

SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS

Minutes of the

61st ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Nashville Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee

May 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by President Claudius Feger, who presided. President Feger welcomed everyone to Tennessee, the Volunteer State.

Secretary Nancy Hermanson determined that a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

Secretary Nancy Hermanson moved that the minutes of the 60th annual business meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2002 be approved as written and distributed. It was seconded. Motion carried.

President Feger introduced Franklin Palmer, the 61st ANTEC General Operating Chair, and Douglas Hirt, the 61st ANTEC Technical Program Chair.

President Feger then introduced the 2002-2003 Executive Committee, the Past Presidents of the Society in attendance, Distinguished Members and SPE staff. He thanked everyone for his or her support and dedication to SPE.

President Feger presented some highlights from his year. He talked about the benefits of volunteering, which can enrich our jobs and personal lives as well as develop strong professional networks.

Dr. Feger then introduced our Executive Director Michael Cappelletti.

Mr. Cappelletti reviewed the 2002-2003 year. He highlighted some new products and services, our efforts to grow internationally (SPE experienced 29% new member growth in Europe) including successful Far East conferences and the new Plastics Engineering Europe publication. Mr. Cappelletti also announced that he will retire as the Executive Director on December 31, 2003. He thanked his wife Julie Cappelletti for her continued support and the members of SPE for their loyalty to the Society.

Incoming President Donna Davis presented her theme of *Life Long Learning* for the 2003-2004 year and showed us how the plastics industry is changing in many ways. President Davis's message is that plastics professionals must change as the industry changes and that SPE can help with the needed adjustments.

Ms. Davis concluded her presentation by introducing the members of the 2003-2004 Executive Committee.

President Feger presented the Charter for the Portugal Section to Professor Antonio Cunha.

Past President Terry Browitt moved that the Society recognize the accomplishments of retiring Prior Past President James H. Brackeen with the following proclamation. It was seconded. Motion carried with a standing ovation.

“WHEREAS it was considered odd that James Brackeen, who throughout his long and distinguished tenure as a member of the Executive Committee was known as a man of many words, would decide to be a man of no word when he assumed the presidency of the Society, he in no way let this void limit him in providing the Society of Plastics Engineers with his wisdom, leadership and dedication.

WHEREAS Jim never prescribed to the theory of if it isn't broke don't fix it, preferring instead a philosophy of if it isn't broke break it, as he constantly pushed us to think outside the box and in non-conventional ways.

WHEREAS his dedication, service, commitment and loyalty is beyond what is expected. I propose the gratitude of the Society of Plastics Engineers to James H. Brackeen be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

And I ask you to join me in wishing Jim and his lovely wife Linda continued success and a long life in retirement to enjoy their children and grandchildren.”

Past President Terry Browitt moved that the Society recognize the accomplishments of outgoing President Dr. Claudius Feger with the following proclamation. It was seconded. Motion carried with a standing ovation.

“WHEREAS Dr. Claudius Feger came to the Presidency of SPE, with the enthusiasm of IBM's successful but modified slogan, “Solutions for The Plastics Industry” he left no doubt that this was not wishful thinking, but a course of action. Under Dr. Feger's leadership the Society has seen substantial changes to its operating structure and to the roles expected from its hard working and dedicated volunteers. All of which was long overdue and greatly welcome.

WHEREAS Claudius brought to the Society his own brand of hard work, dedication and commitment from his native Germany he was not afraid to admit the solutions to some of our problems were recreational and was not averse to exposing us to the cultural aspects of a European way of life, an exposure that has benefited everyone.

WHEREAS his contribution, service commitment and loyalty is beyond what is expected I propose the gratitude of the Society of Plastics Engineers to Dr. Claudius Feger be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

And I ask you to join me in wishing Claudius and his lovely wife Marla continued success and a long life in pursuit of their interests both as it pertains to their careers but also in the many other activities they both follow with such dedication.”

There was no old business or new business.

Distinguished Member G. Palmer Humphrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. It was seconded by Past President John Kretzschmar. Motion carried.

The next annual business meeting will take place in Chicago, IL on Monday May 17, 2004.

NANCY J. HERMANSON, SECRETARY

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