

**SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
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May 4, 2007**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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9.	Recognition of Retiring Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Executive Committee</li><li>b) Prior Past President</li><li>c) President</li></ul>
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and Antitrust**

President Womer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Friday May 4, 2007. Mr. Womer welcomed the group and reminded everyone that the meeting is operating under SPE's antitrust policy.

**2. Roll Call**

Individuals present for the meeting included:

- T. Womer, President
- V. Flaris, President-elect
- J. Szymankiewicz, Vice President/Treasurer
- P. Andersen, Vice President/Secretary
- W. O'Connell, Sr. Vice President
- S. McCord, Vice President
- R. Broome, Vice President
- W. Smith, Vice President
- H. Dilan, Vice President
- B. Arnold-Feret, Vice President
- K. Braney, Vice President
- D. Cykana, Vice President
- L. Czuba, Past President
- K. Winkler, Prior Past President
- S. Oderwald, Executive Director

Attending as guests were incoming vice-presidents:

James Griffing, Vijay Boolani and Vassilios Galiasantos

Additionally present for a portion of the meeting as guests were:

- Tom Conklin for his presentation about the SPE Online Encyclopedia
- Gail Bristol for her update on Foundation activities.

### **3. Agenda/President's Comments**

President Womer welcomed everyone to Cincinnati. He reviewed the agenda. The group accepted the agenda as presented.

President Womer's comments were based on his message as published in the SPE annual report.

### **4. Officer Reports**

President-elect Flaris provided highlights from her written report as published on the Extranet in the Executive Committee Officers Report. Additionally, she requested that all Executive Committee members attend as many committee meetings to which they have liaison responsibility as feasible during this Council and ANTEC week.

Senior Vice President O'Connell highlighted his liaison work with the ANTEC Operating Committee. One of the key points is that "Write Now" is being rewritten. His second highlight was that as the incoming President-elect he will follow the reporting format implemented in the 2006-07 SPE year.

Treasurer John Szymankiewicz reviewed the Treasurer's report that will be presented to Council. This is published on the Extranet. A key point is that 2007 income is behind expectation.. On the positive side, ANTEC has already met budgeted income expectation. All additional revenue, from sources such as on-site registration, will be positive contributions that will help but not offset the *PE* magazine shortfall. Expenses are right on target. A considerable number of questions were posed that led to extensive discussion, most of which centered on *PE* magazine. It should be noted that the Finance Committee is planning on conducting a full financial review of *PE* magazine (based on May YTD numbers) to determine any future actions.

Executive Director Oderwald noted that staff activities are highlighted in her written report published on the Extranet. She then reviewed her Press Remarks. Some of the key items are that 1) the health of the Society continued to improve in 2006, 2) the Society continues to expand Internationally along both the geographical and technical path, 3) *PE* magazine has been completely re-vamped, 4) five additional SIGs representing new technologies have been formed and 5) the continued expansion of on-line and web-delivered services.

### **5. Foundation**

SPE Foundation Managing Director Gail Bristol reported on the financial health of the Foundation. They are still looking for new trustees. Ms. Bristol highlighted activities for

grants and scholarships. The total amount of scholarship funds distributed this year will be about \$95,000. A new corporate outreach campaign is under development. Foundation expenses are on track, but income from the membership check off boxes is down. In an effort to offset this phenomenon, Ms. Bristol has developed an insert for use in future membership renewals.

## **6. Membership Report**

Executive Director Oderwald noted that Tobi Gebauer and Andrea Pellegrino will present the results of the Member Survey during the Council meeting. Ms. Oderwald asked that during committee meetings we attend this week that we make sure to note that this report is available. Subsequently there was a general discussion with questions and answers.

## **7. SPE Online Encyclopedia**

Tom Conklin updated the Executive Committee on the progress in the development of the Online Plastics Encyclopedia. During his presentation he provided a guided tour of the beta site and highlights for each page. The link to the homepage is

[www.4spe.org/encyclopedia](http://www.4spe.org/encyclopedia)

During ANTEC a computer will be available for attendees to review the encyclopedia format and provide feedback. Also, there will be a solicitation for qualified contributors. The overall Executive Committee feedback was very positive. The general consensus was that the sooner this site can go live the better. The current estimate is that it can go live this fall.

## **8. Budget Assumptions: 2008**

Executive Director Oderwald introduced the Initial Budget Assumption Brief for 2008-10. It was outlined to cover the key operating areas. The first was *Plastics Engineering Magazine*. Under this heading were listed 4 options that will be evaluated. Subsequently listed were Website, Membership, ANTEC, Seminars, Topcons, New Business Development, Operations and Staffing, and Governance. Of all the areas, *PE magazine* solicited the most discussion. The other area of discussion was staffing. The point was that as volunteerism is on the decline, staff and headquarters will have to cover and support more activities.

## **9. Recognitions**

President Womer recognized the two retiring Executive Committee members, Vice-president/Treasurer John Szymankiewicz and Vice-president Sam McCord.

Past President Len Czuba moved that the Executive Committee recognize retiring Prior Past President Karen Winkler with the following proclamation:

*WHEREAS Karen L. Winkler brought to the Society of Plastics Engineers a new and refreshing viewpoint, invigorating us with her energy and encouraging us to **Take Pride, Give Back**;*

*WHEREAS she reminded us to think about how our decisions in governance affect the entire membership as we **Ask Harvey** and how everything we do should be with the thought of increasing member value;*

*WHEREAS her early leadership with the Young Plastics Professionals led to a renewed commitment to younger members and her strategic thinking led to the formation of the Technical Advisory Board and the European Coordinating Committee;*

*WHEREAS her activities within SPE always were done with the remarkable support of her company Dow Plastics, she showed us that both our company and SPE can benefit from this support;*

*WHEREAS Karen continues to show us that we can all have fun carrying on with other interests in life like her singing, acting and musical interests while still going above and beyond her assigned role;*

*I MOVE that the Society of Plastics Engineers expresses its gratitude to Karen L. Winkler for her many years of service to the Society and particularly for her Presidential year of 2004-2005.*

*AND I ask you to join me in wishing Karen, her husband Dale, her folks Brenda and Bernie and all her family continued success and happiness.*

Past President Len Czuba moved that the Executive Committee recognize retiring President Tim Womer with the following proclamation:

*WHEREAS Timothy W. Womer began his Presidential year asking us the question “**Are you IN?**” we learned the importance of **Internationally Networking** and that the commitment to grow the Society of Plastics Engineers globally comes from the top and that he is willing to lead by example and that this is not just a slogan but a heartfelt commitment;*

*WHEREAS Tim’s energy as shown during his long tenure on the Extrusion Division Board of Directors to his time on the Executive Committee, he has translated this energy into a hands on, let’s get to work attitude in governance;*

*WHEREAS his willingness to combine his travel responsibilities for his company, Xaloy, Inc. with opportunities to meet with SPE groups from India, China and Japan to all parts of Europe and throughout Canada and the United States, Tim*

*has shown us by example how we can use our time and reach out to others no matter where we travel;*

*WHEREAS Tim came from a small farming family and community in the back country of Pennsylvania to the leadership position [here at the podium] during his presidential year he led us with a kind, gentle but firm hand;*

*WHEREAS Tim will always be remembered for his wonderful laugh, his Santa Claus friendliness and his love of Harley Davidsons;*

*I MOVE that the Society of Plastics Engineers express its gratitude to Timothy W. Womer for his dedicated service as 2006-2007 President of the Society of Plastics Engineers.*

*AND I ask you to join me in wishing Tim and his wife Barb, their children Brock and Briana and his entire family continued success and happiness.*

Both were seconded and passed with enthusiasm

#### **10. Old/New Business**

Several Executive Committee members had announcements with respect to upcoming activities both inside and outside SPE. Also, the presence of a number of special visitors during ANTEC was noted.

Vice President Ken Braney noted that during this meeting two new European SIGS will be presented for approval.

#### **11. Houskeeping**

The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 6th 2007 between Council I and II.

Prior Past President Karen Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted



Paul Andersen

Vice President – Secretary

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