



Green Chemistry & Commerce Council

MEMBER UPDATE

Green Chemistry and Commerce Council, Inc. Established as Nonprofit Corporation in Massachusetts

For more than 15 years, the GC3 has operated as a project at UMASS Lowell and has grown and expanded dramatically over that time. The number of members has increased significantly, along with the depth and breadth of programming to accelerate the adoption of safer, more sustainable chemistry. As is clear in our [2019-2020 annual report](#), we realized we had reached a size and scope that required a more formal organization. It became clear that we needed to set up a nonprofit corporation to house the GC3, so we could more effectively and consistently deliver value to our members, while continuing to maintain a strong and supportive research and strategy effort at UMASS Lowell. Plans for establishing a separate GC3 entity were slowed slightly by the pandemic, but this summer the Green Chemistry and Commerce Council, Inc. was established as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Massachusetts and we have applied for tax exempt status as a 501(c)(6) entity with the IRS. While it will operate as a separate organization, the GC3 will remain closely connected to its UMASS Lowell roots through its founder Dr. Joel Tickner, working synergistically to advance its mission of advancing green chemistry innovation.

While this sets the stage for exciting new program expansion in the future, the only near term change members will experience is that dues renewals will now be paid to the new entity, rather than UMASS Lowell. We have begun invoicing members through the new entity as they come up for renewal and updating vendor and bank account information. We will be bringing a new member management system online to improve the GC3 member experience, and make it easier for you to renew your membership and connect with each other, especially given the virtual world we now inhabit. We are beginning planning for 2021, and look forward to expanding GC3 programs and projects. We will be sharing more information in coming months, as we begin to implement a longer-range strategic plan, helping build a stronger GC3 member community.

Join Us December 9 for the GC3 Speed Scouting Event

Innovation is fundamental to bringing new green chemistry technologies and products to market. As scouts, investors, and potential collaborators, we know your time is highly valuable and staying current is essential. Using a virtual fast-paced format, the GC3 Speed Scouting event on Wednesday, December 9 from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT is designed to help you learn about recent advances in new products, markets, scale-up, and commercialization from GC3 startups.

The Speed Scouting event will be your chance to meet startups that are new arrivals in the GC3 orbit, and to catch up on the most recent activities of those startups that we have previously showcased. This online event will be structured to make as efficient and effective use of everyone's time as possible, allowing participants a terrific opportunity to (re)meet the startups, ask questions, and create new opportunities for green chemistry commercialization. [Register today](#) to join us!

Thank You for a Successful 2020 GC3 Virtual Roundtable!

The 2020 GC3 Virtual Roundtable concluded with the final session on October 22. The six-week event focused on fresh, relevant content, addressing topics ranging from diversity and inclusion to digitalization to the role of green chemistry in enabling circularity. Thanks to our terrific sponsors, speakers, panelists, and all those who signed on to view and participate in the sessions. The event drew more than 400 registrants and the recordings for all six GC3 Virtual Roundtable sessions can be accessed on the event's [agenda page](#), or on the [GC3 YouTube channel](#). We encourage you to watch any of the sessions you may have missed.

And, if you did participate in the Roundtable, we would very much appreciate your feedback. Please take a few minutes and fill out [this survey](#) to help us improve our virtual offerings in the months ahead.

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