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**A New Year for the CCS
A Message from President**

As the new president of the Cleveland Coatings Society for the 2009-2010 season, I am looking forward to providing a great year of educational programming for our membership.

During this leadership term, my goal is to provide programming that will bring specific focus to the technical aspect of our professions and industries. My hope is to provide members with educational information in which technical persons find great value.

This year, we are pleased to offer five technical presentations by experts in their field. These experts include:

- Mark Soucek, Professor Polymer Engineering, University of Akron
- Dr. Frank Jones, Professor Emeritus, Eastern Michigan University
- Cliff Schoff, PPG Emeritus
- Dr. Bret Chisholm, Research Professor, North Dakota State University
- Ray Fernando, Chair Professor, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Each program will provide a two-hour workshop, followed by a dinner which includes a related technical presentation summary. There will be little or no cost for CCS members in good standing to attend these workshops. As in the past, there will be a fee associated with dinners. Participants are encouraged to attend the workshop and dinner. However, registrations for either event will also be accepted.

I encourage you pass the word about our new programming focus to your colleagues. Let them know that the CCS is offering opportunities to attend workshops that will help educate and inspire participants.

This is my mission for the year. I hope you will participate in this journey that will make our organization strong for years to come.

Sincerely,

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