



**2015/2016 Division & Class Report  
to the  
ACerS Board of Directors**

Division/Class: Manufacturing Division

Current Division/Class Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

Chair: William M. Carty  
Chair-Elect: Nik Ninos  
Vice-chair: Ed Reeves  
Secretary: Keith DeCarlo  
Incoming Secretary: Matt Creedon

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Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2015 through Oct. 2016):

The Manufacturing Division conducted a series of strategic planning sessions (August and September, 2015, as previously reported) via email and webinar, culminating in a meeting at MS&T15 in Columbus, OH. The strategic plan was completed and implemented following revisions discussed at MS&T (2015). The plan called for the formation of three committees: (1) Communications; (2) Programming; and (3) Organizational Growth, and this was accomplished prior to the Ceramics Expo (Cleveland, OH on April 27-30, 2016). The three committees met at the Ceramics Expo and plans were discussed to move the Division forward as outlined by the Strategic Plan. An executive board meeting was also held at Ceramics Expo, as well as a lunch for division members and potential members.

The Programming Committee generated a long-term plan for programming with the primary programming to take place at Ceramics Expo. The Manufacturing Division Programming Committee will assume the responsibility to generate one-half of the program for the 2017 Ceramics Expo.

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2016 – October 2017):

The Manufacturing Division will hold its normal business meeting at the Ceramics Expo in April 2017. Discussions are underway to collaborate with other divisions in symposium programming for MS&T in 2018 and 2019.

New Initiatives/Opportunities:

New initiatives for stronger interactions with student membership were discussed in the Organizational Growth Committee and with the Communications Committee. Descriptions of these initiatives will be forthcoming.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October, 2016 meeting:

None

Issues/Concerns:

None at this time.

We have been quite pleased with the support provided by The American Ceramic Society.

Additional Items of Note:

The Manufacturing Division appears to have a strong support base both at the Society level and by the membership.

Financial Statement: (Including year-end summary of expenditures from the Division's Funds) attached

Submitted By:

William M. Carty, Chair