

## SGIA Elects ECI Screen Print CEO, Edward F. Cook Jr. as the 2018 Chairman of the Board

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**Watertown, Connecticut** – At last year’s expo in New Orleans, The Specialty Graphic Imaging Association (SGIA) announced President and CEO of ECI Screen Print, Edward F. Cook Jr., as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2018.

Cook is proud to be a part of the new resurgence of support for the industrial printing and printed electronics communities. He was especially honored to announce the collaborative efforts of the Industrial Printing Committee and the Printed Electronics Committee, the FP3 Conference – Functional Printing, Process and Products.

The 2018 FP3 Conference will be held in Chicago on June 4-6, 2018, in place of the Printed Electronics Symposium, which has traditionally been held within the SGIA Expo. Composed of three concurrent tracks, FP3 will hold educational sessions that observe the trending changes throughout the printing industry. The sessions will focus on printed electronics, industrial technologies and business strategies. There will also be a mini trade show featuring many suppliers who are participating within the screen printing and digital printing technologies.

Most importantly, FP3 will provide abundant opportunities to network throughout the printing communities. The audience will include many of the most innovative minds in the industry, bringing them together to share ideas and make valuable connections in the industry. Cook explains it will be an opportunity to “create collaborative relationships that bring innovation to functional printing.”

Cook would like to invite all GPI members to attend FP3. Indicative of SGIA’s renewed focus on the industrial and printed electronics sector, the conference will keep everyone in the industry informed with new ideas and developments.

We are excited to announce that FP3’s Diamond Sponsor is **The M&R Companies**. They are also sponsoring a plant tour of their new state of the art facility for attendees. Other Platinum sponsors include Proell, Memcon, FujiFilm and Mimaki.

The newly Combined **SGIA Printed Electronics and Industrial Printing Committee** is taking applications for those interested in getting involved in the industry effort. Anyone who is interested in becoming an FP3 sponsor or anyone interested in getting involved with SGIA can reach out to Ed for more information at [ecook@eciscreenprint.com](mailto:ecook@eciscreenprint.com).

### **About ECI Screen Print**

*ECI Screen Print is a private company that was founded in 1991 by Edward F. Cook, Jr. We provide our customers with quality screen printed graphic overlays, membrane switches and printed electronics as well as quality service. We are constantly looking to improve the quality of our products and methods, and in our fast paced industry, there is always new technology and techniques that we use to provide the best quality products for our customers. Our experienced design group and meticulous printing and fabrication/assembly teams know our processes inside and out. With more than 90 years of combined experience among our key staff, we have the ability to find the best quality and product for your needs. Each project is personal to us and we take great care in our service, design and our production to produce a product that both of us will be able to take pride in, in the end.*

### **SGIA — Supporting the Leaders of the Digital & Screen Printing Community**

*Having its origins in the screen printing industry, SGIA embraced the digital revolution early on and is now the trade association of choice for professionals in the industrial, graphic, garment, textile, electronics, packaging and commercial printing communities looking to grow their business into new market segments through the incorporation of the latest printing technologies. SGIA membership comprises these diverse segments, all of which are moving rapidly towards digital adoption. As long-time champions of digital technologies and techniques, SGIA is the community of peers you are looking for to help navigate the challenges of this process. Additionally, the SGIA Expo is the largest trade show for print technology in North America. “Whatever the medium, whatever the message, print is indispensable. Join the community — SGIA.”*