



October 7th – 9th, 2024

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel
One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA 01144

Member Hosts for PolyTECH Training and Tours
MacKenzie Vault in East Longmeadow, MA
Syn-Mar Products in Ellington, CT

Schedule At-A-Glance

Monday, October 7th

**PolyTech Training Sessions held at host member company MacKenzie Vault.
21 Deer Park Dr, East Longmeadow, MA 01028 (800) 726-8527**

10:30am – 12:00pm Tours of the MacKenzie Vault Production Process.

11:00am – 12:00pm Lunch and PolyTech check-in at MacKenzie Vault

12:00pm – 3:00pm PolyTech Training Sessions:

Crafting a Standout Brand, Mastering Respiratory Safety, Repairing the iconic Meta Mold, Catalyst Safety, Sound Solutions for Hearing Conservation, Stoner Water Base Mold Release, Effective Employee Communication, Driving Quality in Production using Incentive-Based Programs and Lean Processes, Visuals of Applied Vibration, Dry Ice – Revolutionizing mold and equipment maintenance

3:00pm to 4:30pm - POLYCON Check-In – 3rd Floor of the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel

5:00pm to 7:00pm - POLYCON Welcome Cocktail Reception at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame located 5 minutes from the hotel

7:00pm “On Your Own” Dinner

Tuesday, October 8th Events at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel

Morning Events and General Session:

7:30a.m. Exhibit Floor opens in Third Floor Ballroom pre-function area
7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Late arrival Check-In and Light Breakfast There is also a full service breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

9:30a.m. POLYCON General Session Opening and Welcome
9:50 – 10:20 a.m. Keynote Address

Speaker: Karl Wadensten, CEO/President & Lean Operational Leader VIBCO Vibrators
10:20 – 10:30a.m. Association Programming News and Updates
10:30- 10:40a.m. Break

10:45 – 10:55a.m. **The Industry Regulatory Update**
11:00 – 11:10 a.m. **Marcy Offner, Founder, Women in the Composites Industry**
11:10 -11:20a.m. **General Session Wrap-up**

11:30a.m. -12:15p.m Lunch

Afternoon Break-out Sessions and Round-table Discussions:

There will be Three Tracks: Business topics, Operations/Production topics, and Technical/Regulatory topics. Details in the POLYCON program booklet and POLYCON website

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m. First Break-out Sessions

Color and Design Trends - King Edward Suite Conference Room
Automation Roundtable - Room King George Suite Conference Room
The Science of Applied Vibration - Longford Conference Room

2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m. Second Break-out Sessions

My Bottom Line Could Be better! - King Edward Suite Conference Room
Mold Making 102: An interactive Video discussion with Prestige Tooling - King George Suite Conference Room
Industry Regulatory Update and Discussion: What are Your Government Agencies Up To? - Longford Conference Room

3:00p.m. – 4:00p.m. Exhibit Floor Table Visits and afternoon break station.

4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Third Break-out Sessions

Lean Manufacturing - Longford Conference Room
Hidden Secrets of Semi-Permanent Release Agents - King George Conference Room
Breaking Barriers: Navigating Leadership and Career Advancement for Women in Composites Manufacturing - Highland Room – Hotel 2nd Floor

Evening Events

5:30p.m. **Evening Cocktail Reception – Mohogany Room, 2nd Floor of Hotel**

7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. **POLYCON Event Dinner and Association Award Ceremony in Third Floor Ballroom**

After Dinner Options – MVP Bar at the hotel, or the MGM Casino Hotel a block away

Wednesday, October 9th

**PolyTech Training Sessions held at host member company Syn-Mar Products
5 Nutmeg Drive, Ellington CT, 06029 (860.872.8505)**

8:30a.m. Welcome, Showroom tour, and Coffee and Donuts

9:00a.m. – 12p.m. PolyTech Training Sessions

Demonstrations to include:

Syn-Mar's innovative packing methods for panel and bases
Syn-Mar's batch casting technique to create the look of fine quartz
Matte Cultured Marble vs Gloss Solid Surface
Slam Dunking Sales and Customer Service
Part Repair Competition with awards for fastest, best and closest match
Testing Raw Materials
AXEL Plastic's Mold Primer and Release Technology
Threshold Fabrication - Syn-Mar's Fully custom base with clipped corner seat and micro threshold
Solid Surface - Syn-Mar demonstration on how to fabricate a trough sink look-alike

12:00p.m. POLYCON 2024 CONCLUDES