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A message from the Chairperson Paige Krzyskowski

Michigan Chapter will be hitting on all six in its sixth year!

It is with a full roster of volunteers and a record number of members that we enter our sixth year as a chapter. The Michigan Chapter is constantly setting the bar high for other chapters, despite our small size. We were the only chapter with contested elections for the 2018 board and also finished second in the member retention contest, with 92% retention. Long Island Chapter came in first with 93%, meaning they only beat us by < 2 members. What a close, exciting race!

All of our success has been made possible by our enthusiastic volunteers and engaged members, and for that I thank all of you! I also want to extend a special thank you to all who renewed prior to the New Year and congratulate John Scimeca, Sudhir Baswan and Rhonda Solberg for winning our gift card drawing for having renewed prior to our November meeting.

I am excited for all that 2018 has in store for our chapter. Keeping the goals of the SCC in mind, I have no doubt that we will have a successful year. I anticipate that we will continue to bring education, value, and excitement to our cosmetic society and the industry as a whole thanks to our wonderful member volunteers and enthusiastic, engaged members.

Wishing you many blessings in the New Year,

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Review of the December SCC National Meeting (reported by Paige Krzyskowski)

The SCC Technology Showcase took place in December at the Westin New York Times Square. The evening before the educational events kicked off, the Committee of Chapter Affairs (COCA) and the individual area councils met to review 2017 and plan for 2018.

The COCA meeting kicked off by reminding us all why we are a part of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists. Our goal is to improve professionalism and education in our industry, promote and set high standards for research, strengthen our own education through sharing of science, grow our professional network, pass on information that gives the public confidence in the science behind our consumer products, and ultimately advance cosmetic science. Erica O'Grady was also introduced as the new executive director of SCC.



Everyone was very excited to hear that the SCC had surpassed 5000 members, our most yet! We also saw student membership rise from about 80 members in 2015 to over 250 members in 2017. Our NextGen initiative and outreach efforts have been very successful thus far. We continue to brainstorm ideas for how to reach an even wider audience to promote cosmetic science.

The Michigan Chapter got quite a bit of attention at the SCC National Meeting due to our sponsorship of the breakfast. Our new logo really stood out!



We also were given space to promote our Naturals Symposium; a day full of discussions from key industry leaders discussing the challenges of creating products that appeal to consumers that are looking for natural, organic and “chemical-free” products, planned for September 6, 2018 at the Prince Center in Grand Rapids. For more information, please check our website: www.sccmi.org

Resources for SCC Members

The COCA board also wanted to make sure we brought awareness to the additional resources available to all members. You probably know you have a subscription to the Journal of Cosmetic Science, but there are many additional resources available for cosmetic and personal care professionals looking to expand their knowledge. Without even logging in to the national website (www.sconline.org), you will find lists of CEP courses available and upcoming webinars. Log in to the member portal and under resources you will see that Allured Books has made a handful of their publications available to members for free.

As an SCC member, you are now also a member of the IFSCC (International Federation Society of Cosmetic Chemists). If you attend any conferences or congresses you receive the member price. You can sign up for newsletters at www.ifsc.org. Your member number is a six digit number; put an “O” and then their 5 digit SCC number in to sign up.

SCC members can also sign up for Kosmet.com. It contains over 83,000 abstracts and it is free for members until October of 2018.

Lastly, the Michigan chapter will also be receiving a free CEP course for our members every two years instead of every three years. Our first will be scheduled for 2019. This is part of an initiative to grow our smaller chapters by offering even more educational resources. Again, the list of potential classes is listed on the national site and if anything really interests you, please communicate that to our chapter board so we can consider it for our 2019 offering. Additionally, if there are any resources you would like to see added to the national site or to our Michigan chapter site, please do not hesitate to let the board know.

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- [Microorganisms and Cosmetics \(Allured Books\) \(1/31/2017\)](#)
- [Polymers \(Allured Books\) \(1/31/2017\)](#)
- [Formulating Strategies in Cosmetic Science \(Allured Books\) \(1/31/2017\)](#)
- [Skin Care and Aging \(Allured Books\) \(1/31/2017\)](#)
- [Hair Care: From Physiology to Formulation \(Allured Books\) \(1/31/2017\)](#)

Photos from our March Meeting Soaring Eagle Casino



Speakers Leslie Perry (left) and Harshita Kumari (right) pose with Caryn Weiss and Paige Krzyskowski (center)



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Bart Maxon received an award for all his efforts on behalf of the Michigan Chapter



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2018 Society of Cosmetic Chemists Calendar

- May 3 - SCC Michigan Chapter Meeting - Zehnder's (Frankenmuth, MI)
- September 5 - Social Night - New Holland Brewing at the Knickerbocker (Grand Rapids, MI)
- September 6 - Naturals Technical Symposium - Prince Conference Center (Grand Rapids, MI)
- November 8 - SCC Michigan Chapter Meeting - location to be announced
- December 11-12 - SCC Annual Scientific Meeting and Technology Showcase (Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel)

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The Midwest Chapter of the SCC will hold it's trade show **TEAMWORKS**. The social event is on April 10 and the Expo will be on April 11. Visit the website to register and get more information:

<http://www.midwestsc.org/teamworks-registration/2018/information.php>

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