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PITTSBURGH SOCIETY FOR COATINGS TECHNOLOGY

OCTOBER 12, 2026



MEETING LOCATION:

Cornerstone Restaurant
301 Freeport Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Board Meeting:
4:30-5:30PM

Social Time:
5:30-6:00PM

Presentation:
6:00-7:00PM

DINNER MEETING:

\$40 with reservation

\$45 at Door / \$10 Students

\$20 Retired

RESERVATIONS:

RSVP by NOON OCT. 9 to
psct1927@paintsociety.org
or

Reserve and pay on-line at
paintsociety.org

Parking available at Aspinwall
Municipal Parking Lot on
Freeport Road (by Jiffy Lube)



SPEAKER:

Nicki Vo, VP of R&D at WPC Technologies

Nicki Vo is an innovation leader with 20 years of experience in developing and commercializing new products for aerospace, military, OEM, medical, industrial, and consumer products. She has led the development of more than 65 products in polyolefin, epoxy, lubricants, cleaners and sanitizers, foam control, coatings, and corrosion inhibitor technologies that have generated over \$45 million in revenue. She has also transformed scientific teams to

develop, scale, and commercialize new products, reducing time-to-market by 75%, in regulated, innovation-driven environments.

Nicki holds an MS in Chemistry from University of Wisconsin and an Executive MBA from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Recognized by Poets & Quants as a Top 40 MBA in 2018, Nicki brings a pragmatic, execution-focused approach to developing meaningful innovations and solving complex chemical problems.

Nicki currently is the VP of R&D for WPC Technologies, developing corrosion inhibitors for the Paints & Coatings industry and helping customers optimize their coatings corrosion performance.

TOPIC:

Selecting the best corrosion inhibitor for optimal coatings protection

The presentation provides a practical introduction to selecting corrosion inhibitors for coatings and metal protection. Designed for formulators and scientists, Nicki will break down the key factors that drive inhibitor performance – including coating technology, application environment, metal substrate, and corrosion testing. Attendees will gain a clear framework for matching inhibitor chemistry to real-world conditions, enabling more informed, effective formulation decisions across a range of protective systems.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear PSCT Members,

As the PSCT President for 2026-27, I am grateful for your support and look forward to continuing the society's goals of promoting education, the exchange of new ideas and technologies as well as networking within the coat-

ings industry. I have been active in the PSCT for over 30 years and welcome our upcoming 100th year anniversary in 2027 to continue our objectives.

I am excited to work with the 2026 2027 PSCT board members: Don Hart, Vice President; Barb Anderson, Secretary; Bhram Mankani, Treasurer; Matt Lamanti, Director at Large; Kim Wilson, Past President and Jeff Scherm, Representative to ACA Society Liaison Committee. Thank you for your time and effort to keep the PSCT viable and growing.

The annual golf outing at Birdsfoot Golf Course on September 9th was a great success. It was a beautiful day with 50 golfers supporting our scholarship fund. Our sponsors, Arxada, Azelis Americas, Barentz, BYK America, CAP, Champion Container, Dar Tech, Lanxess, PPG, Palmer Holland, Peninsula Polymers and Wolf Container and Chemicals are also thanked for their support. A special thanks goes to John D'Amico, our Events Chair, who did a wonderful job coordinating this important PSCT event. I hope to see everyone again next year.

Our October meeting is scheduled for Monday the 12th at Cornerstone Restaurant in Aspinwall, PA. Our speaker is Nicki Vo from WPC Technologies. You can make your reservation at www.paintsociety.org.

And finally, it's time to renew your membership the 2026-2027 annual year. Go to www.paintsociety.org to join or renew.

Deb Longhini, PSCT President 2026-2027

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT

Applicants must be children of active members who meet eligibility requirements. The sponsoring member must have attended at least FOUR PSCT MEETINGS or events in 2026-27. Student Members must also meet eligibility requirements.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 9, 2026

Dwain Givens from Kronos

DECEMBER EVENT TBA

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

We have opportunities available in 2027 for meeting presentations. If you are interested in speaking, please contact Don Hart at donhart1066@gmail.com.

ADVERTISE IN THE PSCT NEWSLETTER

We would like to thank all of the companies who have advertised with us in the past and hope we can count on your continued support. Contact Bhram Mankani at psct1927@paintsociety.org to add your company's advertisement to the Newsletter. Advertisements will begin with the September newsletter and continue through the May 2026 newsletter. We can also do special announcements for one or two newsletters (prices vary by size and scope).

AD RATES

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Full Page	\$750	7.5" wide x 10" high

MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew your PSCT membership for the 2026-27 year. You can use the membership form at the end of this newsletter or online at www.paintsociety.org. This year is the 99th Anniversary of the PSCT which was founded in 1927 as the "Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Club". The prime objectives of the PSCT are to promote discussion and exchange of information on new and existing coatings technologies. The PSCT offers educational assistance by awarding annual Hiram P. Ball Scholarships.

WEBSITE

Visit www.paintsociety.org to get current PSCT information including upcoming events and newsletters. Visit the Home page to make meeting reservations and dinner/event payments. You can also become a PSCT member or renew your dues online.



2026 GOLF OUTING RECAP

Fourteen groups, 53 golfers, saw a beautiful weather day and enjoyed a great round of golf, cold refreshments throughout the day, lunch at the turn, a nice dinner and wonderful prizes at Birdshot Golf Course in Freeport, Pennsylvania, on September 9. We want to thank all the golfers and those that supported the event.

The PSCT would like to thank the **Golf Hole Sponsors** for their continued support of the Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship Fund. Sponsorships have helped the PSCT award over \$65,000 in scholarships to PSCT Members' college-age children.

Overall, it was again a great day, and while the final net proceeds are not currently available, this coming year the PSCT Scholarship Fund will be able to support college bound students.

Thanks Again, John D'Amico, Golf Chair



The Peninsula Polymer / Pruett-Schaffer Chemical team won the Dar-Tech Trophy with a score of 54, 18 under par! *Left to right: Scott Tyger, Issac Tyger, Jacob Schick, and Mike Heil*

Congratulations to the Three Other Teams 12 Under or Better!

PALMER HOLLAND (TEAM 1)

Matt Lamanti, Mark Zollar, Austin Palumbo, Bryan Hecklick (-14)

DAR-TECH (TEAM 1)

Jason Cieseilski, Mike Zupanic, Michael DeBacco, Josh Hickman (-14)

AUGUST RESEARCH TEAM

David Vituccio, Jim Plowman, Owen Bennett, Vince Vittucio (-12)



more prizes...

Exceptional Skill Golfers Received Gift Cards to Birdsfoot Pro Shop.

Hole #3: Longest Putt: Rob McCourt, OPC Polymers

Hole #4: Closest to the Pin: Jeff Meade, Retired PPG

Hole #8: Longest Drive: Matt Lamanti, Palmer Holland

Hole #16: Longest Drive: Vince Vituccio, August Research Systems

Hole #17: Closest to the Pin: Don Hart, ACI

Hole #18: Longest Putt: Josh Zupancic, R&D Coatings

Special Mention:

The only team over par at +7 (79) was John D'Amico. Barb Anderson, Jessica Lawheand, Mark Depasquale.

Each golfer received a Birdsfoot gift card as a surprise consolation prize for really trying their best!

DOOR PRIZES DONATED BY:

Dar-Tech: First Place Trophies, Two-Dicks Gift Cards

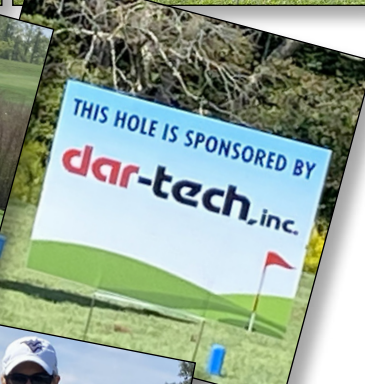
Barentz: Two-Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Arxada: Three Golf Umbrellas

PSCT: Assortment of goodies including Taylormade Spyder Ghost Putter, Hats and TP-5 Golf balls, Huffy 16 Speed Bike, Multiple Golf paraphernalia.

Door Prize Raffle and Mulligan Tickets amounted to over 750 tickets being sold for over \$1,900.

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☐ Full Society Membership \$40

☐ Student / Educator \$10

☐ Retired Members \$10

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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