



Vinyl Division

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Chairman's Message



Resuming visits with family members. Face-to-face meetings with customers or suppliers. Sharing a meal or drink with industry colleagues who have become friends. These are activities we have either recently re-experienced or we are still hoping to resume. It is why the Board of Directors (BOD) and the Technical Program

Committee (TPC) are excited to have solidified the in-person agenda for this year's 2021 Vinyltec® with the theme "Reconnecting for the Future of Vinyl" (October 19 – 21 at the Alexander Hotel in Indianapolis). It is also why we are planning a virtual option for those who are not yet able to travel. All of you have been missed so please visit the website and sign-up! Many thanks to the Central Indiana committee and the TPC chair, Curt Badeau, for leading preparations.

Attending the Vinyltec® Conference would also give you an opportunity to congratulate our members for distinguished awards received in 2020: Mark Lavach was accepted as Fellow of the Society of Plastics Engineers and Robert Weiler as SPE Honored Service member.

Thank you for voting for the newly installed directors, 2021 – 2024 term: William Arendt, Mick Jakupca, Mark Lavach, Sylvia Moore, Ron Raleigh. In addition, new BOD committee chairs have been appointed or re-confirmed: Emily McBride (*Membership*), Randy Brown (*Treasurer*), Sam Timpa (*Secretary/Vice Chair*) and myself (*President/Chair*).

I will continue the past-president's tradition of encouraging members, who are interested, in participating in the governance and future direction of the Vinyl Division. The support and ideas of the Members are critical in helping us keep our service to you relevant and our industry responsive to the needs and changes that we face. Reach out to any of the members of the BOD or TPC to see how you can get involved. Hope to see you in Indy!

Beth Finch

Beth A. Fitch, PhD

Chairman, Vinyl Plastic Division



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SPE Vinyl Plastics Division and SPE Central Indiana Section are excited to announce that this year's conference will be a hybrid event held at the Alexander hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. Reconnecting for the future of Vinyl is focused on technologies and topics of importance to the vinyl plastics industry. To register for Vinyltec®, [click here](#).

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Vinyl Plastics Division Board of Directors Elections



The Vinyl Plastics Division Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the following members in good standing have been elected by the Vinyl Division membership at large to a new 3-year term as Directors from July 2021 through June 2024.

The Vote Is In!

William Arendt
Sylvia Moore

Mick Jakupca
Ron Raleigh

Mark Lavach

The Vinyl Plastics Division (VPD) Board of Directors is the ultimate body responsible to the Division membership at large for the governance of the Division as a whole, and, as such, is the final authority as to the governance of the Division. The VPD Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen Directors. The fifteen Directors are arranged in three classes of five Directors each, with staggered three-year terms. In addition to the fifteen elected Directors the Technical Program Chairperson and the Technical Program Secretary will also act as Special Directors with full voting rights as Directors.

Please join me in congratulating our newly elected Directors!

Robert Weiler
Robert Weiler

Past Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman



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Education Committee Report

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded a 2021 Vinyl Division Scholarship Award!



Bryon Bourgeois
Member: Andy Bourgeois
Louisiana State University
Major: Industrial Engineering



Gabe Decker
Member: Robert Decker
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Major: Civil Engineering



Caitlyn Flachbart
Member: Domenic Decaria
Kent State University
Major: Public Health



Sarah Frank
Member: Domenic Decaria
University of Montana
Major: Wildlife Biology



Patrick Jakupca
Member: Mick Jakupca
Virginia Tech University
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Erik Mathys
Member: Jeffrey Mathys
University of Cincinnati
Major: Architecture

Andy Bourgeois

Andy Bourgeois
Education Committee Chairman

2021 SPE Vinyl Plastics Division Scholarship Report



Samantha Thiessen
\$2,000

Dear SPE Vinyl Plastics Division,

The SPE Foundation is excited to share a report of the 2021 SPE Vinyl Plastics Division Scholarship. Thank you for your support of some of our industry's most outstanding scholars. Together, we awarded 83 scholarships to 50 individuals totaling nearly \$200,000. We invite you to view the entire list of our 2021 scholars at www.4spe.org/scholarships.

As we continue through the pandemic, students still face mounting challenges, and your support is especially generous and timely.

Thank you for making a difference for Samantha. We are grateful for your investment and commitment to our future plastics professionals and hope you enjoy reading about her interest in plastics and future career plans.

Sincerely,



Eric Vitale, Chief Executive
SPE Foundation



SAMANTHA THIESSEN

2021 SPE Vinyl Plastics Division Scholar
\$2,000

"I am humbled and grateful to receive the SPE Vinyl Plastics Division Scholarship. This scholarship has made it possible for me to focus my energy solely on my major in Plastics Engineering Technology, my role as President of the FSU SPE Student Chapter, and career development. I truly believe scholarships like these have primed me to enter the workforce successfully with my engineering technology degree. I am already in the process of interviewing with multiple companies such as Toyota, Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, and Belden for full-time process engineering positions upon completion of my degree. Once again, words cannot express how thankful I am to receive this scholarship. I can guarantee it will be put to good use!"

Samantha Thiessen is a senior at Ferris State University majoring in Plastics Engineering Technology. She has been President of the Ferris State University SPE Student Chapter for the last two years. This year, she received the Plastics and Polymers Engineering Technology Outstanding Student award. She is currently working in her third and final internship at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors as a process engineer for the launch team. She is looking forward to what the future in this industry holds, and her ability to use her acquired skills.

Membership Report

As of September 21, 2021 the Vinyl Division was comprised of 386 members.

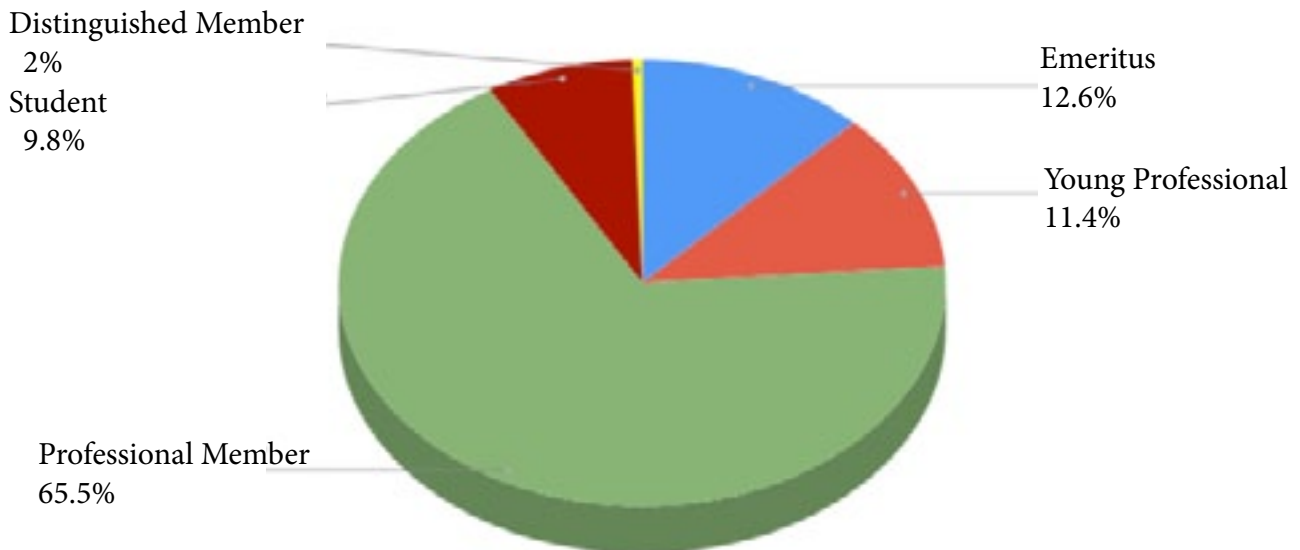
A special welcome to the following new members!

April 24, 2021 - September 21, 2021

<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company Affiliation</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
05/18/2021	Nassanga Ruth	North Dakota State University	Student
05/24/2021	Irfan Haider	NTU	Young Professional
05/25/2021	Mark Spurlock	Azelis America	Professional
06/15/2021	Karolina Grudzińska	Vita Polymers Poland Sp. z o.o.	Professional
06/16/2021	Daniel Dietrich	B Braun Medical Inc.	Professional
08/21/2021	Hakan Aras	University of Ohio, Akron	Student
08/25/2021	Fred Zeyfang	PSU Erie	Student
08/28/2021	Bob Garst	C3	Professional
09/13/2021	Timothy Dunn	Valtris	Professional
09/14/2021	Kysle King	Covia Corp	Student

Welcome New Members!

Vinyl Division Membership Composition



386 MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

Sam Timpa
 Samuel Timpa
 Outgoing Membership Chair, Vinyl Plastics Division

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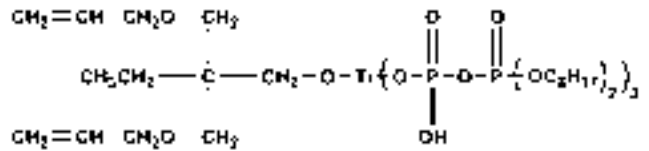
Members Input:

Vinyl Education & Industry News Submission

Dear Members:

We are open to receiving and publishing information that is pertinent to supporting our division for the following mediums: Newsletter, Facebook or the Website.

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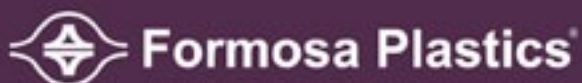
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Board of Directors Minutes (unofficial)

June 8, 2021

Attendees: William Arendt, Curt Badeau, Andy Bourgeois, Randy Brown, Beth Fitch, Beth Griffin, Mark Lavach, Laurent Matuana, Emily McBride, Dave Owen, David Peeples. Ron Raleigh, Peggy Schipper, Sam Timpa and Robert Weiler.

1. Approval of ANTEC® minutes. Randy moves, Bill/Laurent second – unanimous approval.

2. Education Committee Three options – Dave Owen, Peggy Schipper, Andy Bourgeois, Randy Brown

Option 1 – Move to keep the current program which awards grant money for children of current Vinyl Division members to attend college with certain criteria. It was moved to vote on keeping it, Bob W seconded. Discussion included:

- ◆ Palisades Section has requirement to IRS to donate certain percentage of funds to charity – we are not aware of having the same status (our form is simple)
- ◆ Concern regarding variable pay-outs. For example, 2020 payout was greater than 2020 income, however, the market has been favorable to our overall account. Committee agreed to monitor.
- ◆ Discussion around how to award applicants if too many apply applicants– current by-laws allows a random drawing to manage this case.

Option 2 - Move to add a program to award grant money to Student members of SPE Vinyl Division who have been members for at least 1 year. Student would be eligible for one grant for undergraduate studies and eligible for a second grant for graduate studies. Criteria would be similar to the current program. – Randy moves, Laurent seconds. Discussion included:

- ◆ Details around cost of student membership and numbers of eligible are needed
- ◆ Some concerns were raised if the costs can be covered during periods when the stock market is less favorable to our account

Option 3 – Move to open up current program to extended family members, etc. Not discussed.

A new motion passed to table this and return it to the Education Committee to add additional details and guidance for a future vote.

3. Treasurer – Randy Brown

2021-2022 Budget

- ◆ Motion to pass budget 2020-2021 budget, leaving out the ANTEC® Student Award fund – passed
- ◆ 2021-2022 budget approved

Laurent, Mark, Ron had to leave at this time.

4. VinylTec® Update– Curt Badeau

- ◆ **2021 Vinyltec®** – Indianapolis. No updates

5. Awards Nominees – (Beth G, Curt B, All)

- ◆ EM to send out survey/bios for voting

6. Upcoming BOD Positions –

- ◆ Secretary – Sam Timpa – unanimous approval
- ◆ Membership – Emily McBride – unanimous approval
- ◆ Affirmation vote for Beth Fitch – President/Chair – unanimous approval
- ◆ Affirmation vote for Randy – Treasury – unanimous approval

7. New Business - none

8. **Secretary for TPC** – Peggy Schipper volunteered to join TPC and was voted to the position

9. Adjournment

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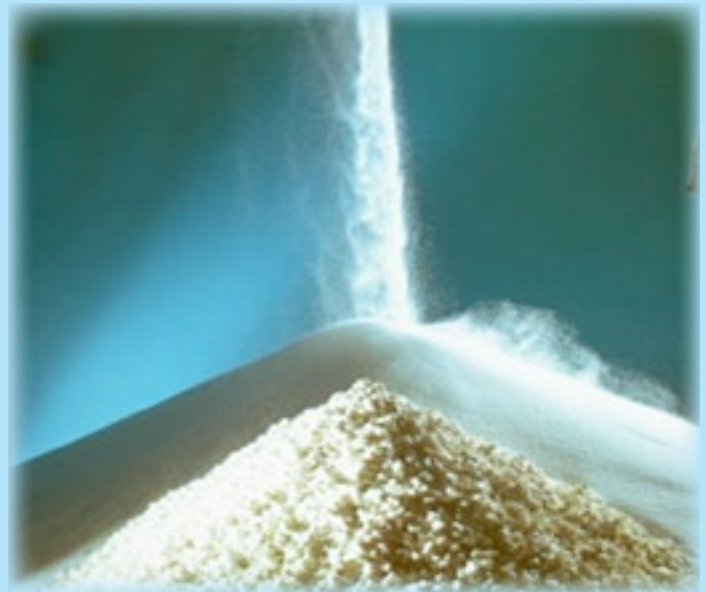
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