

Greetings ink industry members,

What a wonderful year it has been for NAPIM. Three events have come to a close, and we are gearing up for our [2022 Fall Technical Conference](#) October 18-20, 2022, in Oak Brook, Illinois. If you have never participated in a NAPIM event, this is a great time to reap the benefits of end-of-year education, networking, and relationship building.

I would like to personally acknowledge the NAPIM Officers, Directors, Technical Board, and Committee for their commitment in developing a program consisting of three days of first-class education, including sessions allowing you to master and sharpen your printing and ink industry knowledge. I would also like to thank our conference sponsors and speakers for contributing their time and resources to help ensure a great event.

We will begin the afternoon of October 18 with Michael Youngblood, Professor of Economics with Rock Valley College, delivering the opening keynote, *sponsored by [INX International Ink Co.](#)* A skilled orator and leader in his field, Michael will present an in-depth analysis of current and future economic issues and trends affecting our business. After the opening keynote, attendees will hear from John Jilek, Jr., President of InkSolutions, LLC regarding the state of the printing ink industry. Susan Bailey, Business Development Manager with Michelman will follow with a discussion on current and future technology, trends, and forecasts for the UV/EB market. The evening concludes with supplier spotlights, a reception, and tabletop exhibits. I encourage attendees to take this time to show their support for fellow colleagues in the industry.

On Wednesday, October 19, we kick off the program with our morning Technical Track and sessions led by Buzz Apostol, Vice President of Sales and J. Michael Gardner, Sr., Applications Specialist - Industrial with X-Rite, *sponsored by [X-Rite](#)*; Dr. George Gilsan, Professor of Graphic Arts with Appalachian State University; Andy Karp and Peter Lish, shareholders with McAndrews; and Matt Crans, Business Manager at Sartomer, *sponsored by [Central Ink](#)*. After the morning Technical Track, stick around for lunch and another opportunity to see the latest product innovations and connect with suppliers during tabletop exhibits.

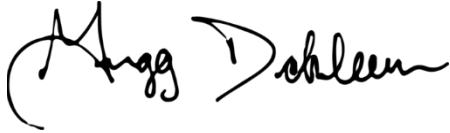
Following lunch and time with exhibitors, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an afternoon Regulatory Track. The afternoon track includes presentations from James Votaw, Partner with Keller & Heckman; Jay West, Senior Director of Chemical Products & Technology with American Chemistry Council; David Wawer, Executive Director with the Color Pigments Manufacturers Association; and Robert Helminiak, Vice President of Legal and Government Relations with SOCMA.

NAPIM's highly regarded Lawter Lecture Series rounds out our afternoon sessions with honorariums awarded during the evening Awards Dinner to submitters in recognition of the outstanding technical knowledge displayed in their papers. The individual receiving first-place will present their technical paper during the afternoon session. The evening concludes with an Awards Dinner & Reception to celebrate those that have made distinct and overwhelming contributions to the industry.

Most exciting is our New Technology Track on Thursday, October 20, along with time allocated for interactive audience discussion. Presenters will address challenges and provide solutions for sustainability best practices, advances in optimization of manufacturing equipment, and an in-depth review and analysis of the digital ink and printing markets. Hear from Greg Johnson, Director of Business Development, and Kelly Kubisak, Marketing Manager, with Sustana Fiber; John Heaney, SVP of Sales and Director of Sustainability with Advertisers Printing Company, *sponsored by [Allnex](#)*; Stewart Rissley, Sales and Key Account Manager with Schold Manufacturing; and Dave Savastano, Editor of Ink World.

I implore anyone representing the printing ink industry or those seeking career advancement to [attend this conference](#). It is your last opportunity of the year to receive the highly regarded training and education you have come to expect from renowned leaders in the industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg Dahleen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a stylized "D".

Gregg Dahleen, President
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