

Staying Connected is More Important Than Ever

Join an Ask Me Anything (AMA) Session

Have you heard about TAPPI's new "Ask Me Anything" sessions? We are now offering live, two-hour discussions in the Connect Open Forum so members like you can ask an industry knowledge leader questions relating to their area of expertise and industry segment. It's like having an expert right there in your home office. It's also a great opportunity to post your questions on the discussion thread and join in the discussion with other paper, tissue, and packaging professionals.

In May, Honghi Tran, Ph.D., shared his insights on kraft recovery boilers in an AMA session. A TAPPI Fellow, Tran served as the editor of *Kraft Recovery Boilers, Third Edition* and leads TAPPI's Kraft Recovery Operations Course. During Tran's session, 28 comments

were generated by audience members inquiring on topics including advances in additives to mitigate fouling, the role of liquid phase in deposit melting behavior, and deposit strength and removability.

"This is a great forum," said Tran. "It provides members an opportunity to directly ask experts questions, and at the same time lets the experts know which issues are out there bothering people."

Other AMA sessions have included Tissue 201: Operations and Runnability Course Session, which featured TAPPI course instructors Jeffrey Peters, Bruce Janda, Jim Bell, David Welsford, Jerry Kramer, Matthew Gregersen, and Daniel Ludden. The discussion thread contained more

than 90 questions addressing the course curriculum and the state of the tissue industry.

As a member, you can see what you missed by logging in to TAPPI Connect using your tappi.org credentials and searching AMA in the Open Forum. The discussion threads for both AMA sessions are available on connect.tappi.org.

Stay tuned for more AMA sessions planned for the coming months. Look for updates on tappi.org and connect.tappi.org.

If you are a subject matter expert and wish to share your knowledge with the TAPPI community, or have a recommendation for a topic that you would like to see addressed in a future AMA, contact Kristin Whitman, TAPPI Web Content manager at kwhitman@tappi.org. 

TAPPI Seeks Nominations for Its Top Honors

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their significant contributions to the industry? TAPPI is seeking nominations for its most prestigious awards.

The nomination process must be completed by August 1, 2020, for awards that will be presented in 2021. Nominations are currently being accepted for:

- **Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award**—The highest honor that TAPPI can bestow upon an individual, the GNGM is granted to those who have made preeminent scientific and engineering achievements of proven applied benefit to the pulp, paper, board, and forest product industries. The award includes a cash honorarium currently estimated between US\$60,000-\$80,000.
- **Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award**—This award recognizes an individual who has exhibited exemplary leadership that has significantly contributed to the advancement of TAPPI. The award is accompanied by a cash honorarium currently estimated between US\$50,000 - \$70,000.
- **Paul W. Magnabosco Outstanding Local Section Member Award** - Established to recognize an individual whose outstanding

leadership and exceptional service to one or more local sections has resulted in significant and demonstrable benefits to members, this award is accompanied by a US\$2,500 cash honorarium.

- **TAPPI PIMA Executive of the Year Award**—The Executive of the Year Award is presented to senior-level executives in the tissue, pulp, paper, or converting industries for excellence in management and outstanding contributions to the industry as a whole.
- **TAPPI Fellow**—This honor is bestowed upon a small percentage of those who have been TAPPI members for not less than 10 years prior to nomination and have contributed meritorious service to the association and/or to the industry. The 10 years of TAPPI membership may have been in any membership class or combination of classes: member, associate, affiliate, retired, local section, student, or sustaining member representative.
- **TAPPI Young Professional of the Year Award**—TAPPI recognizes young professionals employed in the global forest products, pulp, paper, tissue, packaging, and associated industries for their contributions in the following areas: leadership,



Kerry Figel (center), IP, accepts the 2019 Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award from TAPPI President Larry Montague (right).

community service, and problem-solving contributions to scientific or engineering projects. Eligible nominees are age 35 or younger, with no more than 10 years of industry experience, and have been a TAPPI member for a minimum of one year. Individuals can self-nominate for this award.

To complete the nomination process, visit www.tappi.org/awards where you will find the nomination form and the Honors Manual, which details the nomination and selection procedures. For additional information, contact awards@tappi.org. 