



Vinyl Division

Winter 2022/23

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Chair's Message

Hello Vinyl Division!



I hope everyone is off to happy and healthy new year. If you were not able to join us for VinylTec® last year in King of Prussia, then you certainly missed out on a great event. We had a turnout upwards of 200 people, which led to lots of lively discussion and networking.

Planning for the 2023 VinylTec®, Positioning Vinyl for the Future, is already underway! The new TPC Chair, Raechel Sincavage, and her team are actively working on putting together the technical program. If you are interested in submitting a presentation please contact Raechel or a member of the TPC. There are also many different sponsorship opportunities as well as table tops available. For more information on the sponsorship packages or reserving a table top you can contact Brittany Walls. Bra-bender will also be hosting a celebration for their 100-year anniversary during the VinylTec®. The event will be in Akron which always has a great turnout, so we hope you can make it.

Additionally, the SPE Vinyl Division continues to support education with scholarship opportunities for our member's children. If you have a child entering or attending college please consider applying for one of our one-time college scholarships. If you have any questions you can contact our scholarship chair, Andy Bourgeois. I also encourage you to continue supporting the Vinyl Division and these benefits by renewing your annual membership.

All the best.

Sam Timpa

Samuel D. Timpa, Ph.D.
Chair, Vinyl Division



Stu Kapp and Mark Lavach at the Leistritz booth.



Mark Lavach thanks keynote speaker Tad Radzinski





“K Show 2022” Andy Bourgeois presents the award plaque for the VinylTec® 2021 paper to Catherine Michel from Shin-etsu



Keith Young of Ecotek Labs educated us about his science program for students

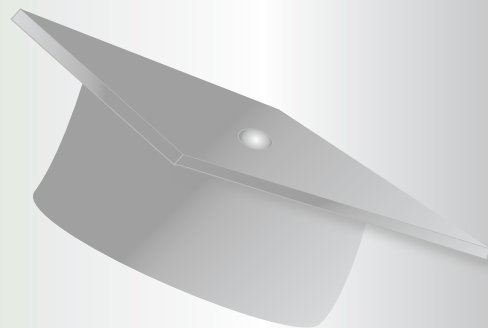
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Grant Opportunity

Individual grants issued through VIABILITY are available to qualifying industry collaborations such as trade associations, material recovery facilities, construction and demolition waste facilities, recyclers, or colleges and universities in amounts up to \$500,000. The funds may be used for the purchase of equipment, process investments, research and development, educational programs, and program management that supports long-lasting and sustainable recycling of vinyl products. A seven-member grant committee of the Vinyl Institute will choose recipients of the grants.

[Click here to go to Link](#)

The first round of grant applications is due March 1, 2023. The Vinyl Institute will announce the awarding of grants no later than 60 days after a grant application deadline.



Education Chair Report

Scholarship opportunities are now available for 2023. For general SPE listings [Click here](#)

For our Vinyl Division Scholarship submission please see the next page (pg. 4) for the application or [Click here](#).

Andy Bourgeois
Andy Bourgeois,
Education Committee Chair



The SPE Vinyl Division Education Grant Application

Application Deadline May 31, 2023
[Click here](#) to get more details at the website.

Email completed application to: abourgeois@shin-tech.com

Date: _____

1. Name of Applicant _____
Last (family name) First Name Middle Initial

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Grade point average last semester _____ Cumulative grade point average _____

5. Parents Name(s) _____,
Addresses _____
SPE # _____

6. Hometown Newspaper _____,
Name Address

If Married, Spouse's Name: _____

7. High School Senior:
High School Name _____, Address _____
and Academic Advisor Name _____

8. Please check here if you are already enrolled in college and year(s) completed.
_____, years completed _____

9. College Information

School applicant will attend in autumn _____
School address _____
Program enrolled (Major) _____ Degree expected _____

(Transcript and photo must accompany this application)

Call for Papers

SPE's Vinyl Division announces a call for papers for the upcoming:
Vinyltec® 2023: Positioning Vinyl for Tomorrow
October 10-12, 2023
Hilton Inn, Akron, OH

The Vinyl Division Technical Program Committee is soliciting papers and Keynote Speakers in the following areas:

- Resin and Additives
- Sustainability and Recycling
- Megatrends (Climate Change, Data analytics & Digital Connectivity, Decentralized Financing, Globalization, Health & Wellness, Populations Shift, Resource Constraints, Social Responsibility, Transparency, Workforce Resilience)
- Vinyl Industry Association Updates

Timeline: ASAP! **No later than April 30, 2023**

Please Contact: TPC Chair, [Raechel Sincavage](#) with proposed talk title and author

Call for Poster Presentations

SPE's Vinyl Division announces a call for poster presentations for the upcoming: VinylTec® 2023:
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- Sustainability and Recycling
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- Vinyl Industry Association Updates

Posters will be highlighted during the cocktail hour and coffee breaks. A great time to show off new product/technical innovations!

Timeline: **Abstract and Title by July 31, 2023**

Please Contact: TPC Chair, [Raechel Sincavage](#) with proposed poster title and author

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Councilor's Report

February, 2023



Hello, my name is Bill Arendt and I am new the SPE Vinyl Division Councilor. I started my term last July. I was the Vinyl Division Councilor in the past. I completed my second term in 2019. I am an Honored Fellow of the Society and have been a member of the SPE for over forty years. I have been active in the Vinyl Division much of that time.

The Councilor represents the Division at Council meetings and other SPE governance functions such as leadership updates that occur frequently. The Councilor's main role now may be in the election of directors to the executive board.

Since I started as Vinyl Division Councilor, I have participated in the last International directors election last November. The process consisted of a meet the candidates conference call and an on line election. The results of the November 2022 election are as follows:

- President-Elect: Conor Carlin
- SPE Elected Directors: Todd Bier, Praveen Boopalachandran and Lynzie Nebel

The SPE International governance has zoom meetings about monthly. Division and Section leadership can attend. I attended those since June of last year. The highlights of the following topics were discussed are listed below:

- Bylaws and policy changes to support the changes in the Society
- Sections and Divisions committees eliminated.
- Transition to a calendar year for officers
- New program announced – Essentials of Management and Leadership in Plastics
- Girl Scout SPE Polymer Science patch developed
- 2023 ANTEC® a major point of discussion
- Focus on new program design – Themes and Topics
- Organizational aspects of the Meeting
- Will be in Denver at the end of March

The next Council meeting will be at the 2023 ANTEC®. I will attend and represent the Vinyl Division.

Bill Arendt
William Arendt
Vinyl Division Councilor



Membership Report

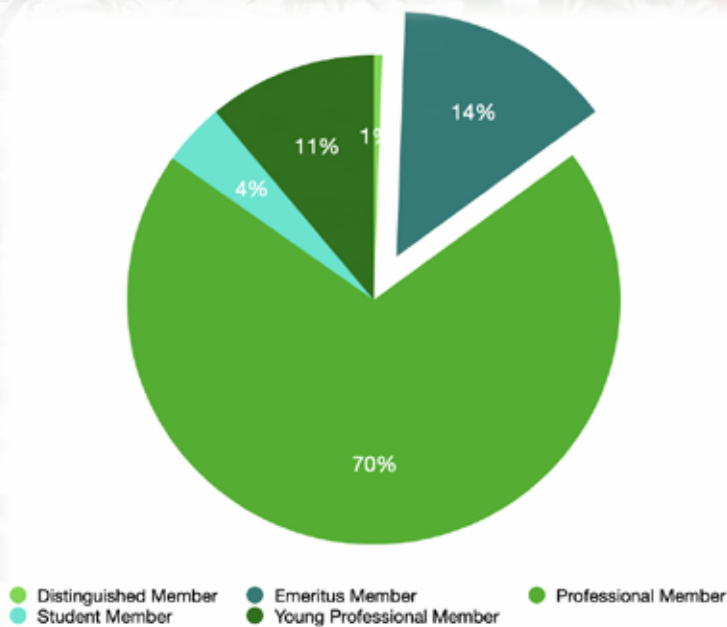
As of December 31, 2022 the Vinyl Division was comprised of 363 members.

A special welcome to the following new members!
August 25, 2022–October 27, 2022

<u>Join Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company Affiliation</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
09/16/2022	Marco Laubach	Legacy Manufacturing Company	Professional
09/16/2022	Roman Wypart	Legacy Manufacturing Company	Professional
09/21/2022	Henry Rzeszotek	B&I Trim Products Inc	Professional
09/22/2022	Michael Ziemer	Associated Materials, LLC	Professional
10/25/2022	Zachary Filtz	Entegris	Professional
10/27/2022	Karthick Selvaraj		Student

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363 TOTAL



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Emily McBride
Membership Chair, Vinyl Plastics Division



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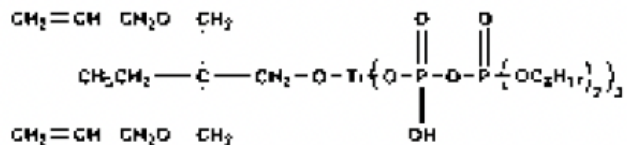
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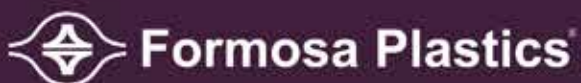
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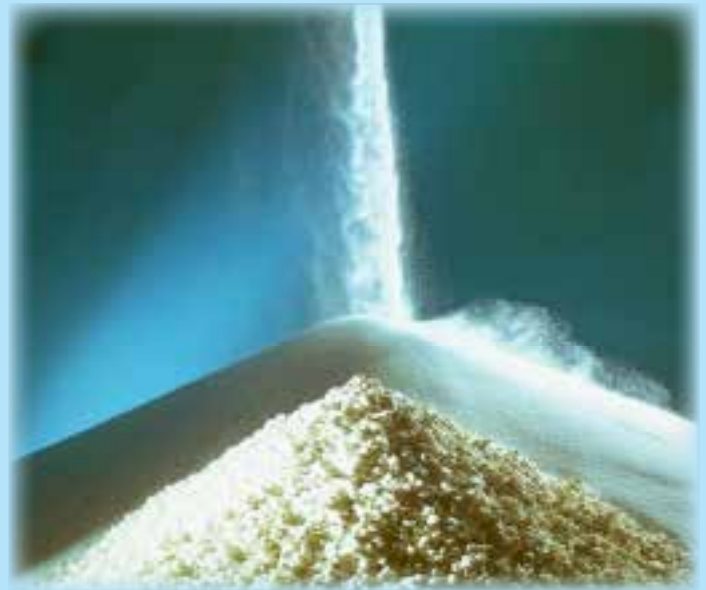
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VinylTec 2023

October 10, 2023

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 7:45 AM EDT
 Thursday, October 12, 2023 4:00 PM EDT

Location:
Akron, Ohio

Hosted by SPE Vinyl Plastics Division and
 SPE Akron Section



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