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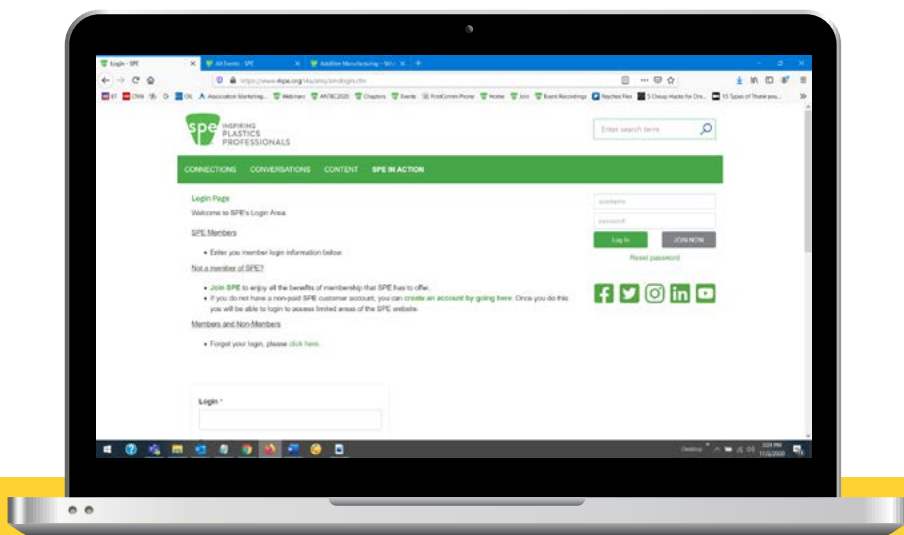
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GETTING STARTED

GETTING STARTED > Logging In

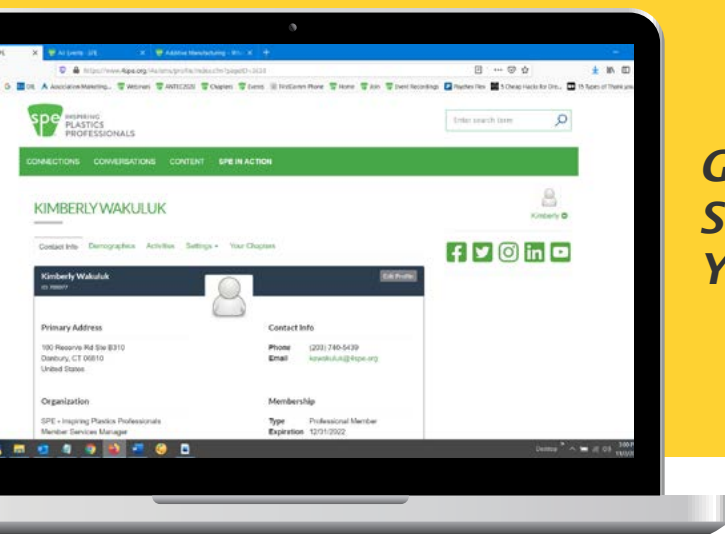
SPE is dedicated to our members, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We've got what you need—when you need it! Our website is the key to SPE and to all your membership benefits.

LOG IN AND GET STARTED, RIGHT NOW!



Log in: To log in, visit **www.4spe.org** and follow the Member Login located above the navigation on top of the Homepage. You'll need the SPE Username and Password that you set up when joining.

TIP: Unless you've changed it, your Username is your email address. If you forget your Password, you can follow the prompts on the Login Page to reset it. After you have logged in, you can change your temporary Password under Profile > Settings > Login Info.



GETTING STARTED > Your Profile

Under your Profile **you can view your Member ID, change your contact information, fill in demographics, change your login and email notification information, renew your account and more.** This profile acts as a hub for managing your account.

GETTING STARTED > Navigation

Our website is split into three main navigation tabs: *Connections*, *Conversations* and *Content*.

Under Connections you will find information about things SPE provides for its members, such as our events calendar and member programs. Conversations links you to SPE Communities – our online discussion forums, as well as our Career Center. Content hosts all of our technical information like the SPE Library, SPE event recordings and technical journals and our Industry Buyer's Guide.

Use these sections to keep current on industry happenings, share ideas and increase knowledge about the plastics industry.



For further assistance, contact the SPE Membership Department anytime, at kawakuluk@4spe.org or phone +1 203-740-5439, between 8am and 5pm EST.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > SPE Events



SPE Events - you have the access!

Opportunities and solutions that provide easy-to-access to valuable information through some of the leading technical events in the industry.

With programs designed by plastics professionals for plastics professionals, you get only the “good stuff,” directly from experts working in the field every day. No “fluff,” just substance.

- » **Register for conferences, workshops, webinars and other events.** Topics relevant to you and the industry. Pricing is significantly discounted with your SPE membership.
- » Register to access **recorded presentations**. Did you miss an event? Watch and learn when it’s convenient for you!

Take a minute to check it out-you are guaranteed to learn something new!



Members receive substantial discounts on ANTEC® registration fees. For more information about upcoming programs, to present at, or register for the conference, go to **Connections > Events**

For further assistance, contact the Events Department anytime, at smarko@4spe.org or phone +1 203-740-5442, between 8am and 5pm EST.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > Workshops & Webinars

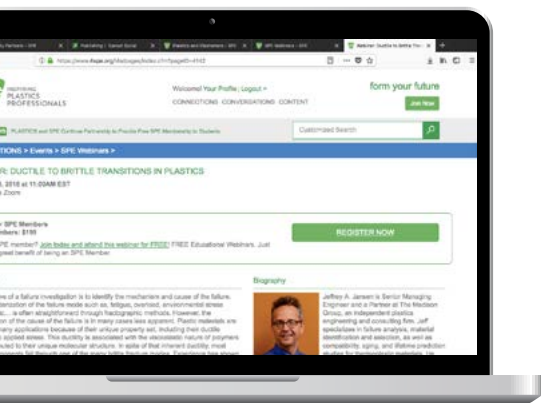
As an SPE member, continued education is not just about the technical stuff anymore, it's an added value to your entire life.

Workshops and webinars bring industry professionals to your personal computer and allow you to learn what's on trend, how to better yourself, in both your professional and personal life, and ask questions in real-time.

Register for SPE Workshops & Webinars at deeply discounted rates. Can't attend a live presentation? You can still benefit! SPE records events so registrants can listen and learn on their own time. **Content > Events > SPE Event Recordings**

To search for upcoming SPE webinars, visit **Connections > Events > SPE Workshops & Webinars**. Interested in presenting or sponsoring a

webinar? Please email Sue Wojnicki at swojnicki@4spe.org.

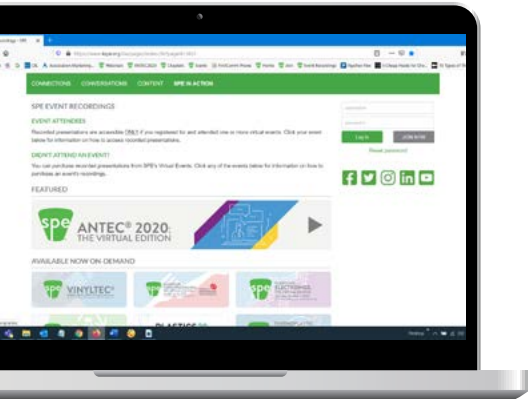


MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > SPE Communities

Be a part of the plastics conversation. SPE Communities is the only online discussion forum created by plastics professionals, for plastics professionals. Post your most pressing questions and engage with peers to find real solutions. Use your own expertise to supply answers to help others solve their problems. Have a passion for something non-plastics related? Create your very own community.

Get started today! Log into SPE Communities by visiting **Conversations > SPE Communities**, following the login prompts in the upper right hand corner.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > Recorded Presentations



Recorded presentations are accessible if you’ve registered for the event.

MISSED AN EVENT?
You can still register at member pricing to hear recorded presentations from any virtual event. Visit www.4spe.org and click **Content > Events > SPE Event Recordings**.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > Member Directory

As a member you have free access to SPE’s Online Membership Directory, your resource for finding members in your area of interest or geographic location. SPE members are a tight-knit and dedicated community ready to assist fellow members. Get the answers you need, today, from real-world experts...your fellow SPE members!

To browse the directory, log into www.4spe.org and use the navigation bar **Connections > Member Directory**. Search by your choice of criteria and engage over the internet or arrange to meet them face-to-face at an upcoming event.

LISTINGS INCLUDE

- Name
- Company
- Job function
- Address
- Phone/Email

SEARCH BY

- Company
- Member name
- Zip Code
- Primary Business
- Primary Job Function

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > *Plastics Engineering*

Plastics Engineering is the official publication of SPE-Inspiring Plastics Professionals. It keeps plastics professionals worldwide up to date on the latest trends and innovations in materials, equipment and process technologies that impact all aspects of product development and applications in the plastics industry.



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www.plasticsengineering.org

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > *Health Coverage*

LIG Association Health Program offers affordable and comprehensive health insurance and pharmacy solutions designed for individuals, families, and business owners along with their employees. Coverage is available across the entire country as an exclusive member benefit with SPE.

Visit www.4spe.org and click **Connections > LIG Association Health Program** for more information and a personalized quote.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > *Career Center*

Whether you're just getting started, taking the next step up your career ladder, or transitioning between one job or location and the next, we offer a wide range of career development resources. Free resume posting and for-fee services, such as resume writing assistance and career-related articles.

Employer resources include job posting and resume search services, cost-effective career transition/outplacement services for your employees, affordable advertising rates, employer support services, and more. SPE members receive a discount on all services!

Visit **Conversations > Careers** to sign up for these features.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > *Plastics Insight Newsletter*

Plastics Insight, our weekly e-newsletter, keeps you up-to-the-minute on the newest technologies and the latest news, events, and best practices in plastics.

As an SPE member, you'll automatically receive *PI* in your email inbox as long as we have your email address. Access to back issues are available at ***Content > Plastics Insight Newsletter***.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > *Mentor Program*

SPE offers its members a unique mentoring program designed to build relationships that bridge generations. The program matches mentors and mentees according to their personal preferences, and assists members with the challenge of advancing one's professional and personal goals.

Visit ***www.4spe.org*** and click ***Become a Leader > Mentor Program*** to sign up for this program.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > *Teach the Geek*

Is delivering a great presentation easy? Are you nervous? Do you speak too fast or struggle with time limitations and find yourself fumbling through your slides?

Members receive a 25% discount to the Teach the Geek to Speak Program – modules, videos, templates, and resources to help you go from a nervous presenter to confidently delivering your next speech and commanding the stage like a seasoned pro.

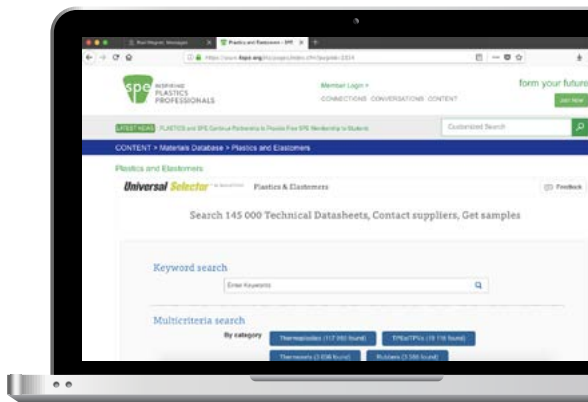
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > SPE Materials Database

Access 90,000+ technical datasheets for plastics and elastomers and polymer additives.

Visit ***www.4spe.org*** and then use the navigation ***Content > Materials Database***.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > SPE Library

Begin your search for specific technical and soft skill information right here! Your SPE membership gives you access to SPE's extensive database of technical information for plastics professionals.

The SPE Library contains 12,000+ papers, conference presentations, journal briefs and recorded webinars from the best minds in the Plastics Industry. Spanning almost two decades, this collection of published research and development work in polymer science and plastics technology is a wealth of knowledge and information for anyone involved in plastics.

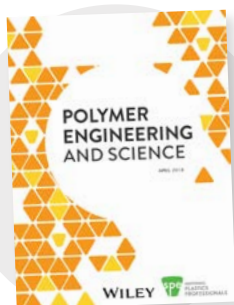
Browse technical papers in abstract form or read and download entire papers at ***www.4spe.org*** then navigate to ***Content > SPE Library***.

SEARCH BY

Keyword
Journal
Conference
Author
Publication date

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS > Technical Journals

As a member, you receive unlimited access to the following SPE peer-reviewed technical journals:



Journal of Polymer Engineering & Science

For more than 50 years, engineers, researchers, academics and technicians have relied on this journal for the most authoritative information on polymers and polymer engineering. Access journal articles from 1961 to present.

Journal of Polymer Composites

Research, production, processing and applications in reinforced plastics and polymer composites. Access journal articles from 1980 to present.



Journal of Vinyl & Additive Technology

Stay current with the newest work in polymer modifiers and additives and vinyl polymers. Access issues from 1979 to present.

SPE Polymers

SPE's new fully gold open access journal. Research articles in all areas of polymer science, polymer engineering, and polymer technology.



Find access to our journals at www.4spe.org under the **Content** navigation link.

SPE CHAPTERS > Technical

Technical chapters are groups organized around a specific process or application in plastics and polymer industry. Technical chapters often organize conferences, offer networking events and opportunities to present technical information. They help keep you current with news and information in your area of expertise.

- Additives & Color Europe
- Additive Manufacturing & 3D Printing
- Applied Rheology
- Automotive
- Bioplastics & Renewable Technologies
- Blow Molding
- Building and Infrastructure
- Color & Appearance
- Composites
- Decorating & Assembly
- Engineering Properties & Structure
- European Medical Polymers
- European Thermoforming
- Extrusion
- Failure Analysis & Prevention
- Flexible Packaging
- Injection Molding
- India Medical Plastics
- Joining of Plastics & Composites
- Medical Plastics
- Mold Technologies
- Non-Halogen Flame Retardant Materials
- Plastic Pipes & Fittings
- Polymer Analysis
- Polymer Modifiers & Additives
- Product Design & Development
- Recycling
- Rotational Molding
- Thermoforming
- Thermoplastic Elastomers
- Thermoplastics Materials & Foams
- Thermoset
- Vinyl Plastics

How can you connect? When you renew online, you can add as many technical chapters as you'd like to your membership for \$10 per division. You can also add a chapter at any time to your membership by visiting *Connections > Chapters > Join a Chapter*.

SPE CHAPTERS > Geographic

Geographic based chapters are located in over 84 countries throughout the world. Chapter leaders and volunteers organize technical meetings, facility/plant tours and networking events so that members can meet and network with other plastics professionals and stay in touch with local industry while learning about new technologies and developments in polymer plastics research.

How can you connect? When you renew online, you can select the chapter closest to your geographic area as an added chapter. You can also add a chapter at any time to your membership by visiting ***Connections > Chapters > Join a Chapter.***

SPE CHAPTERS > Student Chapters

Student Chapters are a great way for undergraduate and graduate students in plastics-related fields of study to connect and grow within their industry. Student Chapters participate in SPE Young Professional Committee events, such as recreational outings, volunteer activities and speaking engagements.

Members from Student Chapters also have the opportunity to present papers at SPE's ANTEC® and connect with 1,200+ plastics professionals.

With 46 chapters across 3 countries, find a Student Chapter or learn how to start one by visiting ***www.4spe.org*** and then navigate to ***Connections > Chapters > Join a Chapter.***

For further assistance, contact the Chapter Relations Department anytime, at swojnicki@4spe.org or phone +1 203-740-5420, between 8am and 5pm EST.

SPE FOUNDATION > Overview

Through positive plastics education, the SPE Foundation supports the development of plastics professionals by funding quality educational programs, grants, and scholarships.

Supported by the generous contributions of SPE members, corporate sponsors, and individual donors, the SPE Foundation helps provide students of all ages a way to explore the wonders of plastics through science and engineering initiatives such as PlastiVan®, HOP Kits, the Girl Scout patch program, and 3D Printer grants.

PlastiVan® is a great way to excite young people about the vast opportunities the plastics industry has to offer. The PlastiVan® travels to schools and companies throughout North America, educating people of all ages about the chemistry, history, processing, manufacturing, sustainability, and applications of plastics. The program is easily integrated into school curricula and can meet the needs of any age group or skill level.

HOP Kits let you implement an engaging investigation for middle and high school students into the chemistry and characteristics of plastics.

Scholarships provide students who have an interest in plastics a way to pursue their passions.

Girl Scout Patches educate Scouts around the country about the science and sustainability of plastics.

3D Printer Grants are made available to middle and high schools to introduce students to additive manufacturing.

For more information on the SPE Foundation or to support the future of plastics, please visit ***Connections > SPE Foundation***.

For further assistance, contact the Foundation anytime, at evitale@4spe.org or phone +1 203-740-5412, between 8am and 5pm EST.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ > Governance

HOW IS SPE GOVERNED?

SPE is governed by the Executive Board, elected by Council. Council is made up of officers and representatives elected by Section and Division members. The Executive Board meets frequently during the year to set strategy, policy, adopt a program of activities and to direct operations.

The day-to-day operations of SPE are carried out by a staff headed by the CEO, who serves as the business manager of the Society. The CEO is employed by the Executive Board.

WHY HAVE DUES?

SPE membership dues are set by the governing Council of members. Membership dues support programs and activities of Sections, Divisions, and Special Interest Groups, government relations, new product development, and direct services to members like *Plastics Engineering* magazine and the SPE website.

ARE MY DUES DEDUCTIBLE?

SPE dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense. We suggest that you contact your tax advisor for advice.

FAQ > Membership Record

WHAT IS MY JOIN DATE?

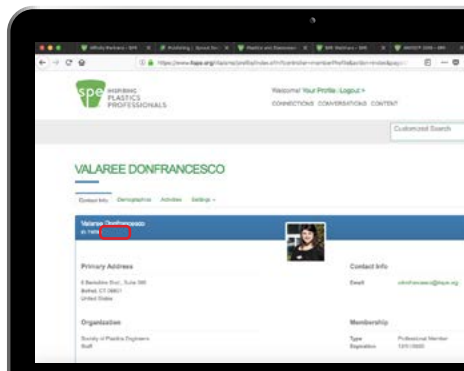
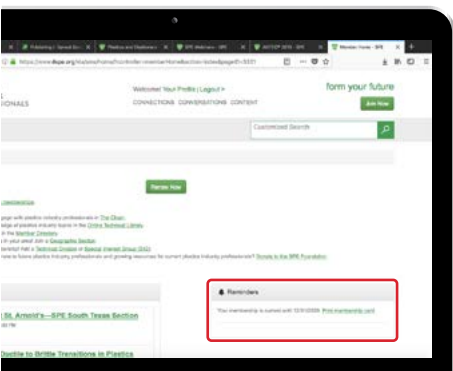
Your SPE Join Date is the date your membership application is processed online or by SPE Headquarters.

WHY IS MY JOIN DATE IMPORTANT?

Your Join Date is used to calculate how long you have been a member of SPE. It determines whether you are eligible for different grades of membership and other recognitions.

CAN I LOSE MY JOIN DATE?

Yes, if your membership lapses you forfeit your Join Date and lose your continuous membership status and tenure with the Society. When you reinstate your membership, you will be assigned a new Join Date based on the date your new application is processed.



WHAT IS MY SPE MEMBER ID AND WHERE DO I FIND IT?

Your SPE Member ID connects your account to your member benefits. You can find this Member ID in a few places:

- It can be seen on your SPE membership card, which is on the Member Welcome page when you first log in
- Visit your profile and your Member ID can be found under your name

WHAT IS MY SPE USERNAME?

Unless you've changed it, your SPE Username is your email address. You will need your Username and Password to access online SPE membership benefits.

WHAT IS MY SPE PASSWORD?

Your SPE Password is used with your SPE Username to log in to your online profile and obtain members-only benefits. Forgotten your Password? Follow the prompts on the Login page to reset it.



WHAT AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS ARE POSSIBLE TO EARN AS A MEMBER OF SPE?

SPE advances the plastics profession by shining a light on outstanding individuals through our prestigious internal awards programs. SPE's Award recipients are celebrated during ANTEC® SPE's Annual conference.

Our Distinguished Member, Fellow of the Society, Honored Service Member and President's Cup Awards recognize individual members for their outstanding service to SPE and the industry.

For information on these and other SPE awards please go to ***www.4spe.org*** and then ***Connections > Awards***.

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