



# SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS

*The International Plastics Society*

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## COUNCIL SUMMARY

### **TO: THE COUNCIL**

This summary is intended to help you review the highlights of the Council Meeting held in Chicago on May 16, 2004.

#### ANTEC

Registration at ANTEC was 2952, (including participants in the seminars)

A total of 255 registrants attended 22 Society seminars.

Incoming President Karen Winkler is setting forth a challenge to the members of SPE in the form of a mantra: "Take Pride. Give Back". Ms. Winkler presented the 2004-2005 operating plan, which focused on four main strategic issues for the Society. These issues and the main initiatives in the 2004-2005 are summarized below:

#### Understanding Industry

- Technical Advisory Board
- Continual updating on member needs

#### Reflecting Industry

- AIM membership campaign
- New communities with more support & recognition (Pinnacle Award)
- Encouraging participation through enhanced value

#### Serving Industry

- Projects from Technical Advisory Board
- More products targeted to specific audiences (ATOM Team)
- New channels to market for current products
- Online offerings to encourage global participation

#### Showing Industry

- More visibility through press activities
- Common communications programs
- Internal communications – Leadership Weekend, E-bulletins, Webcasts

SPE's New Executive Director

Susan Oderwald, who had been serving as Deputy Executive Director was appointed as SPE's new Executive Director. She officially began her new role at this meeting.

From the Council Floor

The Council was advised of the formation of two new European SIG's: Radiation Processing of Polymers and Rapid Design, Engineering and Mold Making.

In addition to the recognition of the retiring administration, two new awards were given out. The Michael Cappelletti Excellence Award was given to Donna Davis and Susan Oderwald and the James Toner Service Excellence Award was given to Gail Bristol.

Outgoing President Donna Davis thanked her Executive Committee for their hard work. Incoming President Karen Winkler introduced her Executive Committee. New Executive Committee Vice-Presidents are: Paul Andersen, Sam McCord and John Szymankiewicz. Vicki Flaris is the 2004-2005 Treasurer and Hoa Pham is the 2004-2005 Secretary.

There was a Moment of Silence in memory of Mr. Denes Hunkar who passed away on April 28 at age 67. He was the co-founder of the Blow Molding Division and the recipient of the SPE International Award for Engineering and Technology in 1991 and the SPE International Award for Business Management in 1992.

Presentations

Color & Appearance Division \$2,000 Student Travel Fund  
\$1,000 SPE Foundation

Injection Molding Division \$1,000 SPE Foundation

Thermoplastic Materials & Foams Division \$5,000 for the Scholarship Fund

Thermoset Division \$2,100 for Membership

Western Michigan \$100 Essay Contest Fund

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for October 9, 2004 in Cleveland, Ohio.



SUSAN E. ODERWALD - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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cc: Past Presidents, Section Presidents  
Division Chairpersons, Committee Chairpersons  
SPE Staff