

# Polymer Valley News



*Vivian "Viv" Ernest Malpass*

September 5, 1936 – Monday, February 19, 2024

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers  
*Our 66<sup>th</sup> Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry*

~ Next Session ~

Tuesday, March 11, 2024  
5:30 p.m.



**Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub**  
8870 Darrow Road  
Twinsburg, OH 44087

**Vinyl Perspectives  
on the  
Anti-Plastics  
Movement**

**Mr. Domenic DeCaria**  
Vice President -  
Regulatory and Technical  
Affairs  
The Vinyl Institute

## Meeting Information

All guests \$35

Dinner, cash bar 5:30 p.m.  
Program 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Choices (choose one):  
Stuffed Cabbage, Corned Beef  
Boxty, Fish and Chips, or  
Shepherd's Pie.  
Dinner includes entrée, salad  
and bread, non- alcoholic  
beverages and dessert

[Click here to register.](#)

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# Speaker Information



**Mr. Domenic DeCaria**  
 Vice President - Regulatory and Technical Affairs  
 The Vinyl Institute

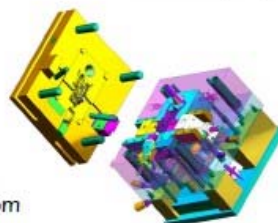
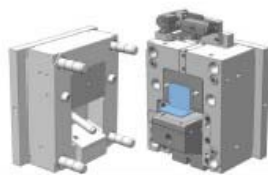
Joining the Vinyl Institute in 2019, Domenic is currently serving as Vice President of Regulatory and Technical Affairs. A chemical engineer by education, Domenic is currently helping the Vinyl Institute to navigate the EPA TSCA process, as well as the United Nations negotiations to establish an international treaty to end plastic waste. He also serves on various committees developing board member of a Cleveland-based water stewardship organization, "Drink Local - Drink Tap."



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# In Memoriam



*Vivian "Viv" Ernest Malpass*

September 5, 1936 – Monday, February 19, 2024

Vivian Ernest Malpass, age 87, of Hudson, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 60 years, Dorothy, and devoted children: Sharon Meckes, David (Amy) Malpass, and Kevin (Christina) Malpass. His loving grandchildren include Liam Meckes, Hadley Meckes, Evan Malpass, Ian Malpass, Brayden Malpass, and Amelia Malpass.

Born on September 5, 1936, in Swansea, Wales, Vivian embarked on a transatlantic journey to West Virginia in 1964 to pursue his professional career in the plastics industry and create a new life in America alongside Dorothy. The Malpass family later found a cherished home in Hudson, Ohio, in 1984, where Vivian continued to cultivate an active life filled with travel, tennis, music, family and friends.

As a distinguished PhD chemist, Vivian's passion for the plastics industry fueled his involvement with the Society for Plastics Engineers (SPE). Viv joined SPE in the late 1960s and held various Board of Director positions throughout the last 50 years including Akron Section President, Akron Section Councilor, Education Foundation Committee member, Distinguished member of the Plastics Pioneers Association, and Chairman of the TPE TopCon. His most significant achievement with SPE was his Presidency of SPE International in 1989.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Vivian was a devoted family man. He ensured that his family learned about their Welsh heritage through frequent visits to friends and family in Swansea. Family camping trips to Myrtle Beach and vacations with the SPE were also part of their shared adventures. Back at home, Vivian and Dorothy enjoyed their extensive tennis group, gardening, and music. Their annual Christmas parties became a favorite tradition, where Viv led the sing-alongs with his piano and accordion.

Vivian truly enjoyed a wonderful life. He was a loving husband, father, and friend. His legacy is etched in the memories of those who were touched by his kindness, his melodies, and the love that radiated from his heart. As we bid farewell, we celebrate the enduring imprint of Vivian Ernest Malpass.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Viv's name to the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Education Scholarship Fund, PO Box 355, Mogadore, Ohio 44260. The family will receive friends 4-8PM Friday, February 23, 2024 at Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, 19 E. Main St., Hudson, OH where funeral services will begin 11:00 AM Saturday, February 24, 2024. Interment to follow at Markillie/St. Mary Cemetery, Hudson, OH.



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## Membership Report

The Akron Section currently has 164 members.

***We are always welcoming new members – invite someone to a meeting!***

## SPE National

Please click the following areas of interest:

## Board Meeting Dates

Aug 28, 2023	Jan 8, 2024
Sept None	Feb 5
Oct 2	March 4
Nov 6	April 1
Dec 4	May 6

[Contacts at National](#)

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## 2024 SPE Akron Section Scholarship Program Information

The purpose of the SPE Akron Section Scholarship Program is to promote knowledge in polymer science, engineering, material science and technology. Started in 1983, it has awarded over \$430,000 to area students. Preference is given to students enrolling in two and four-year programs with a focus on plastics and polymers. Scholarships of up to \$3000 per year will be awarded and can be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees, and other educational costs necessary to earn certification, associate, or baccalaureate degree in preparation for a career in the polymer industry. (Not for computer science, or civil and electrical engineering.)

### Scholarships Available

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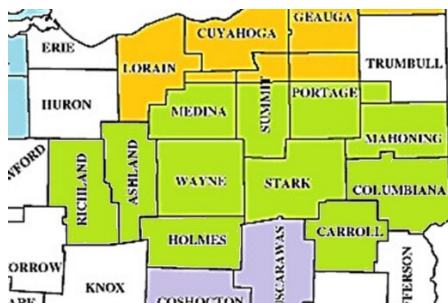
SPE - Akron Section Special Merit Awards

*Names of scholarship recipients will be distributed to donor companies for possible internship or cooperative programs. The number of scholarships awarded per year will vary according to the number of qualifying applicants.*

### Selection Criteria\*

- 1.Scholastic Achievement
- 2.Engineering or Chemistry or Polymer related field
- 3.Extracurricular activities
- 4.Financial need
- 5.Two letters of reference from instructors or supervisors. (To be included with application)

\* Akron Section area and Scholarship applicant/recipient areas are highlighted in green below. This includes parts of the Ohio counties of Medina, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, and complete counties of Richland, Ashland, Wayne, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana, Holmes, and Carroll in the figure below. Scholarships can be used at any accredited university in the US.



### First-time Applicants

Interested students from local high schools, technical, and vocational schools, and area colleges are encouraged to fill out the attached SPE Scholarship Application form, including the essay, references, and current transcript. Students are encouraged to discuss their interests in plastics.

All scholarships are awarded for one year with option for renewal. The awards are for full-time, under-graduate, students only. Co-op students are also eligible.

### Renewal Instructions

- 1.Maintain a minimum **2.5/4.0** grade point average or equivalent.
- 2.Submit grade reports and course selections demonstrating polymer-related curriculum prior to start of next semester.
- 3.Apply for renewal scholarship using SPE application form. (References and essay are not required for renewal.)

### Scholarship applications should be sent to:

Akron SPE Attn: John Fellenstein 250 South Forge Street, Akron, OH 44325-0301 OR [jfellenstein@uakron.edu](mailto:jfellenstein@uakron.edu)

Deadline is March 21, 2024



# 2024 Scholarship Application & Renewal Akron Section - Education Foundation

1. Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your Address at School: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
5. School/College to be attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Course of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Applicants Only, please continue:**

6. Please briefly describe how you intend to finance your education: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
7. Current and Past School Activities: (attach separate sheet or resume if necessary – 1 page only please)\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. On a separate sheet of paper, type a short discourse (no more than two pages) describing your enthusiasm and interest in pursuing a career in a STEM field that focuses on plastics or polymers (*or another related field*) as well as how your intended field of study will help you achieve your career goals.
9. Have **two** (and only 2) academic references (instructors or supervisors) provide the committee with a letter documenting their insights on your scholastic achievements and potential for future success in a STEM related career. Attach these references to this application.

**All applications must include a current transcript.**

**All Applicants return application by March 21, 2024 to the following address:**

**Akron SPE**

**Attn: John Fellenstein**

**250 S. Forge St Akron, OH 44325-0301**

For questions, please contact John Fellenstein, phone: 330-972-6334, or email  
[jfellenstein@uakron.edu](mailto:jfellenstein@uakron.edu)



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## **2024 "Wonders of Plastics" Essay Contest**

The Akron section of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is pleased to announce the 2024 "Wonders of Plastics" essay contest.

### **Eligibility**

The contest is open to all middle/junior high and high school students. The essay must be sponsored by one of the students' teachers.

### **Prizes**

First place high school essay - \$100

First place middle/junior high school essay - \$100

The sponsoring teacher of each winning essay will receive \$25

The winning essays will be printed in the Akron Section's Newsletter.

### **Topics to consider**

Advantages of plastics in food packaging

Creative use of recycled plastics

How plastics benefit humankind

How plastics improve our lifestyle

Plastics in the environment

Plastics usefulness in society

What plastics have done for me

Why the bad reputation of plastics is wrong

### **Submit your Essay to**

Polymer Engineering  
The University of Akron  
Attn: John Fellenstein  
250 S. Forge St  
Akron, OH 44325-0301

**Questions may be directed to the Akron SPE Education Committee, attention: John Fellenstein by phone or email**

**Tel:** 330-972-6334 | **Fax:** 330-972-2624

**Email:** [jfellenstein@uakron.edu](mailto:jfellenstein@uakron.edu)

**Entry must be postmarked by April 15, 2024!**



## REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

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### General

Length:	Between 500 and 1,000 words
Format:	Typewritten in English on 8 ½ x 11 paper, title to appear as heading on each page; no name on any page except the entry form that must accompany each essay; 1-inch margins minimum on all sides
Authors:	The essay may be written individually or co-authored by two students
Deadline:	April 15, 2024 (postmarked)

### Organization

The organization structure of the essay should be “logical,” including the following considerations:

Introduction:	Optional
Thesis:	Several sentences
Development:	This section should be several paragraphs and should discuss the theme, analyze it, feature informal research about the theme, etc.
Conclusion:	This section should be at least one paragraph in which the author summarizes the ideas presented in the essay

### Mechanics

Spelling should be correct; syntax should be readable; punctuation should be conventional. Essay should be free of sentence fragments. Diction (word choice) should be appropriate to the subject and the writer’s understanding of the topic. Point of view should be appropriate to the topic/subject and remain constant and consistent. A mixture of first and third person is acceptable if it is appropriate to the voice of the essay. However, the use of second person (“you” either stated directly or implied) will change the “voice” of the essay in a manner damaging to its effectiveness. Footnotes and references must be included when necessary.

### Judging

Essays will be judged by a panel. In order to be judged, the essay must meet all the conditions as stated in the organization and mechanics above, with only incidental errors in mechanics. The essay must also meet the assigned minimum length and must be submitted following the prescribed format.

# ENTRY FORM

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
type or print

***About the author(s)***

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

***About the school***

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Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

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## Call For Papers

The TPE TIG and Akron Section of SPE invite the submission of abstracts for presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> TPE TopCon 2024.

Please submit presentation title, abstract, author/presenter and affiliation to:

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## Programs for 2023/24

- Sep. 11     **Global Economic Factors Now Favor US Plastic Product Mfg over China-Based Operations**  
Greg Kozera, Shale Cresent USA  
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron \**
  
- Oct.         **Vinyltec**  
10-12        Positioning Vinyl for Tomorrow  
-- *Hilton Inn Fairlawn - Akron \**
  
- Nov.         **Compounding Conference**  
15-16        -- *Huntington Convention Center - Cleveland \**
  
- Dec.         No gathering – Happy Holidays!
  
- Jan. 23      **ACCESS – EV Battery Recycling**  
Jing Lyon, BRITE Energy Innovators  
*R.Shea Brewery -- Akron \**
  
- Feb. 13      **Sustainability - Webinar**  
Conor Carlin  
-- *Virtual - Cleveland \**
  
- Mar. 11      **Vinyl Perspectives on the Anti-Plastics Movement**  
Domenic DeCaria, The Vinyl Institute  
*Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub -- Cleveland \**
  
- Mar. 12      **ACCESS-Stem event**  
*University of Akron -- Akron \**
  
- Mar. 13      **ACCESS / ACS / Akron Section Solving EV Application Challenges: Innovations in Coatings and Adhesive Materials**  
Dr. Emmanuel Pitia  
*Brighten Brewing -- Akron \**
  
- Apr. TBA     **Lighter than Air Research Tour**  
-- *TBA - Cleveland \**
  
- May 20      **Akron Section Awards Night**  
Brian Anderson, Vice President, Polymer Industry Cluster at the Greater Akron Chamber  
*Raintree -- Akron \**

# February Session - Sustainability





**Dr. Emmanuel Pitia**

Lead, Staff Research Scientist at Parker Hannifin:  
Adhesives & Coatings

## **Solving EV Application Challenges: Innovations in Coatings and Adhesive Materials**

As electric vehicles (EVs) advance in technology, the spotlight is on battery pack technologies. EV manufacturers are fervently optimizing designs for lighter, more compact solutions, aiming to boost energy density and reduce costs. Within the intricate assembly of battery pack systems, two critical requisites emerge: electrical insulation and thermal management. The former involves the strategic application of dielectric materials to ensure safety, while the latter relies on integrating high thermally conductive materials—potting material, adhesives, gap fillers, or gels—to enhance performance and safety. Parker Lord takes a pivotal role, developing cutting-edge thermal management materials and dielectric coatings. This presentation unveils key challenges in the EV industry, spotlighting innovative solutions within dielectric coatings and thermal management adhesives.

VENUE: R. Shea Brewery Canal Place

504 S. Main Street, Suite 214, Akron, Ohio 44311

5:15 pm Social-Networking; 6:30 pm Dinner; 7:15 pm Presentation

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Emmanuel Pitia, PhD, is a lead staff scientist at Parker Lord with expertise in product development and application of UV coatings, fire retardant coatings, and rubber to substrate adhesives for the automotive and industrial market. Emmanuel currently is working on the development and commercialization of UV coatings for the automotive market. Emmanuel completed his PhD in polymer engineering from University of Akron in 2012.



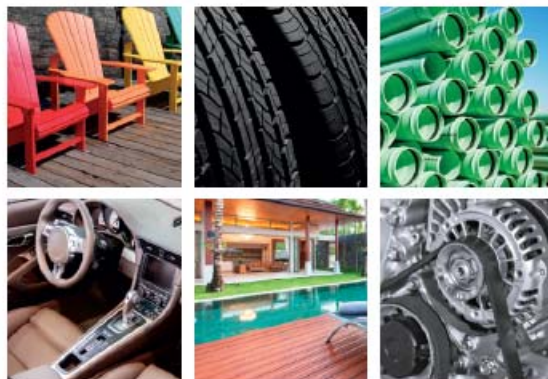


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## Call for Papers

SPE's *Vinyl Division* announces a call for papers for the upcoming:

**VINYLTEC 2024: “Welcoming the Future of Vinyl”**

**October 22–24, 2024**

**Marriott Chicago O’Hare, Chicago, IL**

The Vinyl Division Technical Program Committee (TPC) is soliciting Papers & Keynote Speakers in the following areas:

- Resin & Additives
- Sustainability & Recycling
  - Real-life Demonstrations of Recycling in Vinyl, Micro/Nano Plastics, Toxicology Research, Sustainable Additives or Processing Practices
- Vinyl Innovation/NPD in End-Use Applications, Formulation, or Processing
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI), Innovations or New Product Developments (NPD) in Vinyl Applications (Wire & Cable, Flooring, Roofing, Pipe, etc.)
- Vinyl Industry Association Updates & Legislation Changes
  - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Updates, Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) Regulation at EPA, DINP Addition to TRI

**Timeline: ASAP! No later than April 30, 2024**

**Please Contact: Brittany Walls (TPC Chair)**

**Proposed Title, Author, & General Abstract**

**[Brittany.Walls@orbis.com](mailto:Brittany.Walls@orbis.com)**

# Board Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2024

**Call to Order:** In person at Cuyahoga Falls- Chamber Room. Meeting called to order at 5:30PM.

**Present:** Dan Jones, David Schultz, Larry Stanek, Fred Carter, Tony Dean, Joe Mattingly, Arsalaan Pathan, Sherri Makar Hart, John Fellenstein and Critt Ohlemacher

**Absent:** Kevin Malpass, Sahil Gupta, Keith Pelfrey and Dakota Spencer

Meeting hosted by President Dan Jones.

Sherri Hart is new Councilor.

David Schultz to contact Sahil Gupta - complete.

Special welcome to potential new Board members- Amanda Peak from Peak Analytics and Michelle Martin- Radici Plastics. We look forward to you help and support as we work to expand our section and reach community and industry!

January 8 minutes Minutes amended and approved as written to include on-line money voting.

## **Technical Program 2023/24—David Schultz / Larry Stanek**

Feb 13 plan set Conor Carlin Sustainability in Manufacturing- Virtual- Zoom /Teams.

March 11- Vinyl Institute- Dom DiCaria- Blue Canyon- Twinsburg.

March 12- ACESS- STEM event U of Akron.

March 13- Joint ACESS meeting being developed EV adhesives and coatings R Shea's.

April- Potential Cleve Tour.

May 20- Awards Banquet- Raintree

June- wrap up.

Note ANTEC March 4-7 St Louis, MO

NPE- Orlando, Fla- May 5-8

Need to develop a list and targets for Program Committee to address for next year's program

Akron- Oct 1-3 TPE TOPCON 2024

Cleve- Oct 16-17 Additive Mfging-set

Lighter Than Air Research- Tour

Alterra Energy/Vadxx new facility tour- Andy Oster contact

Ravago tour

Radici Plastics- Tour

Americem Tour- Ryan King

Looking into Networking meeting with Job Coaches

Joint meeting with Sections- Ohio and Pa areas

Ideas/ suggestions??

## **House—Larry Stanek / Dakota Spencer**

Larry informed set for Hilton- Oct Conf- TPE TOPCON 2024

Raintree – Awards Banquet May 20 is set.

# Board Meeting Minutes – 02/05/2024

## **Membership—Kevin Malpass**

Sherri Hart reports member number now at 170. She has resent list past 2-3 years of members that did NOT renew for Task Group review and to decide how to proceed re contact dropped/expired to make calls and find out details plus will ask for in person follow up.

May consider dropping \$10 fee to align with ASPE?

Sherri to determine best way to capture students with Akron SPE.

Need to develop a Social media based marketing campaign- Tony and Sherri, Amanda plus Jenny- out reach and keep and grow membership.

Thoughts Video, Resources, Networking out to FB, Linked IN, website and newsletter.

## **Treasurer—Fred Carter**

Treasurer's report updated to end of January. Finances in good shape.

Vote taken to approve funding Science Fairs- ASPE STEM and District 5 - money to be sent to Dan Jones for Gift cards or money for MS and HS winners.

Transfer made from SPE to Morgan Stanley for NEW!! Robert Wegelin Legacy Scholarship.

Cuy Falls ESC- Missi Sakach- requested funding for HOP kits for Simplay 3 tour with STEAM teacher group Feb/March voted and approved - Fred to handle.

## **Student Chapter—Arsalaan Pathan**

Current student Chapter Advisor is Prof Weinan Xu.

PESO will have student(s) present at ANTEC as well as attending the Polyolefin Conf- Houston, Tx in Feb- details have been sent for support.

We reviewed monies needed and voted and approved.

Students will be touring Bridgestone- FRS this month.

ASPE- BOD asked for added involvement ideas added mentorship and suggestions for added involvement.

## **Councilor—Sherri Makar Hart**

No new business to report. Voting took place for Intl candidates.

## **Public Interest / Advertising—Tony Dean**

Akron Page of SPE Int'l Website updated with latest meeting announcements and newsletters.

- Six ads for 2023-2024 year placed so far.

- Tony Dean to contact Sandra Pejic of Thermo Fisher Scientific, New advertiser for this year Molded Marketing.

Tony continues to make sure Intl ASPE site is up to date.

## **Newsletter—Sherri Makar Hart**

January newsletter has been sent out.

## **Website / Social Media—Sherri Makar Hart**

Need updates for Social media- Linked In and FB.

PESO has provided many U of Akron links.

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## **Education Committee—John Fellenstein**

Science Olympiad- U of Akron-March 9.

District 5- U of Akron- March 16.

Need judges.

John received 12 essays for Essay contest from Boardman- several BOD to review.

Need to inform John of any new scholarship potential.

Joe informs he has made a key Goodyear contact he will align for future contact on all STEM and student oriented events. Possibility of more scholarships to qualified students.

John aligning Scholarship students to attend Awards plus align NEW Robert Wegelin Legacy Scholarship.

John now has some new networks to approach for students- Undergraduate Polymer class and HS Explorer programs and Goodyear candidates.

Fred to share his network working with HS Explorers.

## **Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly**

Joe reports that Funds are doing well.

Thank you to great efforts from Vinyltec 2023 for added donation.

Good balance currently with gains.

## **Awards—Keith Pelfrey**

Keith reports- that BOD has aligned awardees for this year.

Hall of Honor- Harry Covington- Ferry Industries sponsored by Larry Stanek.

Zekan- Bob Weiler.

Lifetime Awards- Joe Mattingly- Goodyear and David Schultz- Rubber World- Technical Editor.

KEY activity for end of 2023-24 Year.

Keynote speaker- Brian Anderson- Greater Akron Chamber- Polymer Cluster and Tech Hub update.

## **Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass / Sherri Hart / Amanda Peak**

BOD discussed we need to align added Co-Chair to Committee to align ideas for growth. New marketing campaign aligned in Membership Committee can be a great start.

## **TOPCON 2024—David Schultz**

TPE Committee into third meeting Jan.

A Website is up and Live.

Call for Papers out.

Need Sponsors and Exhibitors.

## **ACCESS Update—David Schultz**

ACCESS will have 2 Joint meetings this year

Jan 23- ACCESS/SPE/ ACS and IEEE - complete

March 13- ACCESS/ACS both at R Sheas

PayPal available for events – have added Dietary restrictions plus Company encourage to sign up/pay prior to meetings.

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## Old Business

Dave updated location of ASPE Equipment  
Laptop- Dan Jones holding currently  
Projector- new- Dan, old Joe  
Screen – new and old U of Akron  
John will remain at AGPA- til June 30.

## New Business

ACCESS- SPE

Discussed ideas for SPE oriented Table at STEM Celebration- U of Akron – March 12.

Recycling plastics for 3D Printing was determined to best fit- U of Akron has a portable set up and students to handle.  
In addition Biomimicry Dept will also have a display Prof Henry Astley.

Thank you John for all the help to align.

Joe informs he has made new contacts at Goodyear and will align with ASPE and ACCESS for STEM events and Scholarships.

GAC- Greater Akron Chamber reports that they received a Tech Hub grant and includes Cleve centric plastics process training need company support.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will take place March 6, 2024. It is **NOT Monday only available date at Cuy Falls Library.**



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Since the inception in 1983, the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation has grown to its current position through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of the local business community. Over the nearly forty years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided over 300 scholarships to young men and women totaling in excess of \$441,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry.

Our goal is to continue to grow the assets of the Foundation in order to increase the number of scholarships awarded, as well as the size of the awards, and to do so in perpetuity. In doing this, we hope to be able to contribute to the supply of well-trained individuals to support the growth of the polymer industry in the Northeast Ohio area today and well into the future.

When the Foundation began its fund raising activities in 1983, we offered those companies who contributed a substantial donation, a perpetual annual scholarship in their name. To date we have four named scholarships, Newell/Rubbermaid, Goodyear, Ken Sharp Memorial and Jim Steiner Memorial scholarships. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please print this page, fill out the information and mail it to David Schultz, 610 Berkshire Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256.

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