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Chair's Message

Hello Vinyl Division!



Many of you are probably expecting an opening message from Beth Fitch, but she is most likely off perfecting her golf game right now.

Beth Fitch, our friend, colleague, and past-chair, was lucky enough to start her retirement this summer from ExxonMobil after 25 years of service. Beth and I both joined the plasticizer and vinyl world within a month of each other in early 2017. Even though our companies are both suppliers in the plasticizer business, through our involvement in the SPE Vinyl Division we got to collaborate to support the vinyl community. It was a pleasure to get to work with Beth over the last five years and I am hopeful she is out enjoying her retirement to the fullest.

As you have probably guessed I am the new chair of the SPE Vinyl Division for 2022-2024. As I mentioned, I joined the vinyl industry in March 2017 through the BASF Plasticizer business. I was quickly welcomed by the SPE Vinyl Division that same year and have been involved ever since. The persuasive powers held by the Vinyl Board of Directors is like nothing I have seen since college. Thanks to the encouragement of the BOD's most recent protegee, Emily McBride, I quickly became active on the Technical Program Committee and served as Chair for the 2019 Vinyltec® in Akron. Since then, I have worked on the Board of Directors most recently serving as the Vice-Chair/Secretary. My involvement with the SPE Vinyl Division has provided invaluable networking and learning opportunities across all segments of the vinyl industry.

This summer also included several other changes to the Vinyl Division BOD. Ron Raleigh has taken on the Vice-Chair/Secretary position on the BOD. Ron previously acted as the TPC Chair for the first fully virtual Vinyltec® in 2020. Additionally, Bill Arendt will succeed Bob Weiler as the Vinyl Division Councilor, which will be his second time holding this role. Finally, we confirmed five new directors to the BOD including Dave Peeples, Laurant Matuana, Rommel Hariprashad, Steve Hargrave, and John Scott.



CHARTING THE COURSE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

SPE Vinyl Plastics Division and SPE Palisades-MidAtlantic Section are excited to announce that this year's conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Philadelphia in King of Prussia, PA. Charting the Course for a Sustainable Future is focused on technologies and topics of importance to the vinyl plastics industry.

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Please Contact: TPC Chair, Peg Schipper at peggy@performanceadditives.us

Chair's Message (continued)

Each of these members has demonstrated extensive service to the Vinyl Division over the years.

So what's next up for the Vinyl Division... Vinyltec® 2022! The theme of the conference this year is "Charting the Course for a Sustainable Future." The TPC, under the leadership of Peggy Schipper, has assembled a great program that includes presentations on vinyl megatrends, additives, sustainability, and recycling. As usual the program will also include the preconference tutorial that will review fundamentals of vinyl additives and manufacturing. This year's conference will take place September 27-29 in King of Prussia, PA. For more details on the program, registration, and sponsorship opportunities please check out the Vinyltec® page on the SPE website.

I hope to see you all at Vinyltec®!

Sam Timpa

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- 8:30 AM Keynote / Overview
- 8:45 AM Resin Selection
- 9:15 AM Heat Stabilizers (and Lubricants)
- 10:15 AM Plasticizers
- 11:15 AM Inorganic Fillers
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Mixing Basics
- 1:50 PM Calendering Basics
- 2:45 PM Extrusion Basics
- 3:40 PM Lamination Basics
- 4:20 PM Pigments as Colorants: From Manufacture to Application

- Mark Lavach, Arkema*
- Andy Bourgeois, Shintech*
- Amanda Peak, Baerlocher USA*
- Bill Arendt, Velsicol Chemical*
- Jennifer Lin & Eric Ernst, Imerys*

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Wednesday, September 28

VINYLTEC® 2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 AM Introduction, Welcome Comments and Event
Mark Lavach, Arkema

Session 1 Moderator - Ron Raleigh, Cargill

Vinyl Association Updates

8:10 AM LEED Certification Case Study - Saint Gobain North American Headquarters
Stan Gatland, Saint-Gobain NA

8:40 AM Polymeric Cladding: Sustainability, Resiliency and Design, VSI Workforce Initiative
Matt Dobson, Vinyl Siding Institute

9:10 AM An Overview of PVC Pipe's Sustainability Attributes
Bruce Hollands, Uni-Bell

9:40 AM **Break** *Sponsored by Kisuma*

10:00 AM The 2022 PVC Reclaim and Recycling Horizon - Lessons from the Vinyl Institute of Canada on the Sustainability Space and Its Impacts in the US & Globally
Tribu Persaud, Norwich Plastics

10:30 AM PPFA Codes & Standards
Mike Cudahy, PPFA

11:00 AM Recycled Materials Standard Activity and Cell Classification
Alan Kupfer, ASTM

Wednesday, September 28

VINYLTEC® 2022 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Session 2 Moderator - Bill Kuhn, Hi-Tech Profiles, Inc.

Addressing Megatrends (VI Report on Megatrends)

1:00 PM Update on PVC Recycling Technologies in Europe. Case Study: Extraction of Heavy Metals from Post-Consumer PVC Through Selective Dissolution
Patrick Morel, KemOne

1:30 PM Industry 4.0 Automation With the Planetary Roller Extruder and Continuous Processing
Michael Batton, ENTEX

2:00 PM Future Possibilities for Antimicrobials
Dr. Richard Spontack, NC State

2:30 PM **Break** *Sponsored by Kisuma*

3:00 PM Industrial AI: Current State and Looking to the Future
Bryan Dubois, RoviSys

3:30 PM Addressing Worker Shortages
Ed Keil, Plastic Executive Recruiters, LLC

4:00 PM Color Improvement Based on High Quality PVC Blending
Nicholas Gehring, Mixaco

4:30 PM Formulating PVC Plasticsols with Sustainable Plasticizers
Amanda Freshwater, Valtris

6:00-7:30 PM **Cocktail Party** *Sponsored by Formosa*

7:50 AM **Welcome, Opening Comments**

Session 3 Moderator - William Arendt, Velsicol Chemical

PVC Additives

- 8:00 AM Matting Agents for Vinyl
Christopher You, Arkema
- 8:30 AM Copolyester Additives for Rigid PVC
Marc A Strand, PhD , Eastman
- 9:00 AM Replacement of Tin Stabilizers in Rigid PVC Applications
Ryo Yamamasu, Adeka
- 9:30 AM **Break Sponsored by Kisuma**
- 9:45 AM Performance Attributes of SAN-based Process Aids
Phil Cascais, Galata Chemicals
- 10:10 AM A Study of CaZn/Tin/CaZn Boosted Stabilizer Systems
Stuart Parks, NORAC
- 10:40 AM Recent Innovations in Lubricants for Rigid PVC Extrusion Applications
Justyn Miller, Sasol
- 11:10 AM Advances in Stabilizing PVC with Alkyltin Thioesters & Universal Mechanism of PVC Stabilization
Peter Frenkel, Galata Chemicals
- 11:35 AM **Luncheon and Board Meeting, Awards**
Luncheon Sponsored by Cargill

Session 4 Moderator - Emily McBride, Lanxess

Sustainability and Recycling

- 1:00 PM Life Cycle Analysis and Vinyl Sustainability Council
Domenic DeCaria, Vinyl Institute
- 1:30 PM Plasticizers in Food Contact Materials - Media & Scientific Issues, Regulatory Situation, and Important Topics for the Future
Patrick Harmon, BASF
- 2:00 PM **Break Sponsored by Kisuma**
- 2:15 PM The Next Generation of Carbon Black From Renewable Energy and Methane
David Zheng, Monolith
- 2:45 PM Vinnolit GreenVin PVC Thermoplastics Specialty Resins with Lower CO2 Emission Levels
Dr. Andreas Winter, Westlake Vinnolit GmbH & Co. KG
- 3:15 PM Inline Dual Stage Slot Capillary Extrusion – Why Shear and Heat History of PVC Formulations Including Recycled Materials Matter
Matt Luebbers, Ph.D., Brabender CWB Instruments, Inc
- 3:45 PM The Role of Acrylic Processing Aids in PVC Recycling
John Cornetta, Dow

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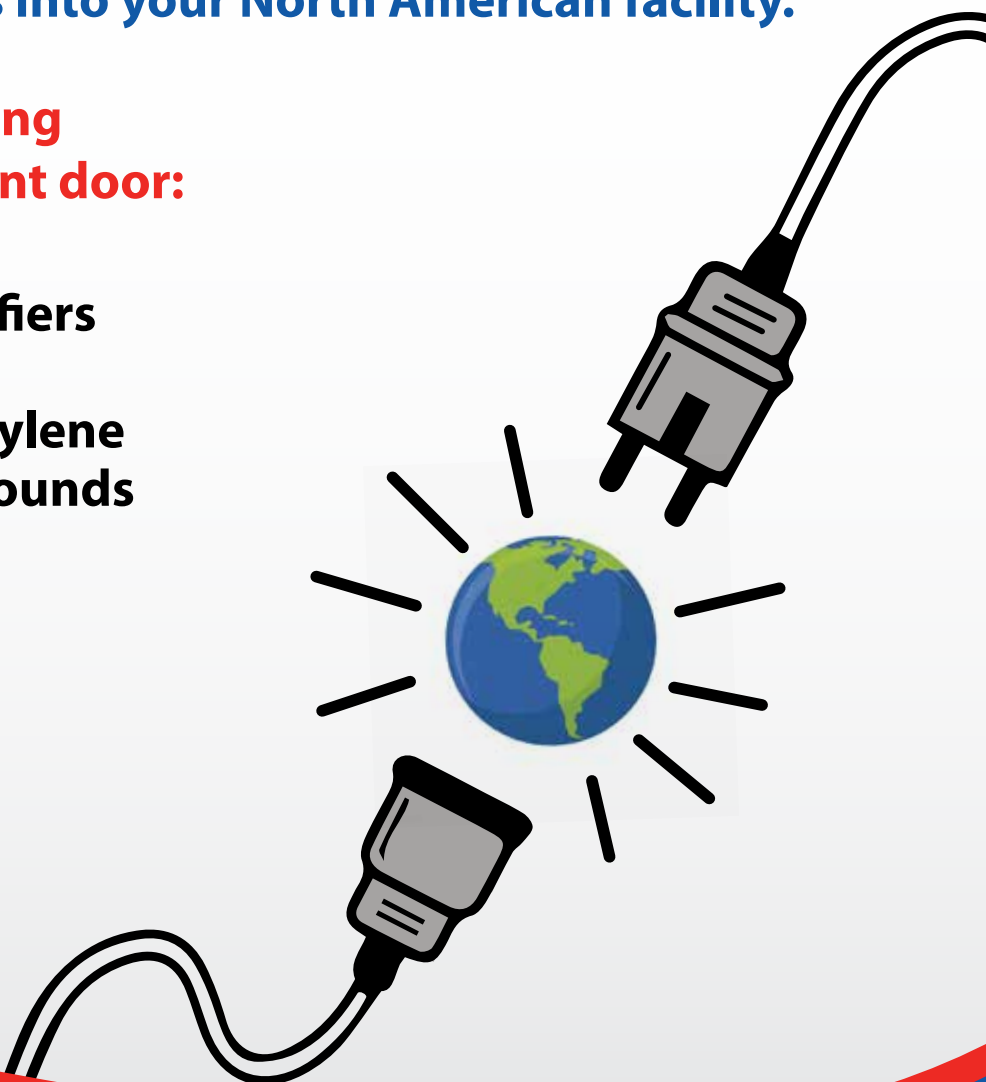


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Councilor's Report

March 30, 2022

President's Remarks – Jason Lyons

2021 was a successful year for SPE.

- Most profitable year in decades – over \$1 MM in earnings.
- Created an Industry Advisory Board for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

- Re launched PLASTICS ENGINEERING as an inhouse publication. SPE was recognized with 3 awards for communications.
- SPE managed 3 virtual conferences in 2021 with attendance of over 1,800 SPE Foundation grew and over \$202,000 was given out in scholarships.

Financial Report – Pat Farrey

- Assets are up, Liabilities are down
- Revenues were over \$4 MM.
- Dues contributed \$610 M
- Investments contributed \$702 M
- Publications contributed \$1,160 M
- Expenses were just over \$3 MM
- SPE financial position is better after Covid period than before.*
- Budget for 2022 is conservatively to break even
- SPE HQ is now 100% virtual-they no longer have a HQ building.

New Programs introduced in 2021/2022

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory is being highly acclaimed. Focus is on increasing interest in STEM and plastics in particular among groups that are not now highly represented.
- “Teach the Geek “ – new online training for improving presentation quality. Now available on the 4SPE website.
- Developing a new training program for leaders. This will be a 6 month virtual meeting/online workbook program to improve leadership qualities. This will be available later in 2022

ANTEC® – Pat Farrey

- Tue June 14 – am Chapter Leadership Roundtable
- Tue June 14 – pm General Session w/ keynote speakers
- Tue June 14 – Eve General Reception and Meetup at NASCAR Museum
- Wed June 15 – am/pm Technical papers on 3 concurrent tracks
- Wed June 15 – Lunch SPE Awards luncheon
- Wed June 15 – Eve Networking session
- Thu June 16 – am Technical papers on 3 concurrent tracks

By-law changes – Bruce Mulholland

- Terms of Executive Board changed to match the current Fiscal/Calendar year.
- Fellows and Honored Service Members have been granted lifetime membership.
- Student Membership now includes part time students.

Strategic Plan – Bruce Mulholland

Bruce reviewed several new initiatives that SPE EB is developing.

- New technical focus programs being developed to coordinate all publications around a single topic. Color and Appearance held a “National Week of Coloring Plastics”. Look for more of these programs.
- SPE will develop a webinar on How to use SPE resources.
- SPE will look to present more programs of general topics of interest and not necessarily technical topics.
- SPE developing a micro-recognition program to recognize people for their attendance at technical meetings.
- More recognition for lifetime contribution to plastics.

Robert Weiler

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Vinyl Division Outgoing Councilor

Membership Report

As of August 24, 2022 the Vinyl Division was comprised of 387 members.

A special welcome to the following new members!
January 14, 2022 - August 24, 2022

<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company Affiliation</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
01/21/2022	Zachary Hoffman	Mannington Mills	Professional
01/25/2022	Abraham Ganipur		Professional
02/01/2022	Noshir Khandwawala	Ineos Olefins & Polymers	Professional
02/16/2022	Dave Smith	Nalco Water	Professional
03/08/2022	Travis Getzie	Getzie Consulting	Professional
03/16/2022	Damien Digney		Professional
03/21/2022	Jessica Rutherford	Tronox	Professional
04/14/2022	Asya Tucker	Clark Atlanta University	Student
04/22/2022	Peng Quan	Michigan Tech	Student
05/06/2022	Alice Albrinck		Professional
06/02/2022	Qi Chen	Dow Chemical	Professional
06/10/2022	Elayna Simmons	Baerlocher USA	Young Professional
06/14/2022	Qiming He	Technor Apex	Young Professional
06/14/2022	Andrew Kiezulas	Coatings2Go, LLC	Young Professional
07/19/2022	Brian Lynch	Palmer Holland	Professional
07/19/2022	Gilbert Page	Evoqua	Professional
07/30/2022	Shane Harton	C.W. Brabender Instruments, Inc.	Professional
08/10/2022	Hiroyuki Fukushima	Monolith Materials	Professional
08/15/2022	Janet Sebastian	Proviron Inc.	Professional
08/24/2022	Brent Cassata	Avient Corporation	Professional

Emily McBride
Emily McBride
Membership Chair, Vinyl Plastics Division

Education Committee Chair Report

Congratulations to our scholarship winners Kristen Lavallee and Meghan Sebby



Kristen Lavallee



Meghan Sebby

Kristen is a graduate of Conestoga High School in Berwyn, PA. She is the daughter of Paul and Peggy Lavallee, and will be attending Duquesne University in Pittsburgh this fall.

Meghan is a graduate of Downingtown STEM Academy in Downingtown, PA. She is the daughter of Dean and Beth Sebby, and will be attending the University of Denver this fall, majoring in Psychology.

Andy Bourgeois
Andy Bourgeois,

Education Committee Chair

Board of Directors Minutes (abbreviated) February 23, 2022

Attendees: William Arendt, Curt Badeau, Andy Bourgeois, Beth Fitch, Rommel Hariprashad, Mark Lavach, Laurent Matuana, David Peeples, Peggy Schipper, Sam Timpa, and Robert Weiler.

1. Approved of previous minutes approved with minor corrections: Mick was not at October BOD meeting/confirmed to Bob Weiler he still wants to be a director.

Councilor's Report – Bob Weiler

See page 7 in this newsletter. Also discussed nominees for next Councilor.

Committee Reports

Awards – Beth Griffin

- ⇒ Best Commercial presentation (2021)
- ⇒ Contributions to Vinyl Award (nominated by TPC)
- ⇒ Discuss other awards (Honored Service Member (HSM) and Fellow– (nominated by TPC)). Peter Frankel (Galata) wants to try for fellowship – Bill A. will forward to fellows committee. Confusion about 6 continuous years at date of application.
- ⇒ Best Technical Presentation (2021)
- ⇒ Outstanding Service to Vinyl Award (nominated by TPC)

Education Committee – Andy Bourgeois

New deadline, Scholarship deadline May 31. Talk to the VI about if they are still sending students to the meeting. Did not in 2021, but Andy will double check with Sylvia. Application form will be included on the website.

Membership – Emily McBride

395 Members (some lapsed since August), 7 new members in 2022

TPC Update – Peggy Schipper

- Mark L. received hotel contract.
- \$80/person/day
 - July 1 responsible 25%
 - 20% attrition rate
 - So far so good
 - 220 total rooms (50 Mon., 80 Tues. & Weds, 10 Thurs.); rate \$149/night
 - Total cost ~\$35,000
 - Call for papers will go into newsletter and upcoming email blast

Treasurer – Randy Brown

- Is an audit required this year? No update.

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Sponsorship/Newsletter – Peggy Schipper/Bill Arendt
Funds Collection for newsletter. Randy working on this.

Old Business -

Discussion about future Vinyltec®s: 2023/24 – Chicago and Akron may be interested – need to decide by the next meeting

- ANTEC® 2022 – no activity this year
- Archiving - ad hoc committee to be created (Peggy, Ron, and Curt?)

New Business -

Katie Zaert's email about Impact Report 2022.
Rcvd kudos for student support. Next meeting – June
Future projects (evergreen topic)

Adjournment



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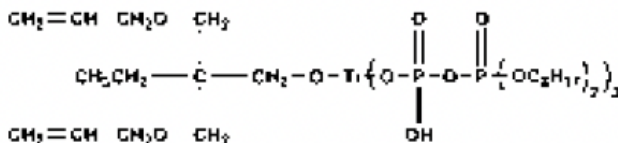
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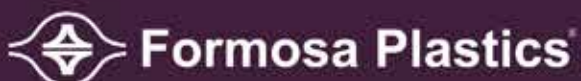
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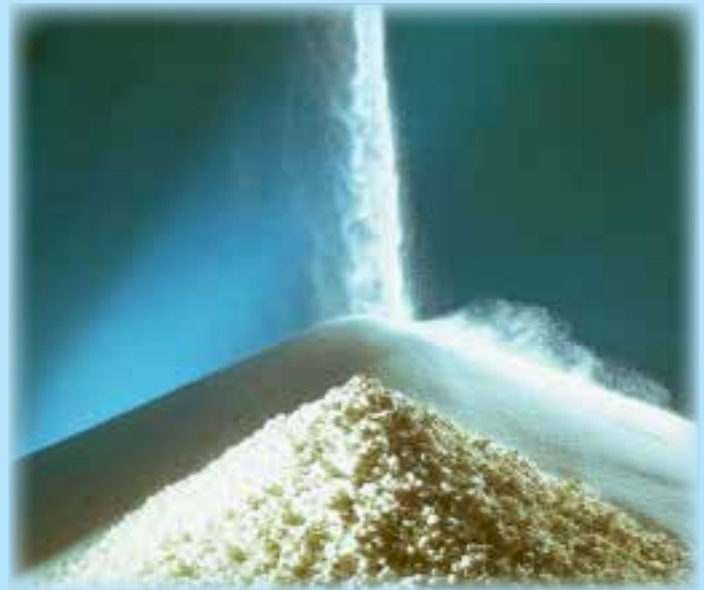
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