
R. F. Adams	Paint, Oil & Chem. Rev., Chicago
C. V. Halleran, Jr.	Penn. Supreme Oil Co.
D. D. Rubek	Anderson Prichard Oil Corp.
Harry M. Anderson, Jr.	Watson Standard Co.
W. W. Kittelberger	New Jersey Zinc Co.
D. F. Buck	J. B. Sipe & Co.
G. F. Cummings	11 11 11
J. E. Shields	McCann Shields
	Thompson & Co.
	National Lead & Oil Co. of Pa.
	J. B. Sipe & Co.
Avoy C. Elm	New Jersey 4inc Co, Palmerton, Pa.
William Wettach	Wettach Chemical Faint Co.
J. Lenigan	Watson Standard
C. R. Nelson	_ " . "
R. Z. Herr	Thompson & Co.
Harold D. Craft	RBH Lacquer Co.
William Bush	California Flaxseed Products
J. A. Kenney	The Barrett Co.
L. J. Hehan	St. Joseph Lead Co.
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Letter of G.B. Heckel November 18, 1937

W. T. MULL, PRESIDENT UNION PAINT COMPANY N. S., PITTSBURGH, PA. P. B. RANKIN, VICE-PRESIDENT JAMES B. SIPE COMPANY PITTSBURGH, PA. CLARE R. NELSON, SECRETARY-TREASURER THE WATSON-STANDARD COMPANY N. S., PITTSBURGH, PA.

PITTSBURGH PAINT AND VARNISH PRODUCTION CLUB

POST OFFICE BOX 1825 NORTH SIDE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Nov. 18, 1937

ACTIVE MEMBERS

H. M. Anderson, Jr. George L. Ball C. H. Bell D. F. Buck Charles Cook I. L. Crowley G. F. Cummings A. E. Daum E. H. Fay M. B. Flynt, Ir l. K. Hathaway R. Z. Herr H. E. Kennedy N. P. Krebs E. C. Lang I. W. Lenigan Ben Long L. E. Martin I. R. Messer I. D. Milburne W. Mitchell E. I. Moss W. T. Mull Charles Naglreiter Clare Nelson

P. B. Rankin

C. E. Sauereisen

O. N. Schaffer

J. E. Shields

R. J. Snelling

G. Somerville

C. E. Wilson

J. K. White

Emil Weil

J. V. Thompson

William Wettach

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

H. E. Brockett
F. W. Corkery
J. D. Edwards
Carl Engerud
O. O. Miller
W. H. Pesola
L. J. Reisenstein
Joseph Rivkin
Dr. C. W. Sweitzer
H. J. West
R. I. Wray

Mr. G. B. Heckel Suite 901 Cunard Bldg., 220 S. 16th Street Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Heckel:

I have your letter of November 3rd, pertaining to dues for new members. I discussed this letter with the other officers of the club, and they feel that no dues should be paid until after the first of the year, when the regular dues are paid.

I have a letter from C. W. Clark, Treas., dealing with this same situation, and we interpret it to mean that new members taken in are not assessed until January of the following year. I will send you a copy of this letter. If a new ruling has been made regarding new members, we do not have any information as to this new rule, and do not feel that this bill should be paid at this time.

Anything further you may give me on this subject, I will be glad to take up with club.

Trusting that this meets with your approval, I am

Yours very truly, PGH. PAINT & VAR. PRODUCTION CLUB

C. R. Nelson, Secretary

CRN:JG

Attendance List for

March 1, 1948 Meeting

Attendance, Meeting March 1, 1948: H. C. Metzger J. J. Johnson Doze Cornell L. W. Miller Robert L. Lambert G. M. Buffett Stanley D. Hogaliner John E. Fyron Bernard Thornberg Charles F. McGovern G. E. Lewis Joseph P. Benke D. R. Craig Jas. F. McCrory, Jr. C. B. Sheridan Jerry Lytle W. C. Nicoll John G. Rumisek J. Kraus G. F. Cummings W. L. Cowdrey, Jr. Theo. C. Jensen Quentin Robb George J. Blank Herman T. Blank Robert W. Auxier J. S. Coulter H. Rosenbloom Henry A. Ball R. Z. Herr B. B. Rankin J. Butts E. J. Warms P. E. Tropp H. J. Kasch E. J. Moss C. E. Wilson F. J. Zukas J. A. Pittner Joseph M. Perrone Chas. N. Beck O. H. Wilson William Craig George D. Walther J. B. McCorkle, Jr. W. E. Hake R. R. Werle, Jr. A. T. Nanovic J. K. Hathaway L. C. Kahler Carl Byron Hiram P. Ball

Ball Chemical Company American Cyanamid Company Fittsburgh Flate Glass Co. Falk and Co. Thompson & Co. Impervious Varnish Co. O. Hommel Co. Varcum Chemical Corp. Enjay Co., Inc. Ball Chemical Co. O. Hommel Co. Bradley Faint Engineers, Inc. Thompson & Co. Globe Varnish Co. James B. Sipe Co. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. Union Faint & Varnish Co. " " Westinghouse Research Laboratories Thompson & Co. The Cleanola Co. Industrial Paint Co. James B. Sipe & Co. Homer D. Butts Co. Thompson & Co. Falk & Co. James B. Sipe & Co. Schaffer-Moss Chemical Co. E. E. Zimmerman Co. Benolite Dept., Westinghouse Elec. Corp. Standard Can Co. Watson-Standard Co. The Neville Co. Industrial Paint Co. The Neville Co. Sterling Varnish Co. S. H. Bell Co. Carbozite Protective Coatings, Inc. The Dicalite Co. Imperial Paper & Color Corp. Pruett-Schaffer Chemical Co. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. American Cyanamid Co.

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25th Anniversary Program January 15, 1953



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	Armstrong Cork Co. A. R. Weibel, Jr.	C. F. SAUEREISEN
	BALL CHEMICAL CO.	JAMES B. SIPE & Co.
	GEORGE L. BALL, JR. HENRY A. BALL	INICHOLAS D. ALI
	HIRAM P. BALL	HERMAN J. KASCH
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	GUIDO R. HENRY	P. B. RANKIN
	GLOBE VARNISH CO.	STERLING VARNISH CO.
	Koppers Company, Inc.	CHARLES G. FROST
	ELLSWORTH E. KIMMEL	GEORGE D. WALTHE
	Lactic December Co. Inc.	J. MARKOVSKI
	M. B. FLYNT, JR.	J. F. HADLEY
	W. W. LAWRENCE & Co.	THOMPSON & COMPANY
	L K. WHIE	W. W. CASTOR
	MCCANN-SHIELDS PAINT CO.	JOHN S. COULTER
	DAVID F. SHIELDS	SHERWIN A. GOLDIN LOSEPH M. PERRONE
	PHISBURGH PLATE GLASS CO.	JOHN E. PYRON
	GEORGE M. BUFFETT	Н. Возгивлоси
	H. Douglass Theodore C. Iensen	UNION PAINT & VARNISH GEORGE I. BLANK
	C. J. Kaueger	HESTAN T. BLANK
	H. W. Ocopia	WATSON STANDARD CO.
	CLARESCE H. JOCOT	EDWARD R. LAWSON
	FARIE PADDELEY	Entrace H. Marrier
	COEFFE P. GARVEY	() (/)
	PRUETT-SCHAFFER CHEMICAL CO.	Westhanouse French
	KARL H. LINN	
	HARRY E. McCollux	DATE HODOWANETZ
	Albert I. Weiss	E. E. ZIMMERMAN CO.
	PURITAN PAINT & OIL CO. ANTHONY I. ISAGGO	CATALO METERS
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	DIAMOND ALKALI CO. WALLACE H. DICKSON	PA. INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL F. W. COPRESY
	FALK & CO.	PITTSBURGH COKE & CHE
	STANLEY ROGALINER	R J. LAWN
	SAMUEL S. GUTKIN	å
	MELLON INSTITUTE R W CHARIES	
	O W SEAGURY	WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC
	W. K. Vernwers	MCMENT T. AUXUR

6:30 Cocktails	7:00 Dinner	9:00 To 1:00 Dancing	Introduction of Toastmaster HIRAM P. BALL by PRESIDENT E. H. NEUWIRTH	Federation President Elect - DR. C. J. OVERMYER	GEN, JOSEPH C, BATTLEY President, National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association	Pau: B. Rankin President, Pittsburgh Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association	Brief History of Pittsburgn Club ADAM E. DAUM	Charter Member	De B. M. Hanss Color Consultant, Pittsburge, Plate Glass Company Subjective Mature of Color	Charter Officers 1927	President I. E. Staud Vice-President E. H. Fay Secretary-Treasurer R. H. Wilson	Charter Members	TATES B. STRE 6 CO. E. H. FAY JOHN A. HAUG JOHN A. HAUG JOHN S. HAUG	W. R. Horack theorem and company (Adam Daum) L. L. Pifer (Adam Daum) (C. L. Pifer (C. Prestrate Paint Co. John A. Stewart	 T T LAWRENCE CO. 174 IN DIESER J. E. STAUD R. WILLON

Photo—Pittsburgh Club Picnic June 14, 1946



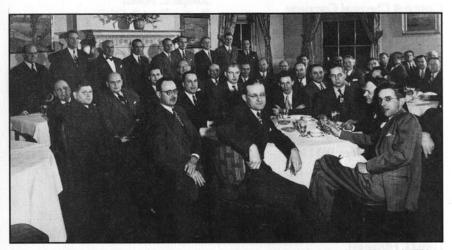
Back Row: First on left—George L. Ball, Jr.; last on right—Mike Herr. Front row; Fourth from right—Dave Shields; second from right—James McCrory, Jr.

Photo—Pittsburgh Club Picnic Late 1940's



Third from right—Herman Kasche

Photo—Visit of Federation Officers To Pittsburgh Club February 4, 1949



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