



**2014/2015 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 Division Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

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As the Manufacturing Division was initiated at the Ceramics Expo in May, the officers will remain in place until next October (2016) at which time new officers will be elected.

Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2014 through Oct. 2015):

The Manufacturing Division was initiated at the Ceramics Expo held in Cleveland, OH on April 27-30. The Division was introduced at the Division Breakfast (Wednesday morning), an officers meeting was held and a lunch with invited participants on Wednesday.

Strategic Planning sessions are underway, with the first planning webinar held August 19 and a second webinar to be held on September 16. A final strategic planning session will be held on October 3, 2015 in Columbus, OH, as a formal meeting, in conjunction with MS&T, with the intent of issuing the Manufacturing Division Strategic Plan upon completion of that meeting.

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2015 – October 2016):

Future activities for the Manufacturing Division will be identified at the strategic planning session on October 3. It is anticipated that these activities for the coming year will include growth of the Division membership, programming that supports the Division goals, and potential short courses or workshops that specifically address identified needs of the Division membership.

The Manufacturing Division plans to continue to support the Ceramics Expo and will likely participate as a collaborator with other divisions on programming for MS&T. Plans for a symposium proposal have not been established.

New Initiatives/Opportunities:

New initiatives will be identified through the Strategic Plan. This is not yet completed.

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at October 3, 2015 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)

Submitted By:

William M. Carty, Chair

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