



SPE Detroit News Brief

What Is Going on in the Detroit Section?

COVID-19 is still creating problems. It caused cancellation of the September Kick-off meeting as well as the October 2020 TPO Conference. The TPO Steering Committee continues to meet by Zoom to make plans for the October 3-6 2021 Conference. An Executive Board meeting has been scheduled, also by Zoom, for Monday, November 16 to study activities for the Detroit Section. Agenda items will probably include the confirmation of Eve Vitale to fill the vacant Past President spot and a discussion regarding filling the vacant 2nd Vice President spot, plus items from the August 26 Board meeting such as proposals for ByLaws amendments, report on the 9/25 SPE CCOW meeting, review of the Past Presidents meeting and selection of Programs Chair and Communications Chair. Scholarships are one of the major activities of the Detroit Section with \$10,000 being awarded through the SPE foundation and \$42,500 being awarded locally to about 20 students. The SPE PlastiVan® is another major activity of the Detroit Section with \$57,250 allocated for visits to local schools and \$60,000 for program modules. The Newsletter has been delayed from the October 1 publication, and the Website is still being upgraded and updated.

Check our Websites Often

For a schedule and information on future events and photos of past events and activities, be sure to check our websites and newsletter. We sponsor and support Student Chapters, have a student Essay Contest, and provide local Scholarships in addition to the Scholarships we give through the SPE Foundation. We sponsor many PlastiVan visits to local area schools, and we participate in college career days emphasizing plastics. With questions about any of our events and activities, contact Karen Rhodes-Parker at the Detroit Section SPE office in Troy, MI at karen@spedetroit.com or 1-248-244-8993 x3.

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- Detroit SPEaker Social Media, [LinkedIn \(https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Society-Plastics-Engineers-Detroit-Section-4404194\)](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Society-Plastics-Engineers-Detroit-Section-4404194), [Twitter \(http://www.twitter.com/detroitsspeaker\)](http://www.twitter.com/detroitsspeaker), and [Facebook \(http://www.facebook.com/detroit.speaker\)](http://www.facebook.com/detroit.speaker).
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- Detroit Section Webpage on SPE Website, [Detroit Section \(https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3624\)](https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3624) for cross-linking.
- SPE International website [4spe.org](http://www.4spe.org) to get current global information.
- SPE's [PLASTICS INSIGHT \(https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3302\)](https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3302) for the news you want each week.
- SPE's [Plastics Engineering \(https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19419635\)](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19419635) magazine for research and industry focus.

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