



SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS

The International Plastics Society

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May 2006 Council Summary

TO: THE COUNCIL

This summary is intended to help you review the highlights of the Council Meetings held in Charlotte on May 7, 2006.

ANTEC

Registration at ANTEC was 2063 (including registrants in the seminars). A total of 206 registrants attended 24 Society seminars.

Incoming President Tim Womer's SPE mantra is "Are You In? (Internationally Networked)."

From the Council Floor

Each of the Society's officers and Vice Presidents provided a brief update of their recent activities and liaison work.

- Senior Vice President Vicki Flaris reviewed the International Awards, Fellows, Honored Service Member, and the other SPE awards programs and noted that the process has been completed for 2006. Dr. Flaris also encouraged the submission of names of additional candidates for the coming year.
- Mr. Kishor Mehta provided an update on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (newly renamed going forward as the Bylaws and Policy Committee) and the work on the revision to Bylaws and dissolution of the Constitution. He reviewed the success of the recent vote on the dissolution. The motion to dissolve the existing SPE Constitution passed by an overwhelming majority: 4808 for, 153 against. Therefore, effective Monday, April 10, the new Bylaws previously approved by Council became the official governing document for the Society.
- Dr. Roger Corneliussen gave an update on the Sections Committee meeting. Issues discussed and pursued included regionalization and Section revitalization. Dr. Corneliussen recognized past Chairs Barbara Arnold-Feret and Alan Arduini as well and Vice Chair Helen Basso.
- Mr. Bill Arendt provided an update on the activities and plans of the Divisions Committee. Goals include revamping/expansion of the Speakers List, sponsoring new Divisions/SIGs, and supporting Sections through MiniTecs.

- Mr. John Szymankiewicz provided an update on ANTEC and the ANTEC Operating Committee. The update included some details on the preparation for and results to date on ANTEC 2006 in Charlotte, NC.
- Mr. Jon Ratzlaff provided an update from the International Committee on the work with headquarters and local Sections to grow globally. Mr. Ratzlaff gave details on the plan(s) to grow individual Sections/areas/regions. Mr. Ratzlaff also indicated that the International Committee is publishing a semi-annual newsletter with additional details and summaries of activities throughout the world. Mr. Ratzlaff reminded the group of the Spanish-language series for one set of seminars at NPE, formation of the India Advisory Board, and network expansion with local Sections in Mexico and the Asia/Pacific rim area.

Governance Restructuring

Prior Past President Donna Davis presented data and progress on the process for reviewing the current governance structure. Ms. Davis reviewed the mission statement of the Society and the philosophy the team has adopted in reviewing and evaluating potential changes to the current governance structure.

New Charters

A Student Chapter was established at the University of Houston.

Awards & Recognitions

In addition to the recognition of the retiring administration, the Michael Cappelletti Excellence Award was given to Hector Dilan. (Note: The James Toner Service Excellence Award was awarded at the Brookfield headquarters on May 19, 2006, to two recipients this year: Yetty Pauwels and Doris Thoren.)

Outgoing President Len Czuba thanked his Executive Committee for their hard work. Incoming President Tim Womer introduced his Executive Committee. New Executive Committee Vice Presidents are: Barbara Arnold-Feret, Ken Braney, Dan Cykana and Bill O'Connell. Paul Andersen is the 2006-2007 Secretary and John Szymankiewicz is the 2006-2007 Treasurer.

Contributions and Donations

It is with grateful appreciation that the Society would like to acknowledge the following contributions and donations by its Sections and Divisions:

Bartlesville-Tulsa Section – Mr. Vivek Rohatgi presented a check for \$1000 to SPE.

Color & Appearance Division – Returned its \$2,684 rebate payment for the 1st and 2nd quarters.

Detroit Section – Mr. Tom Powers presented a check for \$35,519 to the SPE Foundation for the Robert G. Dailey Scholarship, Hurricane Katrina Relief, International Award for Education, International Essay Award, and conferencing proceeds.

Electrical and Electronic Division – Mr. Amod Ogale presented a check for \$946 to SPE, representing the Division’s rebate from SPE for 2006.

Extrusion Division – presented a check for \$2500 to the SPE Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Mid-Michigan Section – Mr. Ken Kerouac presented a check for \$500 to the SPE Foundation for the Robert Cramer Scholarship Fund.

Plastics Environmental Division – Mr. Dennis Denton presented a check for \$13,000 from their GPEC proceeds.

South Texas Section – Prior Past President Donna Davis presented a check for \$6,663 to SPE representing new membership fees collected at the Polyolefins Conference.

Tex-La-Gulf Section – Mr. Rick Wagner presented a check for \$32,308 to the SPE Foundation to begin a fund to provide scholarship and relief to victims of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. The contribution to the Foundation represents the entirety of the Tex-La-Gulf Section’s budget.

Thermoset Division – paid TopCon profits of \$2,572. The Thermoset Division also returned its 2006 rebate check to SPE earlier this year.

TPM&F Division - Mr. Sal Monte presented a check for \$5,000 to the SPE Foundation.

Vinyl Division – Presented a check for \$1,000 to the SPE Foundation Scholarship Fund and a check for \$1,000 for the Student Author Travel Fund.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 30, 2006, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



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cc: Past Presidents, Section Presidents
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