

June 1, 2020

Dear Chicago Paint & Coatings and Association Members:

Thank you to the Chicago Paint and Coatings Association for allowing me to serve as your incoming President for 2020-2021. It is an honor and privilege to have the trust of my fellow board members to lead this organization. I would like to thank Chris Wrobel for his outstanding leadership over the past year, in addition to his previous years of service on our board of directors.



Over the next year, we will continue serve as an advocate for the coatings industry and the general public, despite the great challenges during this Covid-19 pandemic. CPCA membership is invaluable to the growth of our companies. Our association represents members throughout the entire paint and coatings industry supply chain. These not only include coating manufacturers, raw material suppliers and distributors. It also benefits those involved in caulks, sealants, adhesives and printing inks industries in addition to associated equipment & sundries. Continued growth of our membership and advertising in our directory is critical to the growth and health of our chapter and our businesses. We encourage everyone to participate in these activities.

The CPCA & CSCT Annual Scholarship Program continues be a focal part of our Chapter. For 2020 we awarded a total of \$8,000.00 in scholarships to four deserving young adults. The money raised through our Windy City Coatings Course enables us to continue this much needed benefit. Thanks to member support, we have funded the following 2020 scholarship winners:

CPCA:

Julianna Bryant daughter of Tony Arrivo of Brenntag
Madison Scariano daughter of Cindy Scariano of Rustoleum

CSCT:

Jacob Downing son of Tom Downing of Fitz Chem Corporation
Matthew Olson son of Eric Olson of Producers

We are continuing to monitor the impact of Covid-19 on our upcoming events. CPCA "Bill Caprel Invitational Golf Outing" had originally been planned for June 18th. Instead of cancelling this event, in July the board will access the state's plan for reopening golf courses with consideration for potentially scheduling either September or postpone until 2021.

Paint A Brighter Chicago is typically scheduled for August. Although the location has been chosen, we are uncertain if we can proceed at this time or if we are able to develop a modified plan for this year. We will keep you updated via e-mail or you can find the most recent updates on our CPCA web site at: <http://www.chicagopaint.org/index.php>

We suggest that you also monitor updates on the Covid-19 pandemic and its effect on the chemical industry in Illinois including the paint and coatings industry on the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois (CICI) website at <https://www.cicil.net/>

Let us pledge to make the upcoming year one of record growth in membership and further opportunities for our members and community. I look forward to leading us in this exciting, challenging time and ask you to come along with me to make the CPCA the standard of the coatings industry.

Best Regards,
Kris Weigal