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To All Technical Group Leaders

You may have heard that the Mid-Michigan Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers had closed for business. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** We are still alive and actively supporting our members' needs to the extent that we can given the volunteer base we have.

You may be aware of our recent attempt to encourage increased volunteer activity within our Section. That effort proved to be less than fruitful. Our failure to attract *any* new volunteers and recent indications by existing board members that they will not seek re-election after their term has been completed means that, although we will continue to operate, it will be with a reduced board. A reduced board means that we will have to curtail many activities. Our Section has undergone and will continue to undergo some significant changes because of these reductions which will impact the types of programs that we can bring to our membership. For example:

- The number of Technical Meetings held by the Section will be vastly reduced. We will host one joint technical meeting annually and will seek to partner with other local technical organizations so that we can offer our members access to their programs. We are actively looking for Technical Groups with whom we can partner. If this is you, please contact Russ Peters at (989) 667-1008 or rbpeters@scj.com.
- We will maintain the web site (www.midmichiganspe.org) but will no longer produce a multi-page newsletter. This document is an example of the newsletter that will be used to communicate to our members. There will be three such newsletters per year. You may want to look at the web site for the latest news if you kept up with the Section's activities by newsletter.

Our intent is to ensure that we have a viable Section if and when new volunteers can be identified to expand the activities we can offer. We will continue to meet the requirements of SPE International to ensure that we remain an active Section.

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